

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
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**137 Sergeant  
Edward Coady**

**30th Battalion**



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30th A.I.F.

Coady Sgt. E. 137,  
A. Company.

(K. July 10th 1916)

Informant states that on July 20th 1916 at Fleurbaix Coady was engaged with his Company in digging a communication trench between ours and the German lines, when he was killed by machine gun fire.

Bye-witness: Informant was told by Jack Foley, 3rd A.I.F. A. Coy.

Informant: Cpl. C.B. Burgess 1047,  
30th A.I.F., A. Coy.,  
3rd London General Hospt.,

Home address: Wandsworth.  
64 Melbourne Rd.,  
North Williamstown, Victoria,  
Australia.

Nov. 12th 1916,  
M. Hammond.

France.

A.I.F. 30.

COADY, Sgt. E. 137.

K. July 20. 1916.

We were digging a sap across No Man's Land at Fromelles. The night after the stunt some of us went out to bring in any wounded and amongst the dead I saw him.

No doubt he was buried by the Pioneers later.

References: Hard, Sgt. G.E. 1085.A.Co, I Pl.  
No 22 Gen. Hosp.  
Staples. 4.12.16.

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COADY, Sgt. 137.

K. July 20. 1916.

He had gone over the top at Fromelles near  
Fleurbaix, and were crossing No Man's Land.  
I was close to him when a bullet struck him  
and killed him. As a lot were buried next day,  
I have no doubt my sergeant was amongst them.

Reference: A. Gordon, 1556, A.O.C. 11 Pl.  
No 22 Gen. Hosp.  
Etaples. 4.12.16.

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30th A. I. F.

Coady, Sergt. E. 137,  
A. Company

(K. July 20th/16. Det: D & B)

"Coady was killed and was lying in No Man's Land, and I can  
say with almost certainty that he was not brought in. He was killed  
when making a Sap. The Germans having found the range, made it im-  
possible to get him in."

Informant: Sergt. F.W. Hughes, 1567,  
30th A. I. F., A. Coy, 1 Platoon,  
Bristol Royal Infirmary, Ward C,  
Marlborough Street, Bristol.

Home address:  
Dennison Street,  
June, 1916,  
N. S. W.

8th Dec. 1916.  
A. J. Newman.

France.

A. I. F. 30.

GOADY, Sgt. R. 137.

K/K/July 20th. 1916.

He was digging a sap on Romaneland, and was killed by m.g. fire. He was our platoon sgt.  
Reference: Scott, T.G. 288, A.I.I.

He was killed in a sap at Fleurbaix after we had gone over, by m.g. fire.  
Reference: South, R.F. 8166, A.I., 6.C. on Sap.,

No. 5 A.D.D.

*cc John's*  
No. 5 A.D.D.

Staples.  
7.12.16.  
PJS.

30th A.I.F.

Coady, Sgt. R. 137  
A.Co.

(K. July 20/16)

Informant states that on July 19/16 at Fromelles, the Batt. was digging a sap, and as soon as Sgt. Coady had dug deep enough to afford cover, he gave his place up to another and went on digging. He was killed while thus exposing himself. He gave up one place to Cpl. Burgess, A.Co.

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: A new Zealander. "He was a hero if ever there was one."

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Informant:- Cpl. A. J. Laughlin, 1302  
30th A.I.F. A.Co.  
Graylingwell Hospital  
Chichester

Dec. 12.  
V. Beaumont

Home address:  
8, Young Street,  
Annandale, Sydney.  
N.S.W.

30th Australian Imperial Force.

Coady, Sgt. E., 137,  
A. Coy.,

K. July 20th. 1916. Det. D & B.

"Coady was in charge of his section digging a sap towards the German lines at Fromelles on 19-20th. July. He got out of his own position which was fairly safe and put in this position a couple of young privates of his section who were in a more dangerous position and took charge of this more dangerous position. He had no sooner taken charge when he was shot by a machine gun. He was buried where he fell in the sap.

Sgt. Coady was a hero and thought very highly of by his men."

Informant:-- Lieut. John Henry Fahey,  
30th Australian Imperial Force,  
3rd London General Hospital,  
Wandsworth Common, S.W.

Home address:-- Homedale Crescent,  
Hurstville, Sydney. N.S.W.

Dec. 12th.  
Hanning.

30th A.I.F.

Coady Sgt. E. No. 137.  
K. 20th July 1916. Det D/B.

