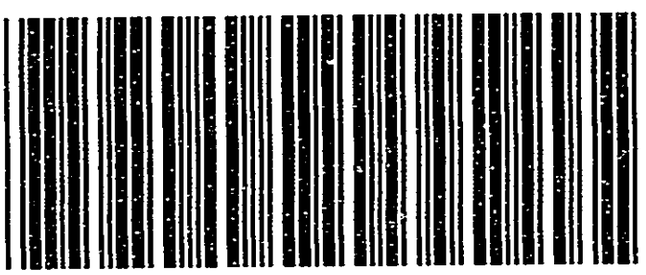
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4211 Driver
Edward Lawler

50th Battalion



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50th Australian Imperial Force.

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Lawlor,/Driver,4211

(K. Oct. 18. 1917 Dets
D & B)

" I was leading a pack mule up by the brick fields at Zonnebeke and Lawler leading another was with me and several other men There was a German Baloon far up just over us, and they must have spotted us and signalled to their gunners as they fired a shell right into the middle of us and the mules. Lawler was killed outright also the Quartermaster,who was in charge of the party, and several others were killed and some badly wounded. They were all buried on the same spot except those men who died of wounds later. I knew Lawler very well indeed. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description - Short, hard face,about 42. Called " Teddy."

Informant :- Driver Arthur Simpson, 3469,
50 Aus. Imp Force,
Norfolk and Norwich Hospital,
Norwich.

Home address :-
Maun Terrace,
North Adelaide,
S. Australia.

Mar 30.18.
M.Nevill.

14th May 1918.

Havre.

Lawler E. No.4211.

A.I.F. 50.

K. 18th Octr 1917. Bet B/B.

He was in the Transport. I was told by Pte H. Paul Stevenson at Le Havre early in April that he had seen Lawler killed at Zonnebeke on the 18th Octr by a shell while he was taking rations. They buried Lawler. He was a great Cobber of Stevenson's. Stevenson is still with the 50th Batn Transport. Lawler was a little dark chap, clean shaven.

Infs:- Pte L. Gelder No.3823.
A.I.F. 50. A.Co. III.
H.M. 'Carrisbrook Castle'.

CWS.

Written Pte. Stevenson 27.5.18.

A.I.F. 50th Battn.

LAWLER
Edward 4211

"Killed in Action 18/10/17"

I have to advise you that No. 4211 Dvr. Lawler E. 50th Battn., was killed by shellfire on the evening of 18/10/17, while delivering rations to Battalion Headquarters. He was killed outright and was buried by the Battalion the Brigade C of E Chaplain officiated at the grave side. The map location of grave is:- Map 1/40,000 Sheet 28. D.23.c.3.5.

Letter from:- O.C.,
50th Battn.,A.I.F.;
Headquarters,
4/6/18.

NOTE:- This is in reply to our letter to Cpl. J. Mitchell.

London
14/6/18.

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27. 5. 18.

Pte. N. Paul Stevenson
50th Batt. Transport
abroad A.1.7.

abt.
#211
Pte. E. Lawler
50th Batt. A.1.7
K. 18. 10. 17.

27. 5. 18.
A.1.B.

50th Battn. Trans.Sect.
A.I.F.

LAWLER
E. 4211

"Killed 18-10-17"
D. Coy.

Refer to Cpl.J.Mitchell, 50th Battn., who is now in France, He saw him killed and can give full details of death and burial.

Informant. Mulrooney Cpl.W.J. 2200
50th Battn.A.Coy.3rd Pltn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

Note:-
Written Mitchell 29-5-18
Letter answered by Adj. 9-6-18

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London
30-5-18

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50th Battn.
A.I.F.

LAWLES.
E. 4211.

"Killed in Action" 18-10-17.

Lawler was a Driver in transport and was killed instantly up at a Bump near Zonnebeke by a shell while carrying rations. Capt Mowle, Teddy Lawler and Eddy were killed at same time. I saw them killed.

He was buried but I can't say where, I was told by the chap Bert West.D.Co.(now with the battalion) who made the cross for his grave. Lawler came from Islington.W.A.

Note:- Written B.West.10-6-18.

Informant:-Scott.W.H.4862.
50th Battn.D.Coy.
Hut 10 WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand,
London.
12-6-18.

