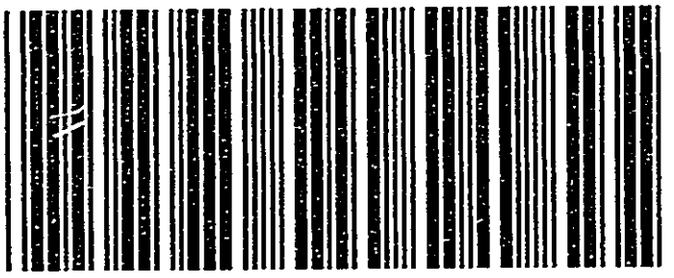
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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3505 Private
Jean Louis Michel
Gallanty

7th Field Ambulance



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7th Fld.Amb.
A.A.M.C.

Gallanty.
J.L.M. 8505

"Killed 5.5.17"

He was killed near Front Lines Bullecourt Several of them were sleeping in a dugout when a shell killed them all. I saw his grave in a Mil. Cemetery outside Vaux, it had a cross on it. He came from Mackay N. Queensland, he spoke French very well was a single man we were together about 18 months. He was a Dispensing Chemist in civil life. Dark complexion about 5'6"

Witness:-
A.A.Porter 8529
A.M.C. 7th Fld.A,b.
No 3 Command Depot.
Hurdcott.

G.W.Griffith.

London.
19.12.17.

P.I.

7th Fld.Amb.
A.A.M.C.

Gallanty.
J.L.M. 3505

"Killed 5.5.17"

I was not with him when he was killed but understand he was killed outright at Bullecourt by a shell. I have seen his grave with cross. He is buried near Vaux in a little graveyard next main D.Station and cross was erected by us.

Witness:-
A.Sterrat 13657
7th Fld.Amb.
Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
19.12.17.

P.I.

7th Fld.Amb.
A.A.M.C.

Gallantry.
J.W.M. 3505

"Killed 5.5.17"

Refer to Pte.F.Little 9137 7th Field Amb. who is now in France and who saw him killed by a shell at Bullecourt and can give full particulars. I saw his grave about a half a mile from Vaulx in the open field near the main dressing Station and it was marked with a cross bearing his number, name and unit.

Witness:- Pte.L.Little 13880
7th Fld.Amb.
A.A.M.C.
3rd A.A.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
7.1.18.

P.I.

Note Written Pte.Little 31.12.17.

Gallanty
J.L.H. 3505

A.H.S.
7th Fld. Amb. A.I.F.

Killed, May 5th 1917 Det. D/B.

Michael Gallanty was a Chemist's apprentice from Mackay Q. and was killed at Bullecourt by shell. He was dead when they got him out of the dug-out. They made a cross for his grave. I saw the Cross but Can't give information as to the whereabouts of the grave.

Informant:- Wright, A.J. 6336
7th Field Amb.
Hut 8, Westham

W.A. Rand.

P. & I.

London.
7.1.18

7th Fld.Amb.
A.A.M.C.

Gallanty.
J.L.M. 3505

"Killed in Action 15.5.17"

Sgt.Schwabb when over on leave called to answer our enquiry addressed to Pte.Conrath as he was on the point of leaving when this arrived and was asked by Conrath to answer it in person. He said - "I was Sgt.in command charge of the section to which Gallanty belonged and though not an eye-witness of his death it was reported to me at once. He with others was asleep in a dugout when a shell hit it, killed Gallanty instantaneously and wounding the others. The shelling was so heavy at the time that the C.O. decided it was too dangerous to remove his body to the rear, so he was buried practically where he was killed, on the Hindenburg line" Central Map sheet 5 Army Area B. U 29. (query 57c) A memorial cross was erected to him and to others in the same section in the small cemetery at Vaulx about ¼ mile from Vaulx going towards Bapaume on the right hand side about 200 yards ~~from Mackay~~ off the road. Pte.Gallanty came from Mackay and was a chemist in civil life. He was thick set, about 5'5", very dark in appearance a very good soldier and a favourite in the section. He had been awarded the Military Medal, this was sent to his mother after his death.

