

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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Lieutenant
William Melville Devine

49th Battalion



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A.I.F. 49th Btn

DEVINE
Lieut W.M.

"D/Wds"

Died of wounds 6-4-18

Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs list 16-5-18.

London
16-5-18

P.I.

49 Aus. Inf.

Devine. Lt. W.M.

D/W April 6/18 Det a/b

"Lt. Devine got wounded during the attack at Dervencourt, to the right of Albert, on Friday 5th April. It was while we were being held up by machine gun fire. He was carried out and died of wounds at the dressing station & a Lieut and a Sgt. told me this - I cannot remember their names. Capt. Fox. A.Co. who was at the 3rd London Hospital a week ago, would know where the grave is. I think Lt. Devine belonged to B.Co."

Eye-witness:- No - told by a Lieut and a Sgt.

Description:- Fairly broad, medium height, abt. 25.
had the M.M.

Informant:- Pte. H.J. Seaby, 3507

49 Aus. Inf. A.Co. H.M.

5 Southern Gen. Hosp
Milton Section,
Portsmouth.

Home address:- Barcaldine Downs
Saltern,
/ Queensland.

11.6.18

E.C. Hughes.

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49th Batts.
A.I.F.

DEVINE.
W.M. Lieut.

"Died of Wounds".

Buried at Military Cemetery Gezaincourt.

Cert: by A.I.F. Hqs 17-6-18. .

London.
17-6-18.

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49th. A.I.F.

Devine, Lt.W.M.

D/W. Apr. 6/18.

" Lt Devine was badly wounded by machine gun bullets in an attack at Corbie on the Somme. Part of his shoulder was blown away but he managed to get through the Casualty Clearing Station. On the way from there he died on the road to the hospital. I am not sure where he was buried. I do not think he was conscious before he died."

Eyewitness:- No. Common knowledge, whole Battn..

Description:- Short, fair, popular.

Informant:- Lt. A.W.Cooke,
49th A.I.F.
No 3, London Genl Hosp. A.I.F. Wandsworth.

1/7/18.
W.Arnold Davis.

W.A.D.

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49th Battn.
A.I.F.

DEVINE.
Lt. W.H.

"Died of Wounds 6-4-18"

I saw him when he was being taken out having been wounded by a bullet wound through the lung near Dernsaccourt. I believe he died and was buried at 63rd C.C.S. Longere.

Informant: - O'Connor, W.H. SCC.

49th Battn. C.Sc.

Note: - D/7 6-4-18 at 3rd C.C.S. G.W.W. Hut 11. WESTHAM.
chest and ankle.

(H.Q. 1-7-18.)

W.A. Rand.
London.
5-7-18.
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Havre

6th July 1918.

49th A.I.F.

Devine Lieut. W.M.

D/W 6th April 1918. Det D/B.

He was attached to H.Q. He was a Lewis Gun Officer. On the 6th April we attacked at Buire, took our objective. On the 7th we were relieved. About 5 p.m. I was at the D/Station. I saw Mr. Devine brought in wounded, badly in the head and body. heard him say that he felt much better and thought that he would get through all right. I saw him taken from the D/Station on a stretcher. I heard that he passed through the C.G.S.

Inf:- Cpl J.A.Mundt No. 4628.

A.I.F. 49. H.Q.

Australian Camp.

Rouelles.

HFG.

49th Battn. A.I.F. H

~~Devine~~ ^{Holville}, Will^{ie} Lieut.

"Died of Wounds 6.4.18."

Our enquiry has been passed on to the following
casualty Clearing Station, results appended.

"No Trace"

"No Trace" O.C. ----- 3rd Can. Cas C. St.

"No Trace" O.C. ----- 45th " " " "

We have no trace at this Hospital O.C. 3rd Can. Cas. C. St.

"I have no trace A.C.O. ----- 3rd Aust. " " "

No trace in records here O.C. ----- 29 " " "

"I have no trace" O.C. ----- 3rd Can. " " "

London

1.8.18.

H.T.

P.I.

ps. 14 515
St. Vincent's Hospital,
Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire,
May 12th 1915.

Dear Miss Deakin,

Could you do me a great kindness
and find out for me whether
the Rymer is a Genl. W. M.
Derive, instantly reported
dead of wounds, in Casualty
List 1 in British-Australasian
of May 2nd is a son of
William Derive of Cooromba
Queensland, or even if
he belonged to Cooromba
would be sufficient for
me.

Trust I am not asking
too much of you, & asking
you in anticipation.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,
3621 Ple. H. Derive
54th Balcan. A. I. F.

Stanton Park Hotel
all - Cheltenham,
June 21st 1918.

Dear Miss Drakin,

I desire to thank your
society for the efforts they
have been making on my
behalf in regard to
information I received
relative to the late

Lieut. W. M. Devine 49th Bk

I will only be too pleased
to hear of further particulars
of his death but as I

thought I made clear in
my ^{last} letter, I was most

anxious to find out if

he was a son of William

Devine of Conroomba. Q.

If not, he is not a relative

of mine & would only be

putting you to a lot of

unnecessary trouble.

I had a cousin named William

Devine who was granted a
commission some time ago.

I would have acknow-
ledged your previous
communications sooner
but besides receiving
from a wounded com-
rade another complaint
which was highly con-
tagious & thus naturally
detained from writing
any more.

Again thanking you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully

A. Leoni.

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Naumton Park Hospital

Cheltenham

June 25th 1918.

