

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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898 Corporal
Archibald Gordon
Kilfoyle

31st Battalion



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31st Bn
A.I.F.

KILFOYLE
Cpl. A.G. 298

"Killed 15.3.17."

We went over to raid on the night of the 15th and I was about 50 yards away from Kilfoyle when he was killed by a shell. He died outright and was buried in front of Bapaume with Pte. Roland Hill. I saw his grave but he was killed on the morning of the 16th at about 6 o'clock. I am certain of this.

Witness:- Pedler.

C.H.Pte. 3359

Dartford. 15.10.17

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20.10.17.

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31st Bn
A.I.F.

KILFOYLE
Cpl. A.G. 898

"Killed 15.3.17."

I saw his cross at Thrones Wood or Bapaume, not sure which, and I believe he was buried at Hametz.

Witness:- George Oliver 3452

31st Bn

Dartford.

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20.10.17.

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KILFOYLE. Cpl.A.G. 298.

K.March 15th 1917. Dets.D/B.

He was killed by a shell at Till Trench near Bapaume during the afternoon and died instantly having had a leg blown off. He was buried in the open near where he fell. I was in the trench at the time that he was killed. He came from up country in Victoria, age about 25, dark, clean shaven and was Cpl. of the scouts which he joined on the banks of the Suez Canal.

Inf: F.N. Simondson. 930. H.Q.
2nd.Aust.Gen.Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 22.10.17.

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26th Oct. 1917.

31st AUSTRALIANS

KILFOYLE, Cpl. A.G. 298

K. 15.3.17. Det. D/B.

He was in D Co. He comes from Victoria. He was young and had curly black hair. I saw him killed in a front line trench in front of Bapaume a day or two before we took the town. The whole of his right leg was blown off, and he was also hit in the head. He died in the trench a few minutes after he was hit. He was buried 2 days after, I think, near where he was killed, near but I never saw the grave, but I know all the men killed there were buried before we left Till Trench.

Informant: Pte. W.D. Clarke, 3532
31st Australians, B Co., 8th Fltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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31st BATT. A.I.F.

KILFOYLE. Col A.G. 298.

K. March 15th. 1917. Det.

He was in D Coy, XV Platoon and came from Dalesford, Victoria. He was killed by a Pigeon Bomb at Ligny Thillois in an advanced trench. He was mortally wounded in the back and lived only a few hours after being hit. He was buried outside the trench and a cross marks the grave. I have seen his grave.

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Ref ---Pte C.S. Heath. 1009.
No 2 Can. Gen. Hospital.

Le Creport. Oct 25th. 1917

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31st A.I.F.

Cpl. A. G. KILFOYLE, 298.

K. 15.3.17. Det. D & B.

Informant said Kilfoyle was a Cpl. in 13 Pl. B Co. and an original. About the 16th March at Drayton Trench they made an attack close to Bapaume just before Bapaume was taken. Kilfoyle was about 15 or 16 yards in front of Informant when he was struck and killed by a German bomb in the German trench. He was not killed outright, but died very shortly, being unconscious all the time. Informant helped to bury him at Drayton Trench, where his grave is marked with a cross, alongside the graves of several others. The spot is about half a mile this side of Bapaume.

Reference: Pte. E. C. Hooker, 2919.
No. 9 General Rouen. 26.10.17.

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31st Battn.
A.I.F.

Kilfoyle.
Cpl. A. G. 298

"Killed 15.3.17"

He with others was in a dugout containing about 50 boxes Mills grenades when a shell exploded under the parapet and I saw the lot go up. He was buried near the sugar refinery back of Yarra Bank about 1½ or 2 miles from Flers. There were 3 others killed same time as Kilfoyle. I knew him real well, as I was with him for 3 or 4 months on observation post. We came over together from Melbourne leaving there in the Wandilla on 9th Nov, 1915. The Pioneers put up an ordinary wooden cross on his grave. He was about 24 or 26 years old.

Informant:- Pte. M. Gale 210
31st Battn.
3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital.
Dartford.

G. H. Jones.

London.
30.10.17.

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31st Battn.
D. Coy.,
A.I.F.

Kilfoyle.
Cpl. A. G. 298

"Killed 15.3.17"

I saw him killed at Bapaume. He was caught by a shell which blew both his legs off, killing him instantly. He was buried at Bapaume. I saw his grave and erected a neat cross on it, which bore his full particulars. I knew him very well.

