

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
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**3101 Private  
Frederick Percy Hoare**

**15th Battalion**



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Hoare  
F.P. 3101

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3103 (2nd. Enq.)

" Missing 7.8.16".

Now reported Killed in Action 7.8.16.

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 15.5.17.

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18.5.17.

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Yvonne Gurnell

I knew Hoare personally as he was my Batman for about 18 months. His initials were F.P., but his number was 3101. His name was Fred.

On the night of the 7th August, 1916, I was in charge of a front line trench and there was a small 'Island' trench about 400 yards in front of us. We had to cross No Man's Land to get to it. This was up near Mouquet Farm. At about 10 p.m. on 7/8/16, I got instructions from Major Johnson to go out and take charge of this 'Island' trench. Just before leaving to go to this 'Island' trench, I went and saw Hoare - he was in a fairly safe looking position in the front, not 'Island' trench, so I told him not to come (as he was a married man with a family) out with me, and that I would see him next morning at 8 a.m. The Germans counter-attacked, and I did not get back till 4 p.m. on 8/8/16. I went at once to see Hoare, and found the place where I left him all blown in by shell fire. I made enquiries from Sergeant Cuzens, who was in charge of that part of the trench, and he told me he had reported Hoare as "missing". I then enquired from the trenches behind through which Hoare would have to pass, and the Officer, from my description of Hoare, said such a man had gone back with a badly wounded arm. I was wounded the next day, and made enquiry at the Dressing Station, and then Chaplain Tighe,

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who was in charge of the 15th Battalion casualties, told me Hoare had not gone through. Whilst in England I was told by Private Bassett, a member of my Platoon and in the same Section as Hoare, that he (Bassett) was coming down with Hoare after they were both wounded on the night of 7/8/16, when a shell came over and killed Hoare. Bassett knew Hoare well and was quite certain of what he said. I subsequently saw Hoare's wrist watch which he was wearing on 7/8/16. Mrs. Hoare now has this watch. I have seen her since my return, and have made the necessary Declaration at the Barracks to enable her to receive his pay.

Informant:- MOCHIE, Lieut. H.,  
15th Battalion,  
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,  
RANDWICK.

NOTE: A most reliable witness.

H.B.O.  
18/7/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

15th Battalion.

HOARE, P.F. 3101.

K Aug. 7/16.

Short chap, rather dark. Married. Has 2 children. Belonged to  
9th Coy. At the time he was a batman. In the Brigade however at 2 am.  
he was caught by a shell and blown to pieces. I know his remains were  
buried but can give no particulars thereof. Locality Pozieres stunt.

Eyewitness to Casualty:- 3766 Pte. W. Hammet,  
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