London.
22.1.18.

Informant:- Sgt.G.A.Schwab. 7th Fld.Amb.
London office 16.1.18. P.I.

31-12-17

9137

Pte. J. F. Little

4th Field Ambulance

A. A. M. C.

A. I. F.

Abroad

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abt

C 3506

J. W. McGarty

4th Field Amb.

A. A. M. C.

A. I. F.

K 5-5-17.

C.I.H.

7th Battalion.,
A.H.C., R.A.,
A.I.F.,

GALLAHTY J.L.M.,
No 3505.,

"Killed in Action 5.5.17.,"

AtBullecourt killed by shell while in his Dugout, killed at once, never spoke. I was in next Dug out and helped to dig him out after the shell came. I saw the grave near where Vaux Hospital was. Cross up, he had a Mil.Med. for Peninsular. I knew him well.

Informant;- DAWSON. No 3503.,
W.28 Harefield.
19-12-17.,

P.I.,

D.P.Dickson.,

London
15-2-1918.,

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7 Fld Amb.
A.A.M.C.
A.I.F.

GALLANTY
G.L.M. 3506.

Killed 5.5.17.

I saw him buried by a shell at Bullecourt. His body was not recovered., I knew him very well, he came Mackay, Queensland, and was the only man of that name in the unit. He was a chemist in civil life. The boys of the unit erected a cross to his memory, bout a mile from place of casualty. Just near Vaulx. Refer to Pte B A.J Conrath, 7 Fld Amb, who is in France, he also saw the casualty, and can confirm details given.

Informant:- Shanks.Pte H.G. 3749.
7 Fld. Amb.
3. A.A.M.
Dartford.

W Cman.

London.
15.2.18.

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7th Fld Amb.
A.I.F.

GALLANTY,
5505. J.L.M.

"KILLED IN ACTION 5.5.17"

Re late No.5505 J.W.M. Gallanty of this unit, killed in action 5/5/17. As it was the intention of Sgt C. Schwab of this unit, who left here for England on the 13th of this month, to call and see you and give you all the full particulars of the death and burial of the above comrade, I do not think I can add anything. His people were also informed by letter shortly after we came out of the line.,

Letter from F.Little.9137.
7th Field Ambulance.
A.I.F. In the Field.
16.1.18.

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London.
5.3.18.

P.I.

A.M.Corps
A.I.F.

GALLANEY,
J.L.M. 3505

"Killed 5.5.17."

I know he was killed in a dug out in front line Bullecourt, while having a rest, but was not present. Pte. Conrath of A. section 7th Fld Amb was in the dug-out and could give full particulars. He was with the unit the last I heard .

Informant :- Evans,C.R. 8734,
A.M.C. B.Sec.7th Fld Amb
Hurdcott, 18.12.17.

G.W.Griffith
London.
9.3.18.

NOTE Written Pte. Conrath 4.1.18. P.I.

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A.I.F. 7th Fld.Amb.

GALLAGHY
John Louis Michael 3505

"K/A. 5-5-17"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt.Mills 10-10-19.

London 24-10-19

E.I.

7th A.F.Amb.

GALLANTY (M.M.)

Pte. J.L.M. 3506

Killed 5/5/17

Buried Australian Field Ambulance Cemetery, 3 miles N.E. of Bapaume. 6.4C

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne,

19/12/19

France, 6/3/18.

To, The Secretary
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Aust. Red Cross
Society.

