

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**355 Lance Corporal
Frederick Wallace Cox**

8th Light Horse



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6th Light Horse.

Not on Service Card

COX, F.W.
Pte. No. 355

Killed in action 4/5/17.

"Casualty was killed by a bomb dropped by a Taube on the 4th May, 1917, according to a letter which Pte. Kane now returned to Australia, wrote to Cox's Sister."

Informant:- Lieut. J.L. Currie,
8th Light Horse.

Private address,
Clifton Street,
Prahran.

H.A.B.
22/6/17.

Written Pte Kane

823.2811
3/10/20/17

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

8th Light Horse.

COX, F.W.
Pte. No. 355

Killed in action 4/5/17.

"I actually knew casualty well. He was killed at Dar-el-Belah, Palestine on the 4th May, 1917 under the following circumstances. Casualty was in hospital in which he was an inmate when a piece of aero-torpedo cut him across the shoulders, almost cutting his body in two. It struck him in the back. Casualty was buried on the 5th May. A cross was put over his grave. I was in the hospital at the time."

Informant:- W.K. Mitchell,
No. 1669 8th Light Horse.

Private address
96 Bridport Street,
Albert Park.

H.A.B.
23/8/17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

not on Index card.

8th L.H.

COX, F.W.
Pte. No. 355

Killed in action 4.5.17.

"Casualty was well known to me. Called "Fred" He was a Cpl. in the 8th Light Horse. He was in Headquarters. An armoured Casualty was in my tent at Beiler near Gaza, Palestine when at about 9.30 p.m. a bomb dropped from an enemy aeroplane just beside the tent and killed Casualty and six others, and wounded 8 men including myself. I do not know if casualty was buried or where he was buried."

Informant:- C.N. Soderman,
No. 2337, 8th L.H.

Private address
118 Gipps Street,
Collingwood.

H.A.B.
5/9/17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

8th Light Horse.

COX, F. W.
Pte. 355

Killed in action 4/5/17.

I knew Casualty well. He was killed by a bomb and was in hospital at Belah, Palestine, at the time. It was raided at night by the Turkish aeroplanes. He was killed outright.

Informant:- R. V. Biffen,
No. 339, 8th Light Horse.

Private address:-
Northcote,
Armadale.

T.C.F.
17/12/17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

8th Light Horse

COX, F. W.
Pte. 355

Killed in action 4/5/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was about 5 ft. 7 ins. dark, about 26 years of age, and was a fast runner. Casualty fell ill at Khanyanus, Palestine, and was admitted to the 54th Casualty Clearing Station. The Turks sent over an air raid and dropped a bomb which blew up the hospital. Casualty was in an E.P. Tent with pointed roof and was killed instantly. We were in camp near the hospital and the report came through that Casualty was killed by the Explosion. This was read out in orders to us the next day."

Informant:- V. G. Rice,
No. 439, C. Squad. L.H.

Private address:-
Kerford Road,
Albert Park.

D T.C.F.
25/1/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE. M

8th Light Horse.

COX. F. W.
Pte. 355

Killed in action 4/5/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was of medium height, dark complexion, dark moustache, about 30 years of age. Casualty was in Bela Hospital. A bomb was dropped from an aeroplane. Casualty was in a tent at the time. A piece of the bomb hit Casualty killing him instantly. I was camped at the hospital and the next day the report was given out on the Parade Ground that Casualty had been killed. I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:- Tpr. A. F. Found,
No. 1109.

Private address:-
62 Victoria Street,
Fitzroy.

T.C.F.
22/2/18.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

8th LIGHT HORSE. A.I.F.

F.W. COX. 355.

K/A 4.5.17

He was a Plumber, and was known as "Fred". He was in C.Troop, C.Squadron, the same as Witness.

While Witness was in the 3rd Field Ambulance Tent at Bela, near Gaza, Cox was in the next tent suffering from Dysentery. A few days after Cox's arrival they were bombed at night by the Turks, and Cox and a few others in his tent were killed. Witness went into the affected tent immediately afterwards and found Cox dead. Witness heard the doctor say death must have been instantaneous. The body was removed the next day for burial in the Military Cemetery between Bela and Gaza.

Witness: Trooper L.A.MacLeod, 2141,

Home address; Alexander Street, SOUTH YARRA,
VICTORIA.

F. dd V.Lamb, Major,
H.M.T. "Euripides",
22.3.19.

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8th LIGHT HORSE, A.I.F.

F.W. COX. 355.

K/A 4.5.17

I knew him as "Fred". He had a dark moustache, and was about 25 years.

Witness was in the Field Ambulance Hospital at Belah when it was bombed. In the tent Cox was in several were killed, including him, and Witness saw his body directly after the occurrence. He was killed in his sleep and never woke up. Witness saw his body removed for burial next morning, and later, saw his grave in the Belah Military Cemetery, over which a cross was erected.

WITNESS: Trooper J. Ritchie, 988,

Home Address; 28 Chilton St, CLIFTON HILL, MELBOURNE.

F. deV. Lamb, Major,
H.M.T. "Euripides",
8.4.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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A.I.F.
8th L.Horse.
C.Sqdn.

COX. Tpr.
P.W. 355.

Killed 4.5.17.

Height 5'7", dark, age 26 yrs. From Minyop, Victoria.
Cox was in a Hospital at Belah, Palastine, when the hospital
was hit by bomb from aeroplane killing him. He would be
buried in a cemetery at Belah. We received this information
at the Unit about May 4th'17. I did not see him killed or
buried. I don't know anyone who can give information.

Home address:-
Pinnaroo.
W.Aust.

Informant:- Sgt. W.J. Sheldon. 454
8th L.Horse.
Squad.A. Ward 30.
3rd A.A.Hpl.
Dartford 2.5.1919

O.S.W.
London.
6.5.19.
HG.

M.

A.I.F.
8th Lt. Horse Regt.

COX, F.W.
355.

Killed in action 4-5-17.

C. Troop C. Squadron, dark, dark moustache, crisp Comp. age 26-7,
5'8-9 He was in hospital at Belah and was killed by bomb in an
air raid about the end of April 1917. He is buried just near hospital.

Inf. TPR. J.L. Fielding
373 8th Lt. Horse

Conf. by Tpr. T.T. Jones
2836 8th Lt. Horse.

R.C. Wheeler
H.M.S. T. City of Poonah.
15-5-19

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