

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2176 Private
Charles Francis
Dawson

46th Battalion



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AUSTRALIANS. 46.

DAWSON, C.F. 2176.

W/M April 11th 1917.

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He belonged to the 4th Reinf. of the 46th Battn, I came over in the same reinforcements and so I knew him. He was observing for the bombers and got up to see what was going on and was hit by a bullet either that of a sniper or a MGC., he was shot through the chest. This was in the German trench which we had to evacuate. He was lying wounded when I left him and I am pretty certain he was dead, he was a very good chap.

Inf: S.J. Martin. 2233.

No. 8 Stat Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 5.7.17.

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Statement made by No. 2233 Pte Martin S.J. 46th Bn

re No. 2176 Pte Dawson G.F. 46th Bn
Missing & Md. 11.4.17

On 11.4.17 at Bullecourt I saw No. 2176 Private Dawson G.F. 46th Bn lying dead in a German trench which we had occupied and which we had to evacuate later. As the above man was my particular friend, I can vouch for these particulars.

Dated at Weetham this 15th day of September 1917.

(Sgd) S.J. Martin.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) H.S. Dentry.

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A.I.F. 46

DAWSON, C. F. 2175.

W & M April 6th 11th 1917.

I knew him. It was during our attack at Bullecourt.
He was bombing up the german trench when he got shot in the
chest. He died soon afterwards.

Inf: J.L.Short. 2257.

No. 1 C.C.

BOULOGNE. 20.7.17

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46th Bata
A.I.F.

Dawson
C.F. 2176

"Wounded and Missing 11.4.16."

I saw him killed at Bullecourt. He was shot through the head with a bullet and died instantly. I do not know place or burial and cannot refer to anyone for particulars as we lost the ground. I knew him well, he was the only man in the Coy., by that name.

Witness:-

I/Cpl. J.T. Evans. 2183
46th Bn D. Coy., 13th Pltn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
4.10.17.

Off. M.

1960/2/23

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Statement made by No. 2175 Pte Evans J.T. 46th Bn

No. 2175 Pte Dawson G.F. 46th Bn
MIA Missing 11.3.17

I saw and myself saw No. 2175 Pte Dawson G.F. become a POW. On 2200 Pte Gorman 46th Battalion told me that he saw Dawson shot through the head while in the act of throwing a bomb. To the best of my knowledge Pte Gorman is still alive and with his Bn and more reliable information could be obtained from him.

Dated at Littlemoor Camp this 16th day of October 1917.

(Sgd) J.T. Evans.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) D.H.L. Hawkins,
2/Lieut.
14th Bn.

Walter Pte Gorman 9-11-17

NOTE No. 2200 Pte H.J. Gorman B.E.F.

affidavit
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46th Bn
A.I.F.

DAWSON
C.F. 2176

"Missing and wounded"

Killed in Action 11.4.17. prev. reported wounded and Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqtrs 6.12.17.

Off. M.

London.
19.12.17.

26th Battn.
I.F.

DAWSON,
C.F. 2176

"Missing and Wounded 11.4.17."

Re Pte. C.F.Dawson, 2176. I have much pleasure of answering your letter and hope it will be of use to you, as far as I can tell you he was wounded very badly, and by the look of the wound, would hardly pull through. He was last seen on our side of the wire entanglement, and on account of the heavy fire, was unable to be brought in. After then nothing further was heard of him. As much of his personal appearance I can tell you is, he is fairly dark, with an old scar on his left cheek, rather full in the face, and stands about 5ft six to nine inches in height.

Letter from:- Pte.H.J.Gorman,
A.I.F. France,
1.12.17

London.
18.2.18.

Note We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

Off.M.

ACK
WJPC
F.M. 8.12.17
2176

December 1st 1917

C.F. JAWSON
46 Btr France

M.W. 11.4.17

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Dear Miss Deakin

I receive your letter asking for information of ^{re} Mr. C.F. JAWSON ^{no 2176}
I have much pleasure in answering your letter ⁴⁶
and hope it will be of use to you, as far as I can tell you he was seen wounded very badly and by the look of the wound, would hardly pull through. He was last seen on one side of the wire entanglements and on account of the heavy fire, was unable to be brought in, after that nothing further was heard of him. as much of his personal appearance I can tell you, is he is fairly dark, with an old scar on his left cheek, rather full in the face and stands about five feet six to nine inches in height. This is as much as I can tell you at this time and I hope it will help you.

Yours Sincerely, Mr. H.J. German. 46 ^{Post F.I.F.} France