Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1892 Private Horace Alexander Cross

56th Battalion



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A.I.F. 56th Btn 3rd Rfts

CROSS
H.A. 1892

"D. of W. on 20-12-16"

Died of wounds - 20-12-16 at 38th Casualty Clearing Station -
Buried at Heilly Cemetery 2½ miles N.N.E. of Corbie
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 13-4-17.

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London
16-4-17

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46th Batt.
A.I.F.,

Pte H.A.CROSS 1892

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"Died of Wounds 20.12.16"

He was admitted in a collapsed condition suffering from a gunshot wound of the chest, and never rallied. I can assure you that he received every possible attention, ~~and~~ He left no message.
He was buried in the military cemetery adjoining this hospital and his effects were sent to the D.A.G. Base on ~~21.12.16. 15.1.17~~ 21.12.16.

Cert. by letter from The Officer Commanding,
38 C.C.S. 4th Army.
B.E.F.
23.4.17.

P.I.

London
1.5.17.

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56th Battalion.A.I.F. CROSS, H.A.
3rd Reinf. 1892 Pte

Died of wounds 20.12.16.

Informant states he was in camp at Cootamundra with Cross and went away with him in 3rd Reinf.and was with him in France. About 3 miles from Paraume Cross and his Mate Lewis went out on to No Man's land to get a wounded corporal. They got the wounded man and put him on a stretcher but he died almost at once - while they were carrying the stretcher Cross was hit through the shoulder with a bullet. Lewis got him to the trenches and carried him to the Dressing Station after wandering about in the dark for some hours. Next morning Informant saw Lewis. What is stated above is derived from Lewis information. Informant afterwards saw Lewis in England and heard that Cross had died from his wounds. Cross was small red headed slightly bald came from Cootamundra and was previously a baker. Cross was one of the first of the Reinforcement and to be killed having only reached the trenches the night he was killed.

Informant: Carr, H. Pte 1894. 3rd Reinf.56th Battn.A.I.F.
No.4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

C.E.W.
11/10/17. SYDNEY BUREAU.



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15 APR 1917
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE.

Pte Jack Lewis
1st. Southern General Hos.
Dudley Road Sec.
Ward A9.
Birmingham
A.I.F.

To The British Red. Cross.

I would deem it a great favour if you would reply to my letter and let me know if you could ~~tell me~~ where a very great Pal. a school mate. is buried. as I would like to ~~visit~~ see his grave. The soldier that I refer to is Pte. H. A. Cross 1892 A.I.F. thanking you ~~from~~ for the same.

I am Grateful
Pte Lewis

56 Btn
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Pte H. P. Cross
1892
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Pte. H. A. Cross 1892
56 Batt

See under

Pte. N. London 1882
A.S.C.

2-5-17

20th April 1917.

Pte Jack Lewis,
1st Southern General Hospital,
Dudley Rd Section,
Ward A.9
Birmingham.

Dear Sir,

Your second letter referring to - 1892 Pte H. Cross, 56th Battn, A.I.F., has just been forwarded to us from the B.R.C.S., Carlton House Terrace, as we make all inquiries here relating to wounded & missing Australians, Your first letter was never received by us.

In answer to your enquiry we find that Pte Cross who died of wounds at 38th Casualty Clearing Station on 20-12-16 was buried at Heilly Cemetery 2½ miles N.N.E. of Corbie. Should we learn more specific details we will at once advise you.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

7th May -7.

Pte. Jack Lewis,
1st Northern General Hospital.
Dudley Road. Section,
Ward A.5.
Birmingham.

Dear Sir,

In reference to your inquiry for 1502. Pte. H. A. Cross, 56th Batt. A.I.F. who died of wounds on 20th. Casualty Clearing Station on 20.12.16. we have just received the following information concerning him from the C.O. of the 36th Casualty Clearing Station:-

" He was admitted in a collapsed condition suffering from a gunshot wound of the chest and never rallied I can assure you that he received every possible attention. He left no message.
He was buried in the Heilly Military Cemetery adjoining this hospital and his effects were sent to the D.A.G. Base on 21.12.16."

With best wishes for your recovery.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.