

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3304 Private
Francis Theodore
Gilbert

52nd Battalion



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31/10/18.

A.I.F. 52nd Battn.

B.
P.T. Gilbert,
3304.

"Killed in Action 5/4/18."

Pte. Gilbert & Pte. Duncan were killed at Dernancourt on the 5th April 1918. I have made a note of the former but have not the Numbers of any of them, but am almost sure they are the same as you are enquiring for, as the Numbers correspond to the Numbers in the Reinforcement that I came over for, the 8/42nd, but as you want to know exactly, I have tried to find out for you. I have seen Brigade where all records of burials are kept, but as the Battalion that we were in has been disbanded, all the Records are at. O/C Records, Australian Section, 3rd Echelon, B.E.F. France. I am writing to them for full particulars. A great pal of Roy Duncan's met his end on the 14th of last month at Jeancourt, where he is buried. His name was Pte. Ben O'Farrell M.M. No. 3365. I shall let you know exact particulars, as I am nearly sure they are the same lads that came over with me.

Informant:- 3330 Sig. Con. Kenealy,
50th Battn.
B.E.F. France.

London
31/10/18.

S. A.

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A.I.F.
52nd Battalion.

GILBERT, F.T. No.3304.

V/A 5.4.18 -

He came from Queensland; he was tall, fair, about 26 years old, and single. Witness and he were both in "C" Company. His name was "Frank."

Witness does not remember any Gilbert being killed in April, but the above Gilbert - whose initials he recollected - was transferred to the 49th Battalion, when the 52nd Battalion was broken up. He met him at a Casualty Clearing Station near Villers Bretonneux on 10/8/18, and he was then alright, having come to see some of his mates at the Casualty Clearing Station.

Witness - Private J.G.Patterson, No.2963,
Home Address- Dallarnil,
Via. Isis Junction, Queensland.

F.de V.Lamb, Major,
H.M.T. "Euripides",
14/4/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

See Previous Report by Patterson

Correctly and that is all

F.O.

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A.I.F. 52nd. Btn.
Coy. A.
Ptn. -

GILBERT.
Pte. F.T. 3304.

"Killed 5.4.18"

Description:- 5'10". Dark Age. 25.
From Brisbane, Queensland.

I was told by a mate of Gilberts who saw him killed that Gilbert was killed by M.G. Bullet at Dernancourt on 5.4.18 at 11 a.m. He was first wounded in the knee and while crawling away he got a bullet in the head killing him instantly. Do not know anything of burial. I came away in same boat from Brisbane.

Informant:- Pte. 3389. F.W. Hayman.
52 Btn. "C" Coy. Ptn. 11. Ward 11. 3.A.A.Hosp
6.8.19.

Home address:- Norman Park, Brisbane, Queensland.

S.S.W.

J.E.A.
London.
27.9.19.

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52nd Bn.
A.I.F.
late 42nd Bn.

GILBERT
Francis Theodor 3304

~~Killed in Action 5th 18th~~

No trace Germany

port by Capt. Mills, 10, 10, 19.

NAME

UNIT

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Source of Source

London
22, 10, 19

ANALYSIS

CHANCE

52nd Battn.
A.I.F.

GILBERT F.T. 3304
Duncan R.J. 3283

"Killed 6-4-18"

Pte. Con Kenealy M.M., of 52nd Battn. A.Coy., was
stretcher bearing on the day, and could give particulars
of these. He told me of them. He is now with the Coy.

Informant. Gibson. E. 3409
52nd Battn. A.Coy.,
Ent 10,
WESTHAM.

W.A. Rand
London
17-7-18.

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J. A.
Writter Kenealy about Gilbert & Duncan -
23.7.18.

52nd Battn.

A.I.F.

C. 6777

NO 27

GILBERT.

Pte.

Pte. J. A. Moore.

L/Cpl. Hall.

"Killed"

They were all killed within ten minutes by M.G. bullets through the head when we were enfiladed by the Germans during their attack at about 3 p.m. on April 5th, in a gully along our side of the railway line about a mile from the Scarpe and about 4 miles on the left front of Rivecourt. (on the right of Albert). They were killed about 10 yards from me. Gilbert had been wounded in the leg and was going out. I saw them buried the next evening at the bottom of the valley, the place being marked by crosssticks. Moore was a mate of mine. Tall, thin about 19, came from Lismore, N.S.W. joined in March. Hall, about 21, in command of No 4 L.G. Section 9th Pltn. Only "Hall" in Coy. Gilbert a stout built man of about 22. About 5ft 11 in. Joined in March and the only Gilbert in Coy.

Informant:- Pte. A. Simmons.

52nd Battn. C. Co. 9th Pltn.

A.I.F.

Brisbane Military Hospital

3 B.

A. G. Campbell.

London.

21-5-18.

52nd Battalion.

K/A. 5/4/18

F.T.
FRANCIS THÉODORE

GILBERT
X P.T., 3304

I was acting as stretcher-bearer in the Dernancourt stunt on 5/4/18 when I saw Gilbert who had been wounded in the knee, struck by a bullet in the head. We could do nothing for him as he was without doubt mortally wounded. I cannot say what became of him but in all probability he was buried. He was hit about a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile out of Buire-sur-L'Ancre towards Dernancourt. I knew Gilbert well. We came over together in the "Hororata" and joined the 52nd Battalion from the 42nd Btn. together. He was tall, big made, fair-haired and young.

Informant:- No. 3330 Sgnlr. Kenealy C.
50th Battalion

H.J. Bennett
H.M.A.T. "City of Exeter"
16/7/19.

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52nd Battn.
A.I.F.

GILBERT.
P.T. 3304.

"Killed (in Action) 5-4-18"

He was transferred to the 49th Battalion in March /April when the 52nd was broken up. I knew only one Fred Gilbert in the 52nd and I saw him with the details of the 49th at Villers Bretonneux on August 10th. Description:- Age about 25, about 11 stone, about 5ft 7/8. fair complexion.

Informant:- Pte Patterson, J.G. 2963.

49th Battn.

B.Cc.

No 2 Command Depct.

WEYMOUTH.

T. Osborne.
London.
4-10-18.
J.E.A.

B.

13.9.18

3304

J. T. Gilbert-

52 Bln

See under

3283 R. J. Duncan