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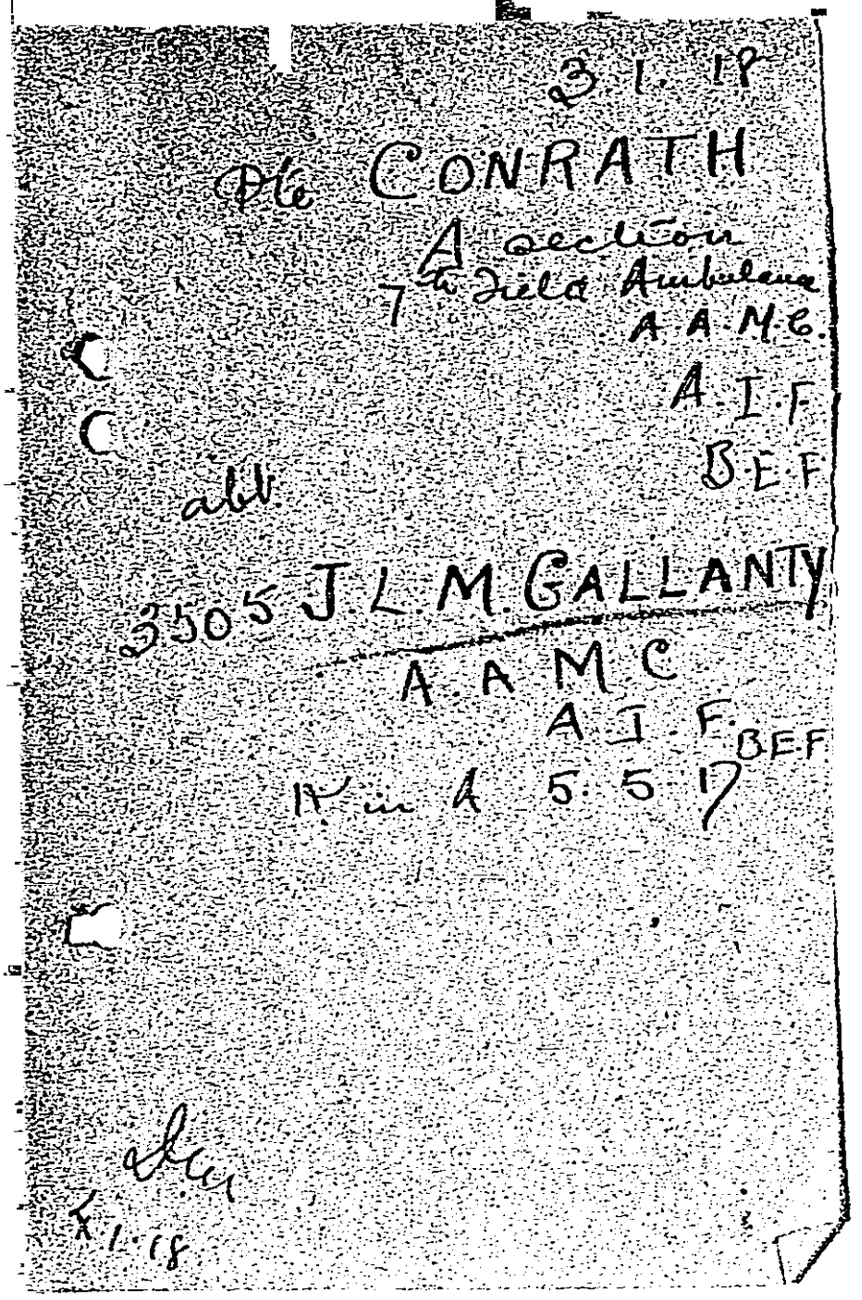
Dear Madam,

Your three communications to hand re the death & burial place of No. 3505 Pte J. L. McGillarty, Aust. Field Amb. I thank you very much for the information obtained, there is no need for any further enquiries.

I shall communicate the details received to his mother & sister, whom I am sure will be very grateful to you & all others who helped in the enquiries. Yours Thankfully,

Thos. H. Roy. A/Sgt.

R.I.P.


