

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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Lieutenant
Norman Frank Day

8th Battalion



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A.I.F. 8th Bn

Lieut. R.F. DAY

"W. 3rd Gen. Hpl Aug-Sept:"

Adm. Empire Hpl Vincent Square - passed away early in the morning of the 21st Sept, buried last Tuesday at Brookwood Cemetery.
Cert. by 'phone 27-9-18.

London
28-9-18

(Chaplin, a personal friend,
has written to the parents)

th. Battn.
A.I.F.

DAY.
Lieut. N.F.

"Died of Wounds"

Re the above named Officer. Sister Bell in charge of the 2nd floor was in charge when Lieut Day was there. The floor consists of a number of rooms, each of which contains one only seriously injured soldier. They are beautifully kept and the Sisters and Nurses are all devoted to their work as far as I have ever seen. Sister Bell says:- Lieut Day was here perhaps less than three weeks. He arrived in a hopeless condition. We knew we could do nothing to save him. His spine was fractured and he was therefore paralysed from the injured part down. He was very quiet and patient. We did not think he was quiet from the injury as his friends said that was his nature. He was frequently visited by some Australians and also by friends from the north of England with whom he had once been billeted. These people came from the North and stayed in London till after his death. They were present when he died. We gave him the best room ~~was~~ on the 2nd floor and every possible kindness and attention. Death was a merciful release for him as it was so hopeless. He was always too ill to take interest. He died at 1 in the morning - a perfectly peaceful death. Besides the English friends, an Australian friend was with him too at the end. Sister Bell says he came from France without kit or anything and the money he had

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Visitor. L.J. Wilsmore.
2-10-18.

N.B. Have asked Sister Bell to send letters here for forwarding.

London.
5-10-18.

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Lieut. N. F. Day & B. Th. "Died wds" M.

re. Lieut. Day & Ball - A 11-

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also by friends from the
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20th Nov. 1918

Dear Miss Deakin,

I am in receipt of your letter of 23rd ult. with particulars re Lieut H. G. Day, for which I thank you.

I received information about a fortnight ago from our Headquarters also. Am sorry to say my surmise was correct.

I have forwarded your letter home & appreciate the anxious enquiries made by your sister.

A fair thank you also for the sympathy expressed.

Yours sincerely
H. G. Oliver Deakin

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

Halfpenny
Stamp.

Mrs Deakin

Secy Wounded Missing Enquiry Bureau

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W. N. F. Day 8th Bn A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN



RED CROSS.

"H" Ward

Jericho Military Hospital
Bury & Lancashire

21st Oct. 1918

Dear Miss Drakins.

Some days ago I noticed in Casualty List in one of the English papers; the name of Lieut W. F. Day H.I.F. died of wounds.

I have a brother-in-law Lieut W. Day 1st Bn. attached to T.M. Section and am wondering if it is he.

I do not even know the n^o of list or date on which it appeared, as it was only a hurried glance through list that I noticed same.

Sorry I am unable to give more definite information for your guidance.

My brother-in-law comes from Geelong - Victoria & only recently received his commission.

but I cannot at present even
give his regimental N^o.

If it should be Lieut R. Day of
Geelong I should be pleased to
receive particulars of date & place
of death, when & where buried;
also if possible date & place where
wound received & how caused?

I trust I am not troubling
you too much, but understand
the "Wounded & Missing Enquiry
Bureau" make necessary enquiries
in such cases.

Being in Hospital am unable to
get these particulars myself.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours respectfully
7220 H. S. Omer Neufry (Pk)
6th Battr. H.Q. 7

October 23rd, 1918.

7220 Pte. H. St.O.Dentry,
6th Battalion. A.I.F.
"A" Ward.
Jericho Military Hospital.
Bury, Lancs.

Dear Sir.

With reference to your enquiry of 21st inst., for Lt. H. DAY, attached Machine Gun Section. We regret to inform you that we have a Lieut. H. J. DAY, 9th Battalion, A.I.F. (Machine Gun Section) who is officially reported to have died of wounds at the Empire hospital, Vincent Square on 21-9-18, and we fear that he must be the subject of your enquiry.

We forward the following extract received in a letter from our visitor at this hospital:- "Miss Gell (the sister in Charge) says that Lt. Day was here less than three weeks. He arrived in a hopeless condition and nothing could be done to save him. His spine was fractured and he was therefore paralysed from the injured part down. He was very quiet and patient. We did not think he was quiet from the injury, as his friends said that was his nature. He was frequently visited by some Australians and also by friends from the North of England with whom he had once been billeted. These people came the North and stayed in London till after his death. They were present when he died, as was also an Australia friend. We gave him the best room on the 2nd floor and every possible kindness and attention. He was always too ill to take interest. He died at 1 in the morning and death was a merciful release for him as his case was so hopeless. He was buried in the Brookwood Cemetery."

Hoping these particulars may be of some value to you and assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

JR.