

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3044 Private
George Alexander
Connor

39th Battalion



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REVRs.

22nd. July. 1918.

39th. Australians.

Connor, G. A. 5044.

K. April. 26/1918. Dets. D/S.

I know Private Connor he has a Brother with the Battalion now. They came with me in the 7th. to the 39th. Reinforcements from Melbourne in the 'Hollazet' sailing 19th. February. 1917. This boy was killed instantly by a shell while on a ration party at Maricourt in April 1918 & I saw his Grave in the Military Cemetery near the Railway Station, Maricourt. His Brother knows where the Grave is.

Inf:- Private. J. Ashworth. 3018.
39th. Australians. O. 12.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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J. A.

Written Connor 29.7.18

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39 A.I.F.

Connor, Pte. G.A. 3044

K - A 26-4-18

"Connor was killed at Manett Wood, by a shell. His own brother carried him back to Morricourt where he was buried."

Eye-witness:-

Description:- Tall, fair, well built, red complexion.
Aged 26, about - a farmer's son.

Informant:- Lieutenant D. McKenzie,
39th A.I.F.
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth.

Home address:- Mervyn,
Mildura,
Victoria.

26 July 1918.
A.A. Needham.

J. A. [unclear] written to 29/7/18

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39th Batta. A.I.F.

CONNER,
G.A. 3044.

"Killed 26.4.18."

George Conner was killed on a ration carrying party by a shell, piece of which went right through his head at Maricourt. He is buried at Maricourt. Rilemont Station (Railway) and cross erected. I saw his body when they carried him down and saw his grave after.

His brother helped to bury him and did his grave up after.

Inf:-

Ashworth J. 3018.

39 C.O.

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WESTHAM.

W.A. Reid,

London.

3.6.18.

J.E.A.

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Genr. Connor written to 29.7.18.

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25th August 1918.

Australians, 39.

Connor G A. 3044.

Z. 26th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him. He came from Victoria. I saw him killed by a shell at Maricourt, and he was buried near there, and his brother was at the funeral. His brother is S/B and is with the Batta still.

Inf:- Pte W.O. Billings No. 3507.

A.I.F. 39. A. IV.

Australian Camp.

Revelles.

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written brother

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16th August 1918.

Australians. 39.

Comer G.A. 3044.

K. 26th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him from being in the Batta. He had a brother in the same Company. He was killed in front of Messicourt. I saw it happen. I am not sure as to burial.

Inf:- Pte J.W. Birchall No. 4507.
A.I.F. 20 A. 17.
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

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39th BATT. A.I.F.

CONNOR. G.A. 3044.

K. April 26th. 1918.

He was in my company, A. Coy and has a brother A.H. Connor in the Batt. He was on a ration party in Horet Wood on April 26th and was one of about six who were hit by the same shell. He was buried somewhere Heilly way but I do not know the exact place.

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Ref ---C-S-Major Briese. 38.
No 2 Can. Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. August 19th. 1918

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Australians. 39.

28th August 1918.

Conner O.A. 3044.

K. 26th April 1918. Det S/B.

I knew him well. He came from the Murray River and had been a fisherman. He was about 30, tall. About the 26th April we were at Hermit Food in reserve. Conner was one of a ration party and in the afternoon they were just getting ready to fetch the rations when he was hit by a shell and died at once. I was there and saw it. His brother, who was a S/B took the body to the C.O.S.

Inf:- Pto W.A. Rigby No. 2330.

A.I.F. 39. A. III.

Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

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39th Battn.
A.I.F.

CONNOR,
3044. Pte, G.A.

"Killed in Action 26-4-18"

Extracts from notes made by Pioneer Sergeant Rossen of the
39th Battalion, A.I.F. who is at present in the Australian
Camp, A.P.O. S.12. B.E.F.

3044. Pte, G.A. Connor, 39th Battn, A.I.F. was buried at
Marricourt Cemetery.

London.
18-2-19.

M. *ed suff*

39th Batta.

CONNOR,
G.A., 3044

R. 26/4/18

I knew casualty, he was a thick set man, about 5ft 9ins in height, dark complexion, about 25 years of age. Casualty was bringing up rations to the Front Line at Vearwood and while on his way up a high explosive shell landed amongst them killing him instantly. His brother was with the party at the time and was wounded. Casualty, who was standing near a trench, fell into it dead. He was buried in the cemetery in front of Merricourt. There was a cross erected over his grave, with his name, number and unit on it.

HARRIS, J.

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Ballarat East.

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8/8/19.

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