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Pte CONRATH
A section
7th Field Ambulance
A.A.M.C.
A.I.F.
B.E.F.
abt.
3505 J.L.M. GALLANTY
A.A.M.C.
A.I.F.
B.E.F.
Wia 4.5.17
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7.L.18

Surname and Christian: GALLANTY, J.L.M.

Name of Missing Man

Regiment: A.I.F.

Regimental No. 3505

Battalion: 7th Brigade.

Company: 7th Fld.Amb.

Platoon: A Section.

Date when missing: Killed 5.5.17.

If Official: Official

Place:

RECEIVED
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CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

Name and Address of the person to whom information should be sent: 4518 Pte. T.A. Roy,
17th Bn. A.I.F.

PC 2.11.17

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25-1-18

3505 J.L.M. GALLANTY 7th Fld Amb.
7 Fld Amb.
K/A 55-17
P.I.2
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Seventh Field Ambulance
A.I.F.
In the Field
Jan 16th 1918

Mrs. F. Quaking
Near Madam

Received your
communication of the 1st inst. stating that relatives
of No 3505 Pte. Gallanty late of this unit,
killed in Action 8/8/17
to it was the intention of No 16 Platoon of Kye
unit, who left here for Auckland on the 12th of
this month, to call and see you and give you
full particulars of the death and burial of the
late Comrade, I do not think I can add anything
the people were also informed by letter shortly
after we came out of the line.
Hoping the above may be satisfactory
Yours faithfully
[illegible]
Capt
A.F.C. [illegible]

January 18th, 1918.

4516 Pte. T.A. Roy,
17th Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force,
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you of unofficial details of the death of No 3505 Pte. H.L.N.GALLANTY, 7th Fld.Ambulance,A.A.M.C. for whom we have now closdd our enquiries but should we obtain any further news we shall immediately advise you.

From men of his unit we learn that Pte. Gallanty was killed by a shell which explodéd in the dugout in which they were sleeping in the front lines at Bullecourt on May 5th, and he is buried in a small Military Cemetery next the Main Dressing Station at Vaulx in a grave marked by a cross. He had been a dispensing chemist in Mackay, Queensland in civil life, and the men says that he spoke French very well.

Trusting that this report is of some assistance and with good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

6th February 1918.

Pte. T.A. Roy No. 4518
17th Batt.
A.I.F. B.E.F. Abroad.

Dear Sir,

We have received a further unofficial report about Pte. J.L.H. Gallanty No. 3505 7th Field Amb. from Sgt. E. A. Schwab 7th Fd. Amb. who was in charge of the section to which Pte. Gallanty belonged. Some men (Gallanty amongst them) were asleep in a dug-out when a shell hit it, killing Gallanty instantly. The shelling was so heavy at the time that he had to be buried practically where he fell. The grave is in the Hindenburg Line U 29-central map sheet 5 army area B.U. 29. A memorial cross was erected to him and to others of the section, in the small cemetery at Vaux about ¼ mile from Vaux going towards Bapaume, on the right hand about 200 yds. off the road. He added that Gallanty was a great favourite and had been awarded the H.M. which was sent to his Mother.

Hoping these details may be of some comfort to you.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary,
F.K.G. St George
J.B.

February 16th, 1918.

4518 Pte. T. A. Roy,
17th Battalion, A.I.F.,
Abroad.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you of another unofficial report about No 3505 Pte. J.L.H.GALLANTY, 7th Fld. Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps, who was killed in action on 5.5.17.

Informant - a man of his unit - reported that Pte. Gallanty was killed instantly by a shell while in his dugout at Bullecourt and he helped dig him out afterwards, being in the next shell hole at the time.

He has seen his grave near Vaux, marked by a cross with his regimental particulars.

Similar evidence is given by another man of his unit who knew Pte. Gallanty very well and saw him buried by a shell at Bullecourt, a cross has been erected to his memory just near Vaulx.

Should we obtain further particulars of his death we shall immediately forward them to you.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.