

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2084 Lance Corporal
George Vernon Carter**

2nd Machine Gun Company



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7th. May. 1918.

2nd. Australian M. G. C.
Late 6th Bn.

Carter, G. V. 2084.

K. December. 24/1917. Date. D/B.

I knew L/Corporal George Carter; he was killed on the Lynchette Sector and buried in the Military Cemetery. Corporal. E. Hawkin who was in charge of the gun team that Carter was in will be able to give full details.

Inf:- Private. H. Gardiner. 292.
2nd. Australian M. G. C.
Australians Camp.
Fouelles.

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Written Hawkin
22.5.18.

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A.I.F. 2nd M.G.C.

late 13 Dec

Carter. Pte. G.V. 2084.

(K. Dec. 24/17.)

Det. D/B.

"I knew Carter he was blown up by a shell at Wytschaete. He was buried al most on the spot where he was killed quite close to our machine gun position."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Cpl. H.P. Hargreaves. 2593.

A.I.F. 2nd M.G.C.

Home address:

Cornelia Hospital,
Poole.

7/6/18.

H. Bradley.

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18th May 1918.

2 Aust. M.G.C. *late 6th Btn*

Carter G.V. No. 2084.

K. 24th December 1917. Det D/B.

He was the only Carter in the Company. On the 24th December we were at Wytesbaete Ridge. Carter was on a gun position when a shell came in the evening and killed him at once. His body was buried by the Padre close by in the open by a Pill box on *Gun* Road and it was marked with his name.

Inf:- Gunner G.B. Angus No. 2472.
2nd Aust. M.G.C.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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2nd M.G.C. A.I.F.

Carter.G.V. Pte. NO.2084,

Late 6th Batt

Killed Dec 24th 1917, Det,D,B.

I saw him killed by a shell whilst we were in the front lines at Kamel, He was buried where he fell by a party from the coy, I do not think there was any cross erected. I knew him in the coy, He came over with the 5th ^Batt, he came from Victoria.

Description. Age, 30. Height. 5-7. Complexion. Dark. Well Built.

Witness. Pte, Kenry, S.W. NO.3372. 2nd, M.G.C.

Taken at
NO.4, C.D, Hurdcott.
7-5-18.
F.G.H.

S.Whitnee.
NO.4. Command Depot
Hurdcott.

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2nd M.G.Coy.
A.I.F.

G.V. CARTER. 2084.

"Killed in Action" 24-12-17.

Re L/Cpl.G.V.Carter 2084 of the 2nd M.G.Cc. George was a thick set man about 5 ft 11 ins in height, dark complexion, and clean shaven. Forefinger of right hand missing.

I was in charge of the gun on the 24-12-17 on which George was No 1. We were on the left of Messines. A shell landed in the position at 2.a.m. on the 24th, killing George, whose death was instantaneous. We buried him at a small military cemetery about three miles behind the line as it then was. The cemetery was called "Torroken Corner" or some such name as that. A C.Bf E. parson conducted the ceremony, and I believe wrote to L/Cpl Carter's relations in Australia. I wrote to George's father and his fiancée in Australia and also a lady friend in England. His personal belongings I did up into a small parcel and despatched to his next of kin.

Letter from:- Cpl.H.Hawkey.

The cemetery is now in the hands of the enemy. At the time there were about fifty graves there. A.I.F.
The majority of which were Australians.

London.
6-6-18.

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2nd Machine Gun Co.

CARTER, G. V.
Pte. 2084.

Kld. in Act. 24/12/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, about 5 ft. 6 ins. well built, fresh complexion, about 32 years of age, known as "George" Casualty was firing a machine gun. I was on the same gun at Messines. A whizz bang exploded on top of the gun killing Casualty instantly. He was most severely wounded all over. He was buried the next day in a small cemetery one mile in the rear of the line and I helped to bury him. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- Pte. J. D. Bush,
No. 961, 2nd M.G.Co.

Private address:-
Rippon Grove,
Elsternwick.

T.C.F.

6/12/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

2nd Mac. Gun Coy.

CARTER, G.V.
Pte. No. 2084

Killed in action 24/12/17.

"About 4 o'clock in the afternoon a shell came right into his dug-out and killed him instantly. This was near Whitesheet. He was taken back and buried but I do not know where, probably outside Kennel as he was taken down by our limbers. He was a I/Cpl. not Private."

Informant:- Cpl. J. Earl
No. 3086 2nd Mac. Gun Coy.

Private address
Inverleigh,
Victoria.

W.F.J.-
4/2/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

2nd Machine Gun Co.

CARTER, G. V.
Pte. 2084.

Kld. in act. 24/2/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 6 ins. well built, medium complexion, about 32 years of age, known as "George". Casualty was on a machine gun post, Gun Road, Messines. A shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. I was 200 yds. away at the time of his death but I saw his body lying near the gun position half an hour later. He was most severely wounded about the body and legs and head, and he was buried about 800 yds. from where he fell and I saw his grave. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Private address:-
65 Pleasant Road,
Upper Hawthorn.

Informant:- Pte. D. J. Francis,
No. 504, 2nd M.G.Co.

T.C.F.
28/2/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

2nd M.G.Co.

CARTER, G.V.
Pte. 2084

K.in act. 24/12/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 8", medium build, dark complexion, about 27 years of age. Known as "George". Casualty was working on a Machine Gun at Messines in Support Lines. I was on the next gun. A H.E. shell exploded on his gun killing him instantly. I was 100 yds. away at the time of his death and I saw his body immediately afterwards. He was most severely wounded about the body and was buried about 700 yds. from where he fell in a small Cemetery. I saw his grave. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- Pte. G. Phillips,
Private address:- No. 509 2nd M.G.C.
P.O. Hamilton. Vic.

T.C.F.
6/3/19

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

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2084 (ed)
G. V. Carter
2nd M. G. Coy 27/5/18
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Dear Miss Duhin,

I have received your letter of the 22nd inst, & am only too willing to let you know the circumstances of the death of Sr. G. V. Carter 2084 of the 2nd M. G. Coy. George was a thick set man, about 5'11" in height, dark complexion & clean shaven. Forefinger of right hand missing.

I was in charge of the gun on the 24-12-17 on which George was killed. We were on the left of Messines. A shell landed in the position at 3 a.m. on the 24th killing George, whose death was instantaneous. We buried him at a small military cemetery about three miles behind the line as it was then. The cemetery was called Sorrohen corner or some such name as that. A. G. of E. parson

conducted the ceremony, & I believe wrote
to Mr Carter's relations in Australia.

I wrote to George's Father & his
Jr. Francis in Australia, & also a lady
friend in England. His personal belongings
I did up into a small parcel &
despatched to his next-of-kin.

Trusting this will help.

Yours very sincerely

Wm H. Hawkey

P. S. The cemetery is now in the hands
of the enemy ~~and~~. At the time there
were about fifty graves there, the
majority of which was Australian.