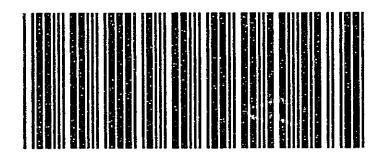
## Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War 1DRL/0428

# 2149 Private Hugh Alexander Conley

47th Battalion



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Willed in Action 27-3-18. Previously reported Wounded. Capt: by A.I.E. Hors 18-6-18.

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Reference: Pte.L.G.Fisher, 4039, D.XV.

No.11 Stationary, Rouen, 19.8.18.

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Informant: - Hayes.A.74520. 47th Battn,C.Cc.

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CONLEY H.A. 2149

#### "KILLED 27/3/18"

I was right alongside of him when he was killed instantly at Dermancourt on March 25th. We were being hurried up to stop the German advance
and had been merching all night. After half an hours rest we went on
again and were heavily shelled. We were halted for shelter in a gully
about 3 p.m. when a shell fell near killing Pte Conley and wounding Pte
Pinel (who died after). I got a splinter from the same shell through my
havereack. Pte. Conley was badly knocked about. His name was Hughie
Conley. That would be about his number 2149. He came from Queensland.
His age about 25. He was in D Coy, XV. He was a well built man and smart
looking and he played football with the Battalion
Informant: Pte. J.R.Gilham 7278.

I have read above, I was 50 yards away at the time. I went over when the shell landed and saw the bords. It was quite recognisable and the above account is correct. He worked on a farm - I think it was his parent's Informant: - Pte W.H. Pomercy 2488,

p.s. At the time he was hit he was helping to bind up another man and

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Sgt. Warfield and Pte Pinel were helping. Pte Warfield was killed outright Ey the same shall.

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I saw (dollay buried on the night of the 27th at 11.p.m. about 10 yards from where he was killed within a mile of Albert. I had a good look at him before he was buried because I knew him well.

Informant: - Harris. William. 2290. Pts. 47th Battalion. A.I.F. Ampton Hospital. SUFFOLK.

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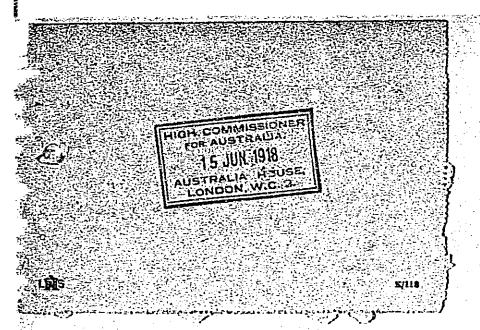
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very grate you if you could make further enquiries like to know where he was bure He was a jolly sine chap, a man to true sence of the word and I am rather knocked by the loss. Thanking you for your sympathy for the trouble you are taking in Your Sincerely L. Pilcher

September 5th. 1918.

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2149 Pte.H.A. CONLEY. 47th Battalion. A.I.F.

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We are continuing our enquiries and as soon as we receive further information we shall let you know as we realise how anxious you must be.

With our sincere sympathy in your loss.

. Yours faithfully.

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hanks very much for for for in reply to m your communication of 5th in Conlay ky Bon 2149 2149 to so much trouble in a case like this and I am I have already received which will enable me to find his grave and also communi-cate with his parents, who no doubt will It somewhat consoled to hear some little news of his last resting place. Once again thanking you very sincerely. I am Yours Respectfully 6301 Sig. L. Filcher

September 17th, 1918.

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Yours faithfully.

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