

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**6365 Private
Walter Blackman**

4th Battalion



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4th A. I. F.

Blackman, Pte W. 5365,
C. Coy, H.Q.

(May 30th 1918)

"Pte Blackman was killed by a shell asleep in his dug-out behind Rouge Croix. He was buried by our Battalion Padre in his dug-out about 20 yards in front of a farmhouse off the road. I think they have already put up a cross which was made. We were all asleep too and found him when we awoke in the morning."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: I cannot describe him beyond that he was of medium build

Informant: Lt. W.E. Diamond, 4th A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth.

19th August 1918.
W. Arnoll Davis.

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4th Bata
A.I.F.

BLACKMAN
W 6365

6668 Wounded"

Ad Mil. Hpl. Edmonton g.s.w. frac left hand.

Trans to Dartford 9.10.17.

Dish to No 2 Com Dep. Weymouth 2.11.17.
Cert. by Hpl. Index.

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London.
11.12.17.

A.I.F. 4th Bn.

BLACKMAN
Walter 4365

"WOUNDED"

Gassed No further report

Cert. by House letter 13-5-18 & A.I.F. Hqs 17-5-18

No further report

Cert. by House letter 21-5-18 & A.I.F. Hqs 25-5-18

Now reported not wounded, but with unit.

Cert. by Hpl Index

London
4-6-18

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A.I.F. 4th Bn

BLACKMAN
Walter 6865

"WOUNDED"

Killed in action 30-5-18
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 18-6-18.
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London
18-6-18

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4th Battn:

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Blackman, W. 6335.

K. 30/5/18.

He was the O. Company runner. We were in the reserve at the time just behind Pradelles, when a stray shell burst on the dugout where Blackman was sleeping. "It made a bad mess of him". I saw him buried in a paddock near where he was killed. There was no cross on the grave.

4th Battn:

Samuelson, A.F.Pte.6362.

12 A. Dartford. 16/7/18.

R.D.B.

J.S.A.

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Hayre.

17th. July. 1918.

4th. Australians.

Blackman, W. 6365.

K. May. 30/1918. Dets. D/B.

I know him from being in the Company. He was tall & dark, & very cheery, about 29. He was a fair boxer & was good at games. On May 30th we were at Merrie holding the line. In the afternoon Fritz came over twice. After the second attack we counter-attacked & Blackman while going over the top was shot right through the head & killed outright. The S/Beerers got his body & it would be buried behind an old farm house near Merrie. I was close to him when he was hit & saw it.

Inf:- Private. J. Chendloy. 1013.
4th. Australians. C. 9.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

CWSG.

Hayre

23rd July 1918.

A.I.F. 4.

Blackman W. No. 6365.

K. 30th May 1918. Det D/B.

I know him from being in the Batta, he came from E. Sydney, and I think was a labourer. He was small, with a reddish complexion. On the 30th May we were near Berre in reserves. Blackman was in a D/Out when it was hit at night by a shell and he was killed at once. I was present when the body was buried at Berre Cemetery.

Inf:- Pte G. Jackson No. 6142
A.I.F. 4. C. IX.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

CWSG.

PP.

A.I.F. 4.

BLACKMAN, W. 6365.

K. May 30th 1918. Dets D/B.

Blackman a company runner in C. or A.Co I think - a little ginger haired man - was killed about 100 yards from the Borre huts near Borre where we were in billets. They were shelling us, and Blackman and another got out into a bit of a dugout which they thought would be safer, but a shell landed in it and blew them to pieces. They were buried close by, and I saw them buried - in fact, I helped pick them up - there was enough of them to recognise. Blackman came with the 20th Rfts. but I don't know where he belonged.

Inf: Pte H.J.Thompson. 6338. B.VII

No. 54 Gen Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 24.7.1918. JT

4 A.I.F.

Blackman, W. 6365.

(K. May 30/18)

"I was in C Company, H.Q. in a small farmhouse near Borre siding at night in May/18 and Blackman and another man were in a dugout which they had made about 30 yards in front of the house when a direct hit from a shell blew them right out of the dugout, killing both instantly. I saw their bodies the next morning. They were buried actually in the dugout where they were killed and a nice cross was put up over the spot which is about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile on the firing line side of Borre siding. The graves are registered. Blackman was a C Co. runner; a quiet thin faced man of about 30 and 5' 6", the only man of the name in C Company. We called him 'Wally'."

Eye-Witness: As above.

Description.

Informant: C.Q.M.S. Somerford, 397,
C.Company, 4 A.I.F.,

Home Address:

S. African Military Hospital, Richmond Pk.

A.G. Campbell.
25.7.18.

4th Battn.
A.I.F.

BLACKMAN
W. 6365

"Killed 30-5-18"

Walter Blackman was Battn. Runner, and we left Sydney together in the "Euripides". I saw him soon after he was knocked, between Strazeele and Pradeelles, by a shell. He was dead and on a stretcher. I know nothing more of him.

Informant. Wellings. Pte. R.J. 6358
16th Pltn. D. Coy. 4th Battn.
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

C.H.B.
London
30-7-18
J.E.A.

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8.6.18

Pte Walter Blackman

4th Battalion

Australian Imperial Force
Abroad.

Dear Pte Blackman.

We have received
cable from our Sydney Bureau,
which asks for news of your
health & present whereabouts.
^{as far as your health is concerned}
Headquarters reports that
you are well, & with your
unit, & we have cabled this
information to Sydney. Will
you please write & confirm
this reply, so that your
relatives may be relieved
of their anxiety on your
behalf?

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully

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Down G. 686

42nd Battalion.

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43rd Battalion.

Gardner Sgt. G.H.C. 110
Kang R. 109
White A.R. 3353

45th Battalion.

Barrett L.C. 240
~~Coklan J.W. 2580~~
Morrison G.H. 265
Stevens A.R. 2/Lieut.
Walker A. 2255

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42nd Battalion.

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43rd Battalion.

Gardner Sgt. G.H.C. 110
Bang R. 109
White A.R. 355

45th Battalion.

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Tel.: VICTORIA { 8576
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36, GROSVENOR PLACE
(NEAR VICTORIA STATION).

LONDON, S.W. 1.

6th June. 1918.

No. 6365.

Pte Walter Blackman

4th Batt.
A. I. F.

Dear Pte Blackman,

We have received a cable from our Sydney Bureau which asked for news of your health, + present whereabouts, as you were reported officially in error, as wounded. Headquarters reports that you are well, + with your unit, + we have cabled this information to Sydney. Will you please write + confirm this reply, so that your relatives may be relieved of their anxiety on your behalf?

With best wishes.

Yrs faithfully.

V. Weakin.

Per. O. W.

RED CROSS SOCIETY
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25, GROSVENOR PLACE
LONDON, S.W. 1.

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6 JUN 1940

Not with 9th Bn 23-1-18-40

no. 6365

Pte Walter [unclear]

4th Bn [unclear]

London

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