Witness:-
Pte. J. E. Fletcher 4058
31st Battn. D. Coy. 13th Pltn.
3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital.
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.
30.10.17.

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31st Battn.
B. Coy.
A. I. F.

Kilfoyle.
Cpl. A. G. 298

"Killed 15.3.17"

I saw him killed in front of Bapaume. He was hit about the head and body with shell fragments and only lived a few moments. It was quite dark and I was very close to him at time of casualty. I did not see his grave, but he was buried about 300 yards away from Bapaume and I cannot say if grave was marked and I cannot refer to anyone for particulars.

Witness:-

Sgt. W. Beroff 3243
31st Battn. D. Coy. 16th Pltn.
3rd Aust Aux. Hospital.
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.
1.11.17.

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2nd November.1917.

31st AUSTRALIANS

KILFOYLE, Cpl. A.G. 298

K. Mar.15th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was in D.Co. He was tall, thin, about 25 years of age, and lived in Victoria. He was killed by a shell near Bapaume in an old German trench(Adam Trench, I think) about the 14th or 15th March,1917. I saw his body. It was very much knocked about. He must have been killed outright. I saw the cross going away from the Battalion for his grave. It had his name &c. painted on it. The grave is about 50 yards off the Albert-Bapaume Road, about $\frac{1}{2}$ a kilometre from Bapaume, coming towards Albert. I have not seen the grave. S.M. Holland is buried near by. Pt. George Morgan of the 31st Batt., D.Co., now with the Batt. was one of the burial party.

Informant: Corpl. Egerton, M.W. 1995
31st Australians, D.Co.
Australian Camp, Rouelle s.

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3rd November.1917.

31st AUSTRALIANS

KILFOYLE, Cpl. A.G. 298

K. Per. 15th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was struck by a shell in Dreyton Trench (better known as
Hostile Trench) in front of Ypres on or near 15th or 16th.
His leg was blown right off, and he died about an hour after-
wards in the trench. He was buried alongside the trench,
and a cross with his name &c. was put up in June by Pt.
Morgan of D.Co., 31st Batt. I saw the grave with the cross
on it. I was in the trench when he was wounded, but did not see
him.

Informant: Pt. Done, P.F. 2913
31st Australians, D.Co., XIII.Pln.
Australian Camp, Rouelles

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5th November.1917.

31st AUSTRALIANS

KILFOYLE, Cpl. A.G. 298

K. Mar. 15th.1917. Det. D/B.

I saw him buried near Bapaume, at the back of Tell Trench, Ypres. A cross was made by the A.S.'s, and I saw it on his grave, with his name &c. on it. There were about 40 or 50 graves together.

Informant: Pt. Hansen, V.G. 3253
31st Australians, B.Co.
Australian Camp, Neuellen.

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31st Btn.

KILFOYLE, A. G.
Cpl. 898

Killed in action 15/3/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 9 ins. well built, dark complexion, about 24 years of age, known as "Archibald Gordon". Casualty comes from Brunswick. Casualty was in the front line trench behind Bapaume. A shell exploded near him mortally wounding him. He died five minutes later. I was 100 yds. away. His chief wounds were in the legs. He was buried just near where he fell. I was an eye-witness. He was well known and liked by all his comrades."

Informant:- A. W. Jackson,
No. 879.

Private address:-
7 OSGrady Street,
Albert Park.

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31st Btn.

KILFOYLE, A. G. 898
Cpl.

Killed in action 15/3/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 7 ins. about 12 stone in weight, medium complexion, about 25 years of age, known as Archie. Casualty was sitting in the Warlinecourt trench talking to another man. The Germans were shelling heavily at the time. A shell exploded in the trench near Casualty killing him almost instantly. He was conscious for about five minutes. I was in charge of the trench and went over and saw Casualty. His chief wounds were in the left leg. I was 5 yds. away at the time of the explosion. He was buried just where he fell in the trench. It is 100 yds. this side of Bapaume Town Boundary. I was an eye-witness."

Informant:- Sgt. F. J. Gothard,
No. 858.

Private address:-
54 Arthur Street,
Fairfield.

T.C.F.
28/3/18

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.