

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3346 Lance Corporal
Edward Milner Grime**

51st Battalion



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October 1st, 1917.

Miss G. Grime,
346, Tongueer Rd,
Bolton.

Dear Madam,

In reference to your inquiry for

3346. L/Cpl. E. M. Grime,
51st Battalion,
A.I.F.

who is officially reported as having been killed in action on 2.4.17 we beg to forward the following unofficial reports which we have just received concerning him. 2460 Sgt. McGregor, states "I knew L/Cpl. Ted Grime in A. Coy. He went over the top with us, I think about 10th April.

We got mixed up and he and I and some machine gunners got attached to 50th Battalion who were on our right at Moreuil. we got our objective and then he was hit by a bullet in the trenches. He was about 3 yards from me when he was killed instantly by a bullet which wounded him in the head and he never spoke. I believe he belonged somewhere in England. He was about 26. Capt. F. Albrecht, C. Coy, Lewis Gun School, says concerning him "I know he is buried at Moreuil beyond Bapaume not in a cemetery. I have not seen his grave - but as full particu

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ers as we could give have been written to his sister in England". You have doubtless received his letter containing these details.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy for you in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

MR.
SECRETARY.

October 10th, 1917.

Miss Mary Grime,
646, Tong Moor Rd,
Bolton.

Dear Madam,

We are writing to thank you for your letter of the 4th inst., and the kind donation of 10/- from your mother for which we enclose a receipt.

We deeply regret that at present we have no definite information that the grave of your brother ³³⁴⁶ ~~No 3316~~ I/Cpl. F.M. Grime, 51st Battalion, A.I.F., has been registered but we suggest that you write to the Director, Graves Registration and Inquiry, War Office, Winchester House, St. James Sq, S.W., giving him all the information of its location that you possess and asking if they have registered it.

Should we obtain any further particulars we shall immediately advise you and trust that you will receive definite news from the Graves Registration Bureau.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss and with many thanks to your Mother for her kindness.

Yours faithfully,

V. D
C.A.W.

Miss G. Grime.
646 Tong Moor Road.
Bolton.

May 14th, 1919.

Dear Madam.

In further reference to your enquiry as to where your brother 3346 L/Cpl. EDWARD MILLNER GRIME. 51st Battalion. A.I.F. was buried, we beg to inform you that he is now officially reported to be buried in one of several isolated graves 5½ miles N.W.F. of Bapaume. Should we obtain further particulars we will advise you.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

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SECRETARY.

646 Tong Moor Rd.

Bolton

No 3346 4528. In Time

Oct. 4th 1917.

51st Bn

A.I.F.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of Oct 1st

has come as a great comfort to us. It is most kind of you to take the trouble and find out what you can for us and we send you our most grateful thanks.

I have not had a letter from Capt.

F. Albrecht at all — The only

officer who has written was

my brother's Capt. — V. P. Owen — &

he gave me the names of two

Comrades who have also written but ^{neither} ~~both~~ could tell us about

my brother's grave. Of course,

we understand now from Capt.

McGregor's statement (about he

& my brother getting separated

from their Battalion) how it is that

they could not give us the

information we wanted. Is it possible that you can learn whether his grave is being protected and is still marked — along with the graves of the 22 others who were buried at the same time and place.

I trust this is not asking too much of you but we feel you are the only people who can help us to know something which our hearts are pining to learn.

With most sincere & heartfelt gratitude

Very truly yours.

O Mary Grime.

P.S. Mother encloses a small donation to your Fund.

August 24th, 1917.

Miss G. Grime,
643, Tong Moor Rd,
Bolton.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your inquiry for details of the death
and burial of your brother

No 5046 L/Cpl. E. M. Grime,
51st Battn,
A.I.F.

we write to tell you of unofficial evidence given by a
man in his unit when in the Tooting Military Hospital.

No 2216 Pte. L. Morrison stated that he saw your
brother wounded in the head by a sniper while in the
trench near Moreuil, North of Bapaume, his death being
instant. They buried him close by on the day of his death
and informant describes him as fair, 5ft 6 or 9 inches in
height and rather bald".

We are continuing the inquiry as we fully appreciate
your great desire to know if his grave is marked and as soon
as further information is received you shall be advised.

We hope that it will bring some comfort to your parents

and yourself to have the assurance of an eye-witness that
he suffered no pain.

With our sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Yours faithfully,

V. S.
Secretary.
LAW.

GC

646 Tong Moor Rd.

Bolton

Aug. 26th 1917.

