

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6204 Private
William Henry George
Fox Low

25th Battalion



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25th Battn.
A.Coy.
A.I.F.

Low.
W.H.G.F. 6204

"Killed 30.10.17"

I saw him killed at Ypres. We were on our way up to the front line, when a shell caught him, fragments of which hit him about the stomach, killing him instantly. I knew him very well, he was the only man of that name in the Coy. I saw him being taken away for burial somewhere behind the lines, but I do not know exactly where, and cannot refer to anyone.

Witness:- Pte.W.Brimble 6044
25th Battn. B.Coy.6th Pltn.
3rd A.A.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
21.1.18.

B.

Havre

21st January.1918.

25th AUSTRALIANS

LOW, W.H.C.F. 6204

K. Oct. 30th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was in C. Co., II. Pltn. We were holding our line at Garter ~~Point~~ Point, Ypres front, on the 30th October, about 6.30. Sergt. Alford of the 25th Batt., C.Co., (who was up with the Battalion when I left about a week ago) told me that he saw Low killed.

Informant: O'Connor, C.S.M. 5948
25th Australians, C.Co.
Havre Hospital. Havre.

HFG.

B.

Written Sgt. Alford 12.2.18.

A. I. F. 25.

LOW, W.H.C.F.6204.

K. October 30th, 1917.

Low was in C.IX. I knew him. He was a married man with 1 child and before enlisting worked at Thurlows, Brisbane. I was divisional runner and was not with the Coy on October 30th. in the Passchendaele stunt but when I got back to Coy a fortnight later Pte White told me that he had been quite close to Low on October 30th in a carrying party when a shell fell near Low and killed him instantly. He did not tell me if Low's body had been buried.

FJ.

Reference:- Pte. F.J.Carver. 6233.

St. Johns Hp.

B
Staples
25.1.18.

Written Pte. White 12.2.18

25 Battn
A Coy.
III Plat.

Widely referred to

Lowe
Lawson
Luz 6558
Pte Herbert

"No Survivors"

My Company were carrying duck boards from Dickebusch to Passchendaele Ridge at the end of September and had gone through Ypres when on the left of Corauroy Road an enemy shell fell amongst us, about 7.30.p.m. It killed Farrell, Mitchell, Lowe & Inman, and wounded two more, all of my platoon. It blew me into a shell hole. The Pioneers are likely to have buried the dead. The following night on our way up, the bodies were not there. I had known Farrell 12 months. He came from Queensland, I think from Rockhampton. I was hit in the arm and leg, by a shell, at Passchendaele. Nov. 1st.

Informant:- No. 6591 Pte. H. E. Keogh
A. Coy. 3rd Pltn. 25th Battn. A.I.F.
H.S. "Panama" Le Havre.

London.
12.3.18.

M.

25th A.I.F.

Low Pte. W.H.G.F. 6204,
(K. Oct. 30th 1917 Dets. D/B)

"I saw Low killed on the Ypres front Oct. 20th 1917. We were carrying duck-boards up to the front line when a shell burst, killing four and wounding three. Low was one of those killed. When we went up next night the bodies had been removed, and I believe they were buried behind the lines by the Pioneers."

Eye witness:
Description:

Informant: Pte. H.T. Keogh 6591, 25th A.I.F., A Coy III
4th London General Hos: Denmark
Hill, S.E.

Home address: Clark Street, Warwick, Queensland,
Australia.

8.3.18.
H. Lennox.

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25th Battn.
A.I.F.

Low.
W.E.G.F. 6204

"Killed in Action 30.10.17"

Re 6204 Ste. W.E.G.F. Low. He was killed on the night of the 30.10.17 he was on fatigue with me, carrying duckboards up the line, we were in file and a shell came and killed him outright with many pieces in the body. He was a day or two after buried in a shell hole near the place where he was killed and he had a cross put over his head. He was a fine chap and well liked by all and died a soldier's death in the field, but behind our front line near Westhoek Ridge.

Letter from:- Sgt. R.D. Alford

Platoon Sgt.

B.2 Ward. King George Hpl.

Stamford St. London. S.E.

7.3.18.

London.

18.3.18.

B.

25th Battn.
A.I.F.

LOW
W.E.G.F. 6204

"Killed 30-10-17"

C. Horsefield, 25th Battn., told me that Low was killed going into the line just behind him. C. Horsefield was wounded going out, but is most probably back at the Battn. now.

Informant. Page J.T. 6662

W. A. Rand
London
22-3-18

26th Battn.,
Hut 17,
WESTHAM.

B.

Note:-

We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

25th Battn.
A.I.F.

Low.
W.H.G.F. 6204

"Killed in Action 30.10.17"

re 6204 W.H.G.F. Low. I am sorry we have no further information respecting subject of enclosed inquiry which L/Cpl. White who was away at the time of his comrade's death, has sent on to me, but we have examined complete records and you will find any notes we are able to supply below. - The above named soldier was killed on 30th Oct. 1917. He was killed instantaneously and buried on the battlefield. This man was about 5'6" in height, and of strong build, He was of a dark complexion, and clean shaven at time of his death. At one time, during his career with battalion, he wore a black moustache.

Letter from:-(The Chaplain,) J.F.V.Gregg-Macgregor
25th Battn.
19.3.18.

London.
25.3.18.

B.

The following "No Enquiry" report probably refers to-

25th Battn.

"Killed 30.10.17"

LOW,
W.H.G.F. 6204

25th Battn.
A.I.