

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1704 Private
William Albert Davies

48th Battalion



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A.I.F. 48th Btn

DAVIES
W.A. 1704

"D/Wds 4-4-18"

Died of wounds 13th Fld. Amb. 4-4-18.
Cert. by Hpl Index

London
30-4-18

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48th Battn.
A.I.F.

DAVIES.
W.A. 1704

"DIED OF WOUNDS"

Above mentioned soldier died in Main Dressing Station, administered by this Unit at 5.30 a.m. on 7th April from wounds received in action - shell wounds right and left legs. He was buried on the same day in Soldiers Cemetery at Warloy-Baillon, Somme.

Letter from:- O.C. 13th Aust. Fld. Amb.
7.5.18.

London.
14.5.18.

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A. I. F. 48th Battn.

DAVIES
W. A. 1704.

Died of Wounds 4/4/18

If the Red Cross wrote to Pte. F. J. Gray (48. D. Cook) I think he could give all particulars about Pte. Wm. Davies (48.D.Cook) The Cooks took it in turns and carry up the rations, and as far as I can remember William Davies was wounded on his way up about April 4th. at Villers Bretonneux and died at the Casualty Clearing Station." I was not there".

Eye-witness:- No.

Description:- S. Aus. - out some time - short - fair - thin.

Informant:- 5302 Sergt. Tom London, (A very intelligent
48th Battn., A. I. F., (Sgt. Anxious to help
3rd Southern General Hospital,
The Base,
Oxford.

Home address:-
Palmerston Road,
N. Unley,
Adelaide.

Note - Written - Pte Gray - 31-5-18

Hilda M. Pickard-Cambridge.
23/5/18
London
3/6/18

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48th Battn.
A.I.F.

DAVIES.
W.A. 1704.

"Died of Wounds" 4-4-18.

He was a cook in D.Coy and went up with rations to where Coy was in reserve. On the way back he was wounded in the leg and back by a shell. Deadman and Howsen were killed and C/M.Sgt Young was wounded by the same shell. It happened between Millencourt and Henencourt. I did not see the occurrence but came along shortly after and saw Davies who did not think he was fatally wounded, and asked for a cigarette. He was a fair man, of medium height and thick set. He came from Australia with the 2nd Rfts of the 32nd Battn in 1916. He was a very nice quiet chap of about 30.

Informant:- Fisher.3694.

A.Coy. 48th Battn.
DARTFORD HOSPITAL.

H.E.H.
London.
13-6-18.

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48th Battn.
A.I.F.

DAVIES
W.A. 1704

"Died of Wounds 4-4-18"

Re W.A.Davies D.Coy. 48th Battn. The above named was a fellow cook, of D.Coy. 48th Battn., and was seriously wounded on the night of 3rd April, and was immediately taken to the C.C.S., where he passed away next morning at 5 p.m. 4th April. He is buried in the soldiers Cemetery situated at the Western corner of Henencourt Wood, on the main road from Warloy to Albert.

Letter from:- Gray. F.J. 1671
48th Battn.,
FRANCE. 8-5-18

London
17-5-18
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A.I.R. 48th Btn
late 23rd Btn

DAVIES(HQ)

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W.A. 1704

"WHEREABOUTS"

Died of wounds 4-4-18 - 13th A.P.Amb. shattered leg - N.F.R.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 9-12-18.

London
10-12-18

P.I.

A.I.F. 48th Battn.

DAVIES

W.A. 1704.

"Died of Wounds"

I regret to inform you that as all records for period prior to 30th June 1918 have been forwarded to the Base; no information with reference to the wounds, death, etc., of the above soldier can be given you.

Letter from:- O.C.,
13th Aust. Fld. Amb.
B.E.F.

London
3.1.19.

P.I.

A.I.F. 48th Bn
late 32nd
not 23rd

DAVIES HQ
DAVIS

Mr. Albert 1704

All records prior to 30-8-18 - passed to base.
Cert. by letter from 13th Aust. Fla. Amb. 19-12-18.

D/108. 4-4-18 - at 13th A.F. Amb. - shattered leg & thigh &
compound fracture right tibia - no burial report.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 2-1-19

London
3-1-19

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ack. P.C. Amtt
13.6.18
to

1704 W.A. DAVIES
48th BATT
D/W. 4.4.18.

France.
June 1918

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Enquiry Bureau.
A.R.C.

Requiescat in pace.

Re enquiries of No 1704 Pte.
W.A. DAVIES, D^{co} Coy 48th Bn A.I.F.
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of D^{co} Coy 48th Bn A.I.F. and was seriously
wounded on the night of 3rd of April
and was immediately taken to the C.C.S.
where he passed away next morning
at 5pm 4th of April.
He is buried in the Soldiers Cemetery
situated at the Western corner of
GENENCOURT WOOD, on the Main road
from WARLOY to ALBERT.
Beyond that I can supply no further
information.

J. J. Gray 1671/484^{Batt}

A. J. G.

France

13th Australian Field Ambulance

Aust. Red Cross Soc.
36 Grosvenor Place,
LONDON.

No. 1704 Pte. Davies W.A., 48th Aust. En.

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27 DEC 1918

19:12:18.

Lieut. Colonel,
Comdg., 13th Aust. Fid. Ambce.

Tel: VICTORIA (8576
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY,
WOUNDED AND MISSING
— ENQUIRY BUREAU —
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



13-12-18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE,

LONDON S.W. 1.

O.C.
13th Australian Field Ambulance
A.I.F.
1404 The W. A. Davies 48th Batt: A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 21-4-18 and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Leabie

Secretary. *W.S.*