

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3713 Corporal
Clarence Moffett Cox**

46th Battalion



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46th Batt
A. I. F.

Cox,
C. M. 3713

"Missing 11 4.17"

Killed in Action 11.4.17 - Previously reported Missing

Cert. by A. I. F. Headquarters 6.12.17

London 12.12.17

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A.I.F.
46th. Bn.

COX. 3713.
Clarence Moffatt.

"Killed in Action 41.4.17".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

REPORT

UNIT

LOCATION

CAUSE OF DEATH

London.
23.10.19.

M.

RECEIVED

OFFICE

Ans. 16.3.18 55 Murray Street
Ballarat East-
Victoria

The Directors

Interned Seamen's Aid Association
Dear Sirs

If you could give us any
information regard^{to} my Son.

Clarence Moffat Boy who was reported
missing on the 11th April 1916 also reported a
few days (later) on that date.

We got word of his death on the 11th Dec 1916

If we are not troubling you too much

We will thank you for any information

you can give, I am sure to hear from you soon

Yours sincerely

William Boy

3713 Lance Road

Clarence Moffat Boy

46 Pall Mall

Australian Imperial Force

William Cox, Esq.,
50, Humphrey Street,
Ballarat East, Victoria,
AUSTRALIA.

18th March, 1918.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for - 3713 Pte. C.M. COX,
46th Battalion, A.I.F. - (who is now officially reported Killed
in Action on 11-4-17 having previously been reported Missing on
that date). We much regret to inform you that we have never
been able to obtain any information concerning his fate. There
has never been any trace of him as a Prisoner of War - During
the seven months before the official report of his death was
published, we made continuous efforts to trace him, but without
success and we very much fear there is little hope of any details
coming to light now, so many months after the engagement in which
he fell.

It happens unfortunately in only too many cases of men even-
tually reported Killed in the attack at Bullecourt that no further
news is ever obtained concerning them. This can only be explained
by the general turmoil and confusion that reigns during an
engagement, making it impossible for notice to be taken of the
individual. So many men must have fallen unnoticed and their
bodies been buried either by the earth thrown up through subsequent
shelling, or later by the enemy.

Should we ever receive definite news of Pte. Cox
we shall at once advise you through our office in Melbourne
with which we are in constant communication both by cable
and letter.

Regretting our inability to send you more satisfactory
news and assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Ryan
SECRETARY.