

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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4470 Private
Richard Thomas
Carroll

52nd Battalion



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France.

A.I.F. 52.

CARROLL R.T. 4470.

N. 4.9.16.

He was killed outright by a sniper at Mouquet Farm on 3rd. Sept. I was with him at the time in the same crater. He was shot through the head. We had to leave his body there. I do not know anything as to its burial. I left the En. next day in a wounded condition. He belonged to I Pl. A.Co. and he came from the Stanley district in Tasmania.

SA.

Reference: L/Cpl. S.H. Green. 3471. A.Co.
4 A.D.B.D.

Staples. 24.10.16.

52. Batt.

Carroll
R.T. 4470

"Missing 4-9-16"

No. 4534 W. Reid, D. Coy 52. Batt states that he got word from No 3352 Eric Smith A. Coy 52 Batt (who is witness' brother-in-law and who is also related to both Carrolls, who are cousins) to say that they were both killed.

Smith knows the circumstances and his address is
3352 Eric Smith, A. Coy, 52, Batt. A.I. Ward, Brookwar Hospital,
Woolwich.

Reference; Pte. Reid. W. 4534
D. Coy. 52. Batt.
Aux. Austr. Hospital
Dartford.
23-11-16

Written Rte Smith 9.5.17

London
29-11-16
G.B.N.

Off. M.

52nd A. I. F.,

Carroll, R.T., 4470,

M. Sept. 4th 1916.

"I last saw the two cousins Richard Thomas Carroll (52, A.I) and Thomas Richard Carroll (52, A.I) when we were going up to the trenches on the night of Aug. 2nd ready for the attack. We went over on the morning of Sept. 3rd at Monquet Farm. We were fairly successful. We took part of our objective and held it until the night of 4th Sept. It is understood among ourselves that both the cousins were killed. We all believe this. Some of the other men said they saw them killed, but I cannot remember their names."

Eye Witness: No, Informant was there and gives above account.
Description: Big man, about 20.

Informant:-- Pte. Douglas Cooper, 4470,
52nd A. I. F., A. Coy I Pl:
3rd Southern Gen: Hosp: A. Coy--I-P-
Oxford.

Home address:-- Winyard, Tasmania. *off dl*

25.4.17.

H.M.P. Cambridge.

A. I. F. 52.

CARROLL, R.T. 4470
CARROLL, T.R. 4469

N. September 4th. 1916.

They were cousins and belonged to I plat. A.Coy. R.T.
Carroll was sniped while in a shell hole on September
4th at Mouquet Farm with L/Cpl. E.C. Green, I pl. A.Coy.
52 battn. Green told about having seen the casualty
himself. He could supply details. T.R. Carroll was
struck in the body and the hip by pieces of shell while
in our front line at Mouquet Farm on September 4th.
He died almost immediately. Green could give details
about this. Pte. R.V.C. Holden, I pl. A.Coy. could also
supply information as to T.R. Carroll's case. They both
came from the N.W. coast of Tasmania.

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Reference:- Cpl. W. Hanson. 3475. A.Coy. 52.
No. 4 A.D.B.D.

*Written by Pte R.V.C. Holden
L/Cpl E.C. Green 3.5.17*

Etaples
23.4.17.

A.I.F.
52nd. Battn.
late 12th. Bn

CARROLL.
Richard Thomas.
4470.

" Missing 4.9.16."

Now reported Killed in Action 4.9.16⁶.

Cert.by A.I.F. Headquarters 15.5.17.

London.
18.5.17.

Off.M.

R. T. Carroll. 4430

"Missing 4.9.16."

T. R. Carroll. 4469.

re 4470 R. T. Carroll and 4469 T. R. Carroll. I cannot give you any particulars regarding 4469 T. R. Carroll. As for 4470 Pte. R. T. Carroll I have already sent you particulars of his death, but no doubt it has gone astray. I was with Pte Carroll on Sept. 3rd and he was shot in the head by a sniper, and when I left him he was in my opinion dead, having part of his head blown off. But having to move at the time I had not chance to examine him properly. But I have little doubt he was dead. Pte. R. T. Carroll was about 5 feet 9 or 10., in height, fresh complexioned with rather fair hair, a well made chap. This is about all I can say, but if I can give you any more particulars I shall be obliged.

Letter from:-

3471 L.Cpl. E. H. Green.

A Coy

52nd Battn.

London.

23.5.17.

Off.M.

A.I.F.

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CARROLL, R.T. 4470.

M. September 4th. 1916.

I knew R.T. Carroll who was in my platoon and I was told by Loe. Cpl. Holden, A. Coy. 1 pltn, that at Mouquet Farm on September 4th, he had seen Carroll killed, the top of his head having been blown off by a shell.

Informant: Pte A. Bassett. 2908. A.I.
No. 3 Can. Gen. Hospital.
BOULOGNE. 23.5.17.

Shook a shell

RHL.

52nd A.I.F.

Carroll Pte. R.T. ~~4470~~
Carroll Pte. T.R. ~~4470~~

(M. Sept. 4/16)

"They were cousins. I went over the top with them at 5.30 a.m. Sept. 4/16, both were killed, one with a shell and the other with a bullet at Mouquet Farm. In both cases death was instantaneous. When killed one was 30 yds. from the other.

Eye-witness: Did not see them killed.

Description:

Informant: Pte. E. Cossinn 2446,
52nd A.I.F., A. Coy.,
1st London General Hospt.,
Home address: Camberwell.
Z Hobart,
Tasmania.

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Shook a shell

June 1917,
M. Everard.

52nd Battn.
A. I. F.

Carroll.
R. T. 4470.

"Killed in Action 4.9.16."

Carroll.
T. R. 4469.

"Killed in Action 3.9.16."

Regarding Pte. 4470 R.T.Carroll and Pte. 4469 T. R. Carroll, 52nd Battalion. I can tell you for a fact that they were both killed last September. They were both in the same company as myself. I was with them both. One was killed on Sept. 3rd and the other on 4th Sept. They are both cousins of mine. You would oblige me by writing to their people and let them know for me. This is their people's address:- Mrs. D.P.Carroll, Trish Town, Via Circular Head, Tasmania, and Mr. T. R. Carroll, - same address.

Letter from:-

3352 Pte. Eric C. Smith,
A.Coy. 52nd Battn. A.I.F.
France. 27.6.17.

London.
17.7.17.

Off.M.

52nd Btn.

CARROLL,
R.T. No. 4470 Pte.

Killed in action.

"I met Pte. F.T. Smith, 4583 of the 52nd Btn. still with the unit in France, and he told me he saw Casualty killed at Kouquet Farm on the 4th September, 1916."

Informant:- A. Newman,
No. 4559 52nd Btn.

Private address
Collinsvale,
Tasmania.

H.A.B.
23/10/17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

pw. H. M.
23 Oct 17

November 29th

Pte. Eric Smith 3352.
A. Coy. 52nd. Battn. A.I.F.
A.L. Ward.
Brook War Hospital
Bristol.

Dear Pte. Smith;

We are making inquiries for two members of your battn. 4470. Pte. R. F. Carroll, 52nd. Battn. 4469. Pte. T. R. Carroll, 52nd. Battn. reported Missing 4-9-16. and have been told that if we apply to you, we may be able to obtain some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you could send us concerning these men, as we are anxious to send all possible information to enquirers in Australia.

Trusting you are making good progress, and will soon be well.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

V. D.
L. H.