

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**4994 Private  
Matthew Carney**

**26th Battalion**



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A.I.F.  
26th BATTALION.

CARNEY, H. No. 4994

K/A 3. 10. 18

He came from S. Brisbane, about 13 stone, 5ft.9" and was in "A" Company. Witness was wounded by the same shell that killed Carney outright. The occurrence took place about 6 a.m. while they were taking cover in a shell hole near Peronne during the attack. His death was instantaneous.

Witness;- No. 6211, Pte . D. Tomkins,  
"A" Company - 26th Battalion.

Home address;- Columboola, Western Line, Queensland.  
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F. de V. Lamb, Major.  
H.M.T. "Euripides".  
18/3/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

to report

26th Battn.

C.I.F.

CARNEY

M. 4994

"MISSING 3-10-18"

I was in the action on Oct. 3/18 at about 20 miles from Peronne. We attacked early in the morning. Carney M. 4994 was killed by a Shell - he was literally blown to pieces. I was hit by same shell. Death was instantaneous. He was 19 years old, about 5'9", thick set, fair hair, clean shaven. We called him "Mat".

Informant - Tomkins Pte. D. 6211

Home Address:-

Mrs. S.A. Tomkins

Columboola

Western Line

Queensland.

(Intelligent & Truthful)

26th Battn. A. Coy. 2nd Plt.

Brondesbury Park

Mil. Hos.

H. Constable

6-11-18

London

15-11-18

J.B.S.

Off.M.

26th Battn.  
A.I.F.

CARNEY.  
M. 4994.

"Missing 3-10-18"

He was in my Company. We were at a place near St Quentin near the Hindenberg tunnel, when I saw a shell blow him to pieces and wounded 3 others of the machine gun crew. I can give no further particulars as we advanced.

Description:- age 24/27, about 5ft 10, 12 stone, fair complexion, ginger hair.

Informant:- Pte Mc Donald.A.5636.

A.Coy<sup>1</sup> 26th Battn.A.I.F.

Littlemoor Camp.

WEYMOUTH.

T.C Osborne.  
London.  
27-11-18.  
J.E.A.

Off M.

A.I.F. 26th Bn

CARNEY  
Matthew 4994

"M. 3-10-18"

Killed in action 3-10-18 - previously reported missing on  
3-10-18  
ert. by A.I.F. Hqs 4-2-19.

London  
4-2-19

C.F.M.

Havre.

6th. February 1919.

26th. Australians.

Carney. E. 4994.

N. October 3/1918.

He was in the stunt at Bailleul Farm. He was camped at Heury, and he was blown to pieces. It was quite well known in the Battalion. I knew him. He was in the same Coy. There is no doubt about it.

Inf:- Ltc. A. E. Chishurst, 1903.  
26th. Australians. A. 1  
Australian Camp  
Rouelles.

CRR.

RRB.

Havre

8th February 1919.

Australians. 26.

Carney E. 4994.

N. 3rd Octr 1918.

He was in my H.G. Team, and was killed by a shell at Bellicourt. I do not think he was taken out and buried. He was Captain Cameron's servant. Captain Cameron was killed in August.

Inf:- Cpl G.P. Kennedy No. 6338.  
A.I.F. 26. A. IV.  
Austra. Camp.

CRR.

PP.

Havre.

27th. Febr. 1919.

26th. Australians.

Carney, M. 4994.

K. October 3rd. 1918. Det. D/B.

He was in D. Coy., came from Queensland, and was single. He was blown to pieces by a 5.9. shell close to Temple le Guerre, about 7.30. ~~a.m.~~ a.m. I saw his remains shortly after. They were buried on the spot. I do not know if his grave was marked.

Inf:- Pte. T. Burrows, 5714,  
26th. Australians. D. Coy.  
Austr. Demob. Base.

RBS.

RRB.

A.I.F.  
26th Battalion.

CARNEY, M. No. 4994

3 10 18

He was an Officer's Batman, red hair and freckled. Witness saw Carney beside Clifton about 6.30 a.m. on October 3rd in the Beaurevoir Line at Lormisette when a high explosive shell burst. Clifton told him that the man with him (whose name he did not know, but Witness is satisfied was Carney) was killed at once by the shell and Clifton was himself blinded. There was very heavy fire all round and Witness went forward 2 or 3 miles. He was later at the Court of Enquiry, which enquired about what happened to Carney and Clifton not being there he (Witness) was the only one that could give any particulars.

Witness;- Lieutenant C.A. Stapleton.

Home address;- Plummer Street,  
Charters Towers, Queensland.

F. de V. Lamb, Major.

H.M.T. "Euripides".

14/4/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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1 M D No. 4994



26th Battn.

CARNEY,  
H.M., Pte. No. 4994

K. 3rd October 1918

I was with Carney when he was killed. He was on the same gun with me and was literally blown to pieces by a shell on Oct. 3rd 1918, at "Bellevue Farm" Billicourt. I have no idea if he was buried as we had to continue the advance.

Informant:- 5669 Pte. Caton,  
"A" Coy., 26th Battn.

Private Address:-  
Kilarney,  
Queensland.

P. GREIF,  
H.M.A.T. "Ypiranga"  
15/6/19.

J.F.A.