

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

**724 Sergeant
George James Carter**

33rd Battalion



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5.4.17

5080 Pte A.C. Robinson

33 Bath A.I.F. ...

Ward C5

King Georges Hospital
S.W.

Dear Pte Robinson

We have
received your letter
dated 3.4.17 about

724 G. J. Carter - The

superiors in Sydney will
be very glad to get such
definite information &
we thank you very much
for sending it -

Hoping you are making

HOSPITAL

Kitchener Bn

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	INFORMAT	
	<i>A. Rixon</i>	<i>A</i>	Regtl.No.	Ra
	SURNAME	Christian Name.	GIVEN	
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STATEMENT OF

(to be taken in)

NOTE.
In all
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state
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what
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ant says
he saw
or heard
and give
DATE
AND
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Fl. Rixon
Rixon was lying in
a shell hole, the front
blown away. A shell
hit him immediately
given by H. Northey
lying alongside him
it happened.

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? *No*
2. If *no* give of the n
3. Was the ground held or lost? *Held*
4. If *no* was death the body
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? *No*
6. Was there a name in
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. *Fair & Stout* *Red*
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence *Intelligent*

Good progress and
will soon be able to
enjoy your furlough

Yours Hely

HOSPITAL 3rd London General

Full in exactly as List. SURNAME. Christian Name. **INFORMA** Regtl. No.

Fraser

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SURNAME
Fisher

Christian Name.
T. E.

GIVE
Regtl. No.
237

STATEMENT

NOTE.

In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

I know that Pte Fraser was brought to which I belong and Isaac Lim was hit at "Possum Ridout" into the line

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? Yes of his not being missed
2. If not, of the
3. Was the ground held or lost?
4. Informant was de the bo
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? William
6. Was the name
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. 5' 8" Slip built Dark
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence Intelligent

33rd A. I. F.

Carter, G.J. 724

(D/W Dec. 12/16. Det:D & B)

Informant states that on 12th Dec 1916 at Armentieres Sergt George Carter of C. Company was shot through the head by a German sniper and only lived for 2 hours after being hit. Informant knew him well and saw him after he died. He was buried in the Australian Cemetery 3 miles from Armentieres between that place and Steinwerkes.

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Medium height, about 12 stone in weight & 35 years old, very dark

Informant: Pte T. Caffery, 1083,
33rd A.I.F. C.Coy,
Norfolk & Norwich Hospital, Ward 9,
at Norwich.

Home address:

Caffrey,
Grafton Rd,
Armidale, N.S.W.

21st March 1917.
Margaret Nevill.

A.I.F. 33rd Bttn.

SARTER
3/M Geo. James. 724.

Died of Wounds. 12.22.16.

Buried in the Honour Cemetery Armentieres in Grave 61, Section 4, Row B.

Get by German list of graves in Cemetery. See letter from Capt. Mills. 28.7.19.

NAME

RANK

OF REGT.

CLASS OF SERVICE

WARRANTY FIRM FILE

London.
8.10.19.

CHURCH

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33rd Batt.
A.I.F.,

G.J.

CARTER

724

"D/W 12.12.16"

I saw him lying dead badly injured in the head by explosive bullet,
in the trench. I also saw his grave in Hill Farm Cemetery at Armentieres
I knew him well. He was in Armidale Camp, N.S.W.

Reference:- 5145 W.H.E. Bugden,
33rd Batt. A.I.F.,
3.4.17.

London
11.3.17.

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33rd A. I. F.,

Carter, Pte. George J., 724,

D/W Dec. 12/16. Det: D & B.

"I know Carter was buried in Armentieres Cemetery. He was badly injured and died the next day in the trench. He was a Sgt."

Eye Witness: No.

Description: Fair, 35 or 36 years, about 5ft.8ins, always wore Boer War colours.

Informant:-- Pte. Clarence Matthew Hayne, 435,
33rd A. I. F.,
Lewisham Military Hosp:
S.E.

Home address:--

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53rd A. I. F.,

Carter, Pte. G.J., 724,

D/W Dec. 12th 1916. Det: D & B.

"I saw Carter shot through the head at Square Farm, Armentieres on Dec. 12th 1916. He died going out of the dressing station."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant:-- Pte. J. Dever, 754,
53rd A. I. F., C. Company,
Hapsbury Hospital,
Herts.

Home address:-- East Maitland,
New South Wales.

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33rd A. I. F.,

Carter, Pte. G.J., 724,

D/W Dec. 12/16. ret: D & B.

"I believe this is Sgt. Carter who came over with me in the same ship (33rd 34th 35th all together) I knew him well and I think 724 was his number. A sniper caught him in our trenches about Dec. 12th at Armentieres. I saw him afterwards, he was shot through the head. He was buried at Armentieres."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: We called him "Paddy" because he was an Irishman; He had been through the Boer War. He came from Armidale.

Informant:-- Sgt. Richard Kenney, 11,
35th A. I. F., E. Coy., 1st Eastern Hosp:
Cambridge.

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Home address:-- Lambton Rd., New Cambton,
Via Newcastle, N.S.W.

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CARTER, G.J. 724

D/W Dec. 12th 1916. Det:

I know Carter, we were up Armentiers way. He was shot through the head by a bullet and I think he was buried in the Australian Cemetery at Armentieres, but I have not seen his grave.