A.

4211
Edward Lawler
50th Batn
Kia 18-10-17

Headquarters,
50th, BATTALION A.I.F.
4th, June, 1918.

To/
Miss Vera DEAKIN,
Australian Red Cross Society,
L O N D O N S.W.

Reference attached.

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We are always very pleased to assist you in any enquiries.

Lieutenant,
A/Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

Ref. This is in reply to our letter to Capt J Mitchell

Tel.: VICTORIA {8576 8577 8578

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SECRETARY," WOUNDED AND MISSING — ENQUIRY BUREAU — AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

27. 5. 18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Pte. N. Paul Stevenson
5th Batt. Transport. A.I.F.
Abroad

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

4211 Pte. E. Lawler 5th Batt. A.I.F.
K. 18. 10. 17.

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

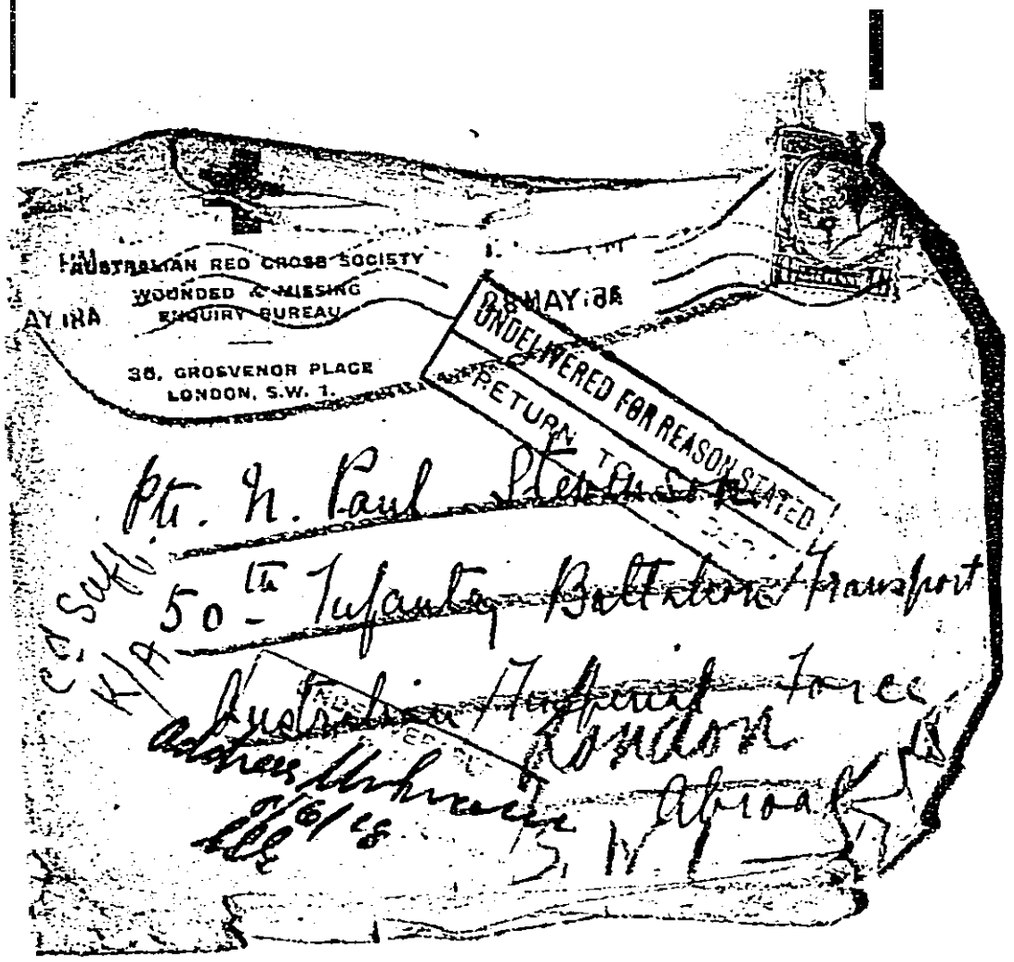
We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin
Pte A.I.F.
Secretary.

In case of the latter's death 2.8.18
N.T.


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