

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1603 Private
Frederick Gulley

54th Battalion



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54th Battn.
A.I.F.

F. Gulley.
1603

"Killed 15.5.17"

I saw him lying dead in a trench at Bullecourt, killed by a machine gun bullet. He was buried behind the front line at Bullecourt. I did not see his grave. I knew him well, there being no other of that name on the Coy. Refer also to Cpl. R. Turner 1842 54th Battn. A.Coy.

Witness:-

L/Cpl. C.N.Griffin 1609

54th Battn. A.Coy. 3rd Regt.

3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital.

Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
10.8.17.

Note Written Cpl. Turner 6.8.17.

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30th August.1917.

54th AUSTRALIANS

GULLAY, F. 1603

K. May 15th. 1917. Det. D/B.

His wife lives at 6 Wigrave Road, Glebe Point, Sydney.
His number is correct. He is buried at Koreuil. I think
there is a cross over his grave. I have written to his
wife.

Chaplain, The Rev. T.A. Gair,
Late 54th Australians.
Now Chaplain 5th A.D.B.D.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

CMn.

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Pt.

Pk.

L. Cpl.

C. Sgt. W.

W. W. Sgt.

64th Batn
A.I.F.

. 22nd Nov --

Gulley
F 1603

"Killed 15.5.17."

We have no information regarding this man and cannot say if he is buried or where.
All ~~my~~ enquiries in future please to be addressed to Bureau Office 5th Aist. Div. and not to Cpl. Turner.

Letter from:-

Cpl. R. Turner. *Burial Office*
A. Coy., *5th Aist. Div.*
64th A.I.F.

London.
25.9.17.

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54 Infantry A.I.F.

Gulley. Pte F. 1603

K. May 15/17 Det D/B

"At Noreuil on the Bapaume Front, on May 15th, the Germans put up a 16 hour barrage, and Gulley was killed by shell fire. He died very soon after he was hit and was buried about 2 miles to the right of Noreuil near the Sunken Road. Pte. E.H. Doyle, E Co. Batman to an officer; but since killed, told me this in July in billets, near a place called Harrissart, about 14 kils. from Albert. Doyle was a great chum of Gulley and as I knew Gulley well I asked for news of him. He belonged to B Co."

Eye-witness: No, told by Pte. E.H. Doyle
B Co. since killed.

Description: Medium height, very fair,
about 22 - 23.

Informant: Signaller B.M. Nicol, 3010.
54 Infantry, C Co. X Pl.,
5th Southern Gen.Hos.
Milton Section, Portsmouth.

Home address: c/o Mrs. Backwell, Salisbury Railway
Station, Nr. Brisbane.
29.10.17.
Elsie C. Hughes.

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2nd November.1917.

54th AUSTRALIANS

GULLEY, Y. 1603

X. May 15th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was in B.Company. He was fair and about 5ft. 6" in height. He was an Englishman. He lived at Glebe, ~~63333~~ Pt. Sydney, but came from Plymouth originally. I have heard in the Batt. that he is buried in the trench where C.Company was on May 15th. in front of Reincourt, in the Hindenburg line.

Informant: Pt. Griffiths, R. 1607
54th Australians, B.Co., V.Pln.
Australian Camp, Ronelles.

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5th November, 1917.

54th AUSTRALIANS

GUMLEY, F. 1603

K. May 15th. 1917. Det. D/B.

0 He was quite young, and fair. He was on the same Lewis Gun on the 15th May, 1917 in the Hindenburg line at Bullecourt. I saw him killed by a shell. He was killed instantaneously. I do not know if he was buried.

Informant: Lt. M. Aughtie, 5330
54th Australians, B.Co., V.Ptn.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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8 NOTE: Refer to report of today's date on Mansfield, 1628.

54th Battn
A.I.F.

Gulley
F. 1603

"Killed May 15th 1917"

I saw him hit in the head, he lived about a quarter of an hour but was not conscious. It was in the Sunken Road, Marseel just behind Bullecourt. I helped bury him just above the road where he was killed it was not a Cemetery but a lot of graves were there. Cpl. Black or B. Coy., Stretcher bearers buried him and the Battn erected a cross on his grave.

Informant:-

W. King

54th Battn B. Coy.,
No 5 Command Depot.
Hurdcott.
27.10.17.

G.W. Griffith
London.
12.11.17.

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Note written Black 9.11.17.

54th Batt., A.I.F.

late L.T.M.B. 4R

GULLEY, P.
Pte. 1603.

K. 15/5/17.

Informant described Gulley as about 5ft.7ins. high, medium build, fair and aged about 21. Believed to have come from Queensland.

Informant states that on 15/5/17, their Battalion took part in the advance against Bullecourt. The advance commenced about 4 a.m. Informant did not see Gulley, but was informed that he had been killed immediately by a shell.

Gulley was a popular man.

Informant:- Pte. A. Summerville, 2233,
54th Battalion,
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

Home address:- Post Office, Dubbo. N.S.W.

W.E.G.

C 18/1/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

S. Cd suff

A.I.F. 54th Btn
late L.T.M.Bty.

Fredk. GULLEY
1603

"K/A. 15-5-17"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Hills 10-10-19.

London
20-10-19



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

64, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1

14.8.17

1842

Cpl. R. Turner

A. Co.

Dear Sir,

54th Batta A.I.F. B.E.F.

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit

1603 F. Gulley. 54th Batta A.I.F. Killed 13.5.17.

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning F. Gulley. but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the Field or in a Soldier's Cemetery, where the grave would be registered. We should also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance ~~or any points~~ that might help to prove his identity.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Vera Deakin

SECRETARY.

On the above
We have no information regarding Shuman
I cannot say if he is buried or where to
be ascribed to
All such enquiries in future please
Bureau Officer 5th Aust Div I not
to Cpl Turner

Bureau Officer
5th Aust Division