Dear Miss Deakin,

Your letter of yesterday's date to hand this morning with all the information that I require. I will forward the information on to his people in case they don't know.

Many thanks for all the trouble you have gone to for me and also thanking you for your good wishes with regard to myself.

I remain,

Yours faithfully

about Robt Devine.

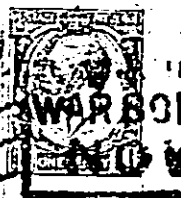
Lt. W. M. Devine. 49.12th

CHESTER C. B. POST CARD BENHAM C.

7. JUN
JUN 25 18

WAKE UP
NOW

ONLY THE ADDRESS BE
WRITTEN HERE
JUN 25 18



To
The Secretary,
Wounded Missing Enquiry Bureau,
Australian Red Cross Society,
36 Grosvenor Place,
London S.W.1.

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July 11th, 1918.

3621 Pte. R. Devine,
54th Battalion, A.I.F.,
Naunton Park Hpl,
Cheltenham.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry concerning -

Lieut. W.H. DEVINE. 49th Battalion, A.I.F.

We beg to inform you that we have received the following
unofficial report from No 900 Pte. W.H. O'Connor, 49th Battn,
Hut 11, Westham, Weymouth.

He states that he saw Lt. Devine when he was being taken
out of the line, having been wounded by a bullet through the
lung. The casualty occurred near Dernancourt, and informant thinks
that he died and was buried at a casualty clearing station at Longpre.

We are continuing our enquiries and hope to send you still
further particulars at a later date.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

SECRETARY.

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Lieut Will Melville Devine

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C / Australian Red Cross Society,
36 Grosvenor Place,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Returned, please.

We have no trace of Lieut. W. Melville
Devine at this hospital.

David A. Young

Major, CAMC.
O.C., 3rd Can. C. C. S.

To, O.C.
No 3. Canadian C.C.S.

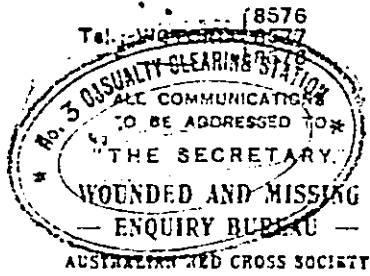
Passed to you please for necessary information .
We have no trace here.

Clifford R. Ream

Lieut-Col. CAMC.
Commanding

No 3. Canadian Stationary Hospital.





AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36. GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

O.C.

3rd Casualty Clearing Station
B.E.F.

5.7.18

Lieut Will Melville Devine

49th Bn. A.V.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 6.4.18 and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

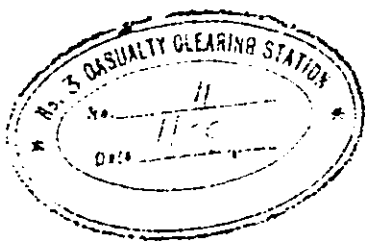
As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.



LT. COLONEL W.A.M.C. (T.F.)
 COMMANDING

Officer Commanding,
 29th. Casualty Clearing Station.

Passed to you, please.
 There is no trace in records, here.

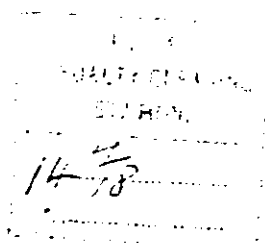
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12.7.18.

A/C.O. No. 3 Aust. C.C.S. Major.

O.C. 3 Canadian Station, Hpl.

Passed please.
 I have no trace.



21th June, 1918.

Mr. J. J. J.
5th Infantry Bn. A.I.F.
A.I.F. N. 1st Division
Cheltenham.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry about Lt. W. J. Devine,
5th Infantry Bn. A.I.F. we regret to inform you that we
have received an unofficial report from 1007 Lt. W. J.
Devine of the same unit, based at the 5th Gen. Hospital,
Bournemouth, he stated that he was told by a Lt. and a
Sgt. that Lt. Devine was wounded during the attack at
Lew. House, on April. 11th and carried out dying of
wounds at the dressing station to which he was taken.

With reference to your question as to the
identity of Lt. Devine, we regret that we are not allowed
to give the addresses of men - of - him, but Lt. Devine does
come from Toowoomba, Queensland and that he is probably
the relation you refer to.

With good wishes for your recovery,
Yours faithfully,
(Miss)

Secretary.

7. 11. 18.

3621 R.Devine,
54th Btn A.I.F.
Haunton Park Hospital,
CHELTENHAM.

20th June

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Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that Lieut. W.M.Devine, 49th
Btn, A.I.F., who died of wounds on 6-4-18 was buried at the
Military Cemetery Gossaincourt.

We are making further inquiries for details of
his death and burial and as soon as these are received, we shall
advise you.

With our sincere sympathy in your loss,

Yours faithfully, *W. L. Lindsay*
SECRETARY.

18th May, 1918.

3621 Pte. R. Devine,
54th Battalion, A.I.F.,
Haunton Park Hospital,
Cheltenham.

Dear Pte. Devine,

In answer to your enquiry for -

Lieut. W.M. DEVINE, 49th Battalion, A.I.F.
who is officially reported to have died of wounds on 6-4-18,
We regret that we have received no further particulars but we
shall continue to make enquiries and will advise you as soon
as we obtain details of his death and burial, as we realise
how anxious you must be.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy and trusting you
are progressing well.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY

W. Baker