GRIME

Dear Madam,

3346

Please accept the
heartfelt thanks of
Mother, Father, sister and
myself for your great
kindness in finding
out for us something
about the sad end of
our dear brother. Your
information has brought
us much comfort and
we feel greatly indebted

to you for making the
enquiry for us — and
your promise to send
us more is greatly ap-
preciated. — The des-
cription Pte. Morrison
gave you of my brother
is quite correct.

We give you our best
thanks also for sym-
pathy.

In deepest gratitude

Faithfully yours

To the Secretary. Harry G. Gurne

646 Tong Moor Rd.

Bolton.

Good card
12-7-17

July 8th 1917.

To the Secretary of the Australian
Red Cross Society,

Dear Sir,

Having heard that
your Society provides infor-
mation for the relatives of
Australian Soldiers, killed
in action, ... I write to
you in the hope that you
will be able to find out
for ... Mother, Father, my Sister
& myself - something about
the grave of my only
brother who was killed
in action on Apr^{2nd} this year.

In a letter from his Capt.
we understand that he was
buried near the village of
Voreuil - north west of Reims
from a comrade's letter,
we learn that he was
laid beside 24 others
killed at the same time.

The Padre told us he was
buried just behind an old
German trench outside the
village of Voreuil - also that
the grave was marked.

Of we could only know
that the "Sacred spot" in
France is still marked
& could be cared for
it would help to lessen

the dreadful loss we
feel in the supreme
sacrifice of our dearly
loved brother. If you
could please find out
for us whether it could
be kept in order & how
we must go about to
arrange for this - we
should all be indebted
& sincerely grateful to
you. We hope, after this
dreadful world war is
over to go to France &
see the resting place of
our loved one - we begin
that we should be
most grateful if you could

Get us any information about
it — or show us how
we may do so.

My brother's address was:

P/Capt. Edward Wilner Grime

3346. A Coy.

51st Batta. A.I.F.

FRANCE.

6.1.17.

In anticipation of your
help & with gratitude
for the noble work you
have so splendidly per-
formed for Australia's
brave sons —

I am,

Yours respectfully,
Mary Grime.

51st A. I. F.

Grime, L/Cpl E.M. 3346,
A. Company

(K. April 2nd/17. Det D & B)

"I saw Grime killed, shot through the head near Moreuil north of Bapaume. He was in a trench and was sniped. I was close to him and he was killed at once. He was buried near the trench on April 2nd 1917."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Rather bald, fair, 5'6 or 7" "Teddy", was in
A.Coy, II Pltn

Informant: Pte Leslie Morrissey, 2216,
51st A.I.F., A.Coy, 1 Pltn,
Tooting Military Hospital.

Home address:
338, Newcastle St,
Perth,
W. Australia.

3rd August 1917.
R.C. Parr.

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51st A.I.F.

Grime L/Cpl. E.M. 3346,
A. Company.

(K. Apl. 2/17 Det. D/B)

Grime was killed at Noreuil and buried there. Could find all particulars from the Capt. of his Company who wrote to his people about him.

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Pte. J. Walley 4897,
51st A.I.F., A. Coy.,
No. V Hospt.,
Exeter.

Home address:
King's meadows,
Launceston,
Tasmania.

J.H. Fraser.

Writen O.P. 31.8.17

51st A.I.F. Co.

GRIME L/Opl B.N.

No. 3345.

K. 2nd April 1917. Det D/B.

I knew L/Opl Ted Grime in A Company, he went over the top with us on, I think, about the 10th April. We got mixed up and he and I and some Machine Gunners got attached to the 50th Battalion who were on our right at Hericourt. We got our objective and then he was hit by a bullet in the trench. He was about 3 yards from me but I was not looking at him at the time; all I heard was a ping on his helmet; it went right through his head and he never spoke. The 50th were relieved and we returned to our own 51st Battalion who were not relieved for two days and I don't know how he was buried. I believe he belonged to somewhere in England. He was about 25 or so.

Inf:- Sergt. McGregor No. 2460.

Amb. F. 'Brighton'.

Calais. 3.9.17. GR.

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A.I.F. 51.

K. 2.4.17.

GRIME 1/C.B.M. 3346.

I know that he is buried at Foreuil, beyond Bapaume, not in a cemetery. I have not seen his grave but as full particulars as we could give have been written to his sister in England.

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Reference: Capt. F. Albracht. C.Co.
L.O. School.

Etaples.
14.9.17.

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A.I.F. 51st Battn.

GRIME
L/Cpl. Edward
Milner 3346

Killed in action 2.4.17

Buried isolated Graves 5 1/2 miles N.N.E. of Bapaume
Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqrs List for Lieut Spedding.

London
12.7.19

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