I know for certain that he was not buried.

Informant:-- Pte Gladstone No. 1075.  
H.S. "Brighton".  
Calais. 13.12.16. CR.

Sgt. A. E. F.

Sgt. E. COADY, 137.

Killed 20.7.16. Details D & B.

Sgt. Coady was in A Co. At Fromelles he was digging a sap and was killed by a shell. I was told this by Sgt. Massey who had witnessed the casualty.

Reference: Sgt. A. W. Chivers, 1293.

No. 12 General, Rouba, 14.12.16.

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30th A.I.F.

Coady Sgt. E. 137,  
A. Company.

(K. July 20th 1916 Det. D. & B)

Informant states that on July 19th 1916 at night at  
Fromelles Sgt. Coady was killed by shell fire.

Informant: S. Silby 2489,  
30th A.I.F. A. Coy.,  
Graylingwell Hospital,  
Chichester.

Home address:  
171 Oxide St.,  
Broken Hill,  
N.S.W.

Dec. 18th 1916,  
V. Beaumont.

30th Australians

Coady, Sgt. E. 137  
G Company.

( Killed July 20/16 ).  
Det. D & B.

Informant states " I saw Coady lying killed from a bullet  
wound as I was being carried in. "

Informant :- Pte. A G Bacon, 1973,  
30th Australian Regt.  
1st London General Hospital,  
Camberwell, S. E.

Home address.:-  
Brankton,  
via Maitland,  
N. S. W.

23/12/16.  
P Reynolds.

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20th Australian I. Force.

Coady, Sgt. H 137.  
C Company.

( K. July 20th D. D & B. )

Informant states " I know that Sergt Coady was killed at Fromelles by a gunshot wound. He had dug a hole for himself, but gave it up to another man. The other man was not touched but Coady was killed just after, he had given up his hole."

Eye Witness - No. He was told by Q.M.S.E. Walker of A Coy.  
30th Batt.

Informant :- Pte. Eric Menzies. 578.  
30th Aus. I. Force, C. Company.  
Manor House Hospital.  
Folkestone.

Home address:-  
Melbah,  
Church Street,  
Randwick,  
N. S. Wales.

26/12/16.  
Lucy E. Cleghorn.

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30th Australian Inf.

Coady Sgt. E. 137.

(K. July 20th 1916)

Informant states that on July 20th 1916 S.E. of Armentieres nearbaix, they were told to dig themselves in very quickly as they were being shot down. Sgt. Coady who was an oldish man had dug himself well in when he saw a younger man outside. He called to him "Here you are a younger chap than I am you get in here" and he himself crawled out and was killed almost immediately by a bullet. His body is thought to be out in the No Man's Land but Informant says it may have been brought in.

Informant: Pte. F.L. Meredith 237,  
30th Australians,  
Northants War Hospital,  
Duston.

S. Subj  
at

Jan. 1st 1917,  
G. MacKinnell.

28th A.I.F.

Coady Sergt. E. 137  
Hedges L.J. 186

K. July 20th 1916.

Informant states "Sergt. Coady and Pte. Hedges were both killed at Focelles on July 20th 1916 when digging a trench out in the open. They were both shot through the back with snipers' bullets and killed instantly. It was evening when this happened."

Informant E.W. Strike, 289, A. Coy., A.I.F.,  
Royal Victoria Hospital,  
Netley.

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E.W. Hick.

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30th Battn.  
A.Co.,

COADY

137 E. Sgt.

Killed in Action. 10-4-16

Coady came from New Zealand, he left Sydney with a Stripe, I believe, having been through an Officer's School, but failed to get through. He was known as "Bill", and was about 45 years old.

While in Egypt in the desert, he was in charge of a camel train, taking water to Sphinx Post.

Coady was with the 3rd or 4th Platoon, and I went to France with him. At Fleurbaix an attack was made by us on 19th July. Whilst going over the trenches Coady was hit on the head with a shell and killed instantly. I was wounded the same day, and do not know whether he was buried. Coady had been ill with Bright's Disease while we were at Ferry's Post, on the Canal in Egypt, and was away about 6 weeks.

Informant - Private G.R.Dettmann, No.2023,  
30th Battalion, "A" Co.  
George's Heights Detail Camp,  
S y d n e y.

Note. A good witness, but specially asks that the relatives do not interview him, as his nerves are bad.

C.H.R.M.  
9/2/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.