

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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1930B Private  
John Leslie Gogoll

28th Battalion



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18th Battn. C. Coy.  
A. I. P.

Gogoll.  
Pte. J. L. 1930.

"Killed in Action 7.1.17."

Johnny Gogoll was on fatigue duty at Gueudecourt and was killed outright by a shell. I saw his body and helped to carry it away to our lines. I knew Gogoll for 18 months in the Battn. He was buried by Pioneers at Gueudecourt but I was not present. nor have I seen his grave.

Witness:-

Pte. J. W. H. GARTH. 2376.  
18th Battn. Stretcher Bearer.  
Southall.

P.C.

London.  
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26th May. 1917.

18th AUSTRALIANS

GOGOLL J.L. 1930

K. Jan. 7th. 1917. Det. D/B.

He was in C. Company. Tom Carey, Stretcher Bearer of C. Co., told me that Gogoll had died on the stretcher in front of switch trench by Delville Wood within 5 minutes of being wounded, on the 7th January.

Informant: Sergt. A. Buckley 1894  
18th Batt., C. Co., XII. Pltn.  
Australians.  
Australian Camp, Bouelles.

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18th Australian L.F.

Cogoll, Pte. J.L. 1930.

(K. Jan. 7th 1917 Dets. D/B.)

Informant states "I heard that Pte. John Cogoll (18.C.XI or XII) was killed after the New Year between Delville Wood and Needle Trench, he was behind the line in reserves. I was away at a school then."

"960 Sgt. Payton (18. C.) will know where he is buried."

Eye witness: No.

Description:

Informant: Pte. Walter Potter, 4884,  
18th Aus. L.F. C Coy., K.  
3rd Southern Gen. Hos., Radcliffe  
Buildings, Oxford.

Home address: Birmmham, A.S.S.

7.5.17.  
J.L. Payne.

*Written Sgt Payton 28.5.17*

18th A. I. F.,

*Gogoll*  
Gugall, Pte. J. L., 1930,  
C. Company.

K. January 7th 1917.

"I was told by two men, who were next to Gugall that he was killed outright, at Fiers. He was most probably buried in the nearest shell hole or else in a cemetery just behind our lines."

Eye Witness: No, men in C. Coy., told him.

Description:

Informant:-- Pte. J. Sinclair, 2000,  
18th A. I. F., C. Coy.,  
Graylingwell Hosp:  
Chichester.

home address:-- Graham Street,  
Auburn, Sydney. S

12.5.17.  
V. Beaumont.

A.I.F. 18.

GOGOLL, J.L. 1930.

Z. Jan. 7th 1917. Det: D & B.

I knew Gogoll who was in my company. About January the 17th a fatigue party of whom Gogoll was one, was proceeding from Rose Trench near Gueudecourt to the front line, and I was told by stretcher bearers, T.L. Carey, C. Coy., who helped to carry him down, and also by L/Cpl. J. Blunden, C. Coy. 10 pltn., that Gogoll was very badly wounded by a shell and died on the way ~~through~~ or just as he reached the R.A.P. I was Acting Coy Sergt. Major at the time, and his paybook and effects were handed to Capt. O'Donnell by Carey.

Informant: Sergt. L.J. Readette. 975. C.12.  
No. 3 Can. Bn.

BOULOGNE. 5.5.17.

*Written left (Blunden)  
for Carey } 16.5.17*

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A. I. E. 18.

GOGOLL, J.L. 1930.

K. January 7th, 1917.

At Fiers about the date named - though I thought it a little later - we were coming out of the front line (being relieved). We were going over the open land behind the trench in extended order. I was ahead of Gogoll. He was hit by a shell and killed instantly. I was told this when we reached the support trench by Sgt. T. Buckley, 1894, 1st battn. C.XI. (still there) who said he was alongside him when he was hit. He is in XI pl. section XI. and his No. was 1930. (Witness quoted this from his note book used by him in his work).

FEP.

Reference:- Cpl. O.J. Thorp. 2207. 18.C.  
No. 7 Can. Gen. Hosp.

*Written Sgt Buckley 31.5.17*

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16.5.17.

18th Battn  
A.I.F.

Gogall.  
J.P. 1930

"Killed in Action 7.1.17."

Your letter concerning Pte. Gogall duly to hand, and in reply I beg to state that he was hit with a fragment of shell while going into the line and died about 15 minutes later. He was conscious to the last and apparently out of pain. He was buried in the field at the head of Delville Wood in close proximity to several others and I believe that the site has since been made into a cemetery. His description is as far as I can remember slight build wiry, fair complexion about, height about 5'10" clean shaven slight curly hair, left Australia with 3rd Reinf. of the 20th Battn on the 9.8.15 which subsequently joined the 18th Battn on Gallipoli

Letter from L- Sgt. T. Buckley. 1894

C. Coy.,  
18th Battn  
5.7.17.

London.  
12.9.17.

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18th Battn.  
A. I. F.

Gogoll.  
J.L. 1930.

"Killed in Action 7.1.17."

About 1930 J. Gogoll. He was killed in the early part of January on the Fliers sector by a shell exploding at his feet, and as far as I know he was buried on the field by the Pioneers. As for description I have known him for months, he's in the same company as myself, and there is no doubt about him being killed for I happen to be the person that was blown up by the same shell.

Letter from:-  
J. W. Blunden.  
France. 10.6.17.

London.  
28.6.17.

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1930 J. S. GOGALL  
ack. -M 10.7.17  
KA 7.11.17. 3  
18 Battalion  
5/7/17

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I have been thinking about you  
 very much lately and wondering how  
 you are getting on. I hope you are  
 well and happy. I am still the same  
 old me, but I have learned a lot  
 from my experiences. I am glad to hear  
 from you and hope you will write soon.  
 Love,  
 John

Friday - Sept

ACK  
F.M. 23.6.17

France.  
June 10<sup>th</sup> 17.

To The Secretary.

Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau  
Australian Branch "B. R. C. S."  
54 Victoria St.  
London S.W.

Dear Madam.

Received your letter dated 6.6.17  
asking for some information about 1980 J. Gosoll.  
he was killed in the early part of January 1917 in the Flanders  
sector by a shell exploding at his feet & as far as I know  
he was buried on the field by the Pioneers.  
as for description he I have known him for months & he  
was in the same company as myself & there is no doubt  
about him being killed for I happen to be the ~~same~~ person  
that was blown up by the same shell.

Yours Faithfully  
J. B. Blunden

1930  
GOSOLL

18 Nov 1917

KA. 7117