Informant: Pte G. Hogbin. 2157
No. 1 Conv. Camp.
BOULOGNE. 17.4.17.

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A.I.F. 33.

CARTER, G.J. 724.

D/W. December. 12th. 1916.

He was my uncle, and I have seen his grave at Armentieres cemetery, with cross, name and number on. He was killed on Decr. 15th., shot by a sniper through the head at Armentieres in our front line.

Reference: L/Cpl. E.C. Sadler, 175, A.I Pl.,
34 Battn.
L. Gun School.

Staples.
23.3.17.
FHE.

33rd Australian Imperial Force

Carter, G. J. 724

(D / W Dec. 12/16)
Dets D & B

" I was going up to the front line about Dec. 12th at Armentieres, when I passed Sgt. Carter (33. C) being carried away on a stretcher down a communication trench, just after he had been wounded. I recognised him, and the stretcher bearers told me it was he. I knew him well, as we were in training together. I heard afterwards that he died, but I am sorry I cannot say where he was buried. Possibly, Sgt Moore (33 C) would be able to tell you as they were great friends, and were always together. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description :- Medium height, young, clean shaven.

Informant :- Sgt. William Simpson, 1245,
33 Australian Imperial Force, D.14 P 1
3rd Southern General Hospt.
Cowley Section, Oxford.

Home address :-
Spring Mount,
Black Mountain,
N.S.W.

7.3.1917.

H. W. Pickard - Cambridge.

Written Sgt Moore 16.3.17

A.I.F. 33rd Battn

CARTER
G.J. 724

D/W 12-12-16

Died of Wounds 12-12-16 - Buried Site Bonjean Military Cemetery
Armentieres

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 29-3-17

London
20-3-17

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A.I.F.
33 3rd. Battn.

CARTER.
G.J. 724

"Died of Wounds "

G.J. Carter of the 33rd. Battalion, who died of wounds I had one report from our C.E. Chaplain to the effect that he was struck by a shell on the 11.12.16. and is buried in Bon a Jean Cemetery Armentiers, another report said he was shot through the head with a bullet on the 11.12.16. and is buried in Armentiers, he was a Sergeant.

Cert. by letter from A.C. Robinson,
5080 A.,
33rd. Battn,
A.I.F.
C 5 Ward.
King George's Hosp.
3.4.17.

London.
17.4.17.

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33rd Batt.
B.Co.,
A.I.F.,

CARTER
G.J. 724

"D/W Dec.12/16"

This man was killed by a German sniper, right on the front line at "Square Farm" just outside and to the East of Armentieres. I saw him after he was brought in. Death must have been practically instantaneous. I was one of a party that buried him at a small cemetery near Square Farm. He was about 5.9 in height, square built, about 40 years, medium complexion. Served in S.African War. He came from Moree N.S.W. His occupation was that of a shearer. He was a married man.

Reference:- R.W.H. Byron, 25
33rd Batt. A.I.F.,
Perham Downs Camp,
31.3.17.

London
14.4.17.
A.R. McPhee

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A.I.P. 33.

CARTER G.J. 724.

D/W. 12.12.16.

He was badly wounded by a stray bullet during the night of 11th. Dec. at Square Farm, near Fleurbaix. I was with him when he was hit. I saw him taken away by the S/B's. I heard that same day that he had died. I know nothing as to his burial. He was 'gt. of C. XII.

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Reference: Pte. F. Mansfield. 983. C.Co.
3 A.D.B.D.

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33rd Battalion A.I.F.

CARTER G.J. 724

Died of Wounds 12.12.16.

I knew Sergeant Carter-- a man of about 45 years. He was a pal of mine and a really good chap.

We were in the trenches together at Armentieres -- a rifle bullet hit him in the front of the forehead. He fell, practically dead. That would be about 4 or 5 days before I was wounded, which was in the 17.12.16.

Carter was carried back and I later on, on the day he was hit, went back to see him, but was told by the Army Medical Corps Sergeant, that he had died within $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of being hit. He suffered no pain, being quite unconscious as soon as hit.

He was my greatest pal. He served in the South African War.

Informant:-- TUBIE H.H. 887

33rd Battalion, C. CO., A.I.F.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

B.H.
17.7.17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

March 18th.1917.

Sgt. Moore.
C. Coy. 33rd Battn. A. I. F.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir;

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit;

724. G. J. Carter. 33rd. Battn. A. I. F.

Died of wounds 12.12.16, 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 G. J. Carter, but our enquiries wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was in 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,

T. D.

SECRETARY.

m. W. D.

RECEIVED
4.11.1917
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE.

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5.4.17

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London

Dear Sir or Madam.

There was a Red Cross
Lady came to see me here some
time ago and she wished to know
if I could give her any information
about G. J. Carter of the 33rd Batt
A.I.F. who died of wounds.

I have one report from our C.E.
Chaplain to the effect that he was struck
by a shell on the 11th 12.16, and is
buried in Bon Jean Cemetery, from others
another report said he was
shot through the head with a bullet
on the 11th 12-16 and is buried in
from others he was a Sergeant

my address is King George
C5 Ward
London

Carter

G. J. 724

33 Batt. D/W 12.12.16.

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Yours respectfully

C. J. Atkinson

No 5080 of 33rd Batt
A.I.F.