

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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473 Sergeant  
Thomas David  
O'Keeffe

25th Battalion



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25th Battn.  
A.I.F.

O'KEAFE  
Pte. T.D. 473

"Killed 17-7-18"

I knew O'Keafe very well. He was an Anzac. He was killed in action between Morlandcourt and Villers-Bretonneux, and was buried behind the lines there. Ground was held.

Eye-witness:- Yes.  
Description:-

Informant. Farrell. Pte. James 6921 (intelligent, but very slow, blind)  
Home address:- Winchester Street, 25th Battn. D.Coy.,  
Doonbin, King George Hpl.  
Brisbane.

Mrs. E. Slater  
2-10-18  
London  
14-10-18  
J.E.A.

M.

A.I.F. 25

O'KEAFE, T.D. 473.

K. July 17/18. Det. D/B.

O'Keafe was a Sgt. in D Co. 15 Pl., and an "original". He was killed on July 17 at Villers Bretonneux, where we went over and progressed about 1000 yards. We followed up C Co. and took the objective. O'Keafe was killed after we had taken the objective, when he came back about 100 yards, going back for ammunition. A Cpl. whose name I do not remember, told me he had seen it and said he was hit by a M.G. Bullet in the head and killed outright. He was buried, I believe, just behind the objective, but afterwards a burying party came up, and I think they moved the bodies to a proper cemetery.

Reference: Pte. Tillyard, 7151. 15 Pl.  
Cyc. B.D. Rouen. 21.9.18.

DLF.

M.

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O'KEAFE  
T.D. 473

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Refer to Q/M/Sgt. J. Carrigan, B. Coy. 25th Battn., for he  
I think, can give details of death and burial.

Informant. Armstrong. Pte. R.M. 6516  
B. Coy. 25th Battn.,  
3rd A.A.H.,  
DARTFORD.

Note:-

Written Q/M/Sgt. Carrigan 24-9-18.

W. Oman  
London  
30-9-18  
H.G.

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23rd. October. 1918.

25th. Australians.

O'Keefe, T. D. 473. (1243)

K. July. 17/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Sergeant O'Keefe, D. Company, he was an original Anzac; I think he had the M.M. Private, T. Dolan, D. 14, told me that he had buried O'Keefe in the vicinity of Villers Bretonneux in July. 1918.

Inf:- Private. W. J. O'Sullivan. 3697.  
25th. Australians. D. 16.  
Australian Conv. Camp.  
Ronelles.

RDM.

J.C.H.

Written Dolan

CP.

31.10.18

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Q/M/Sgt J. Carrigan  
B. Co  
25 Battery  
a. l. f.

Almt  
473 Pt T. O'Keefe  
25 Battery  
a. l. f.

K July 17/18

Written 24.9.18

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To  
Pte T. Dolan  
XIV Platoon D. Co  
25 Battery  
A. I. F

about  
473 Pte T. D. O'Keefe  
25 Battery  
A. I. F

K July 17/18

Written  
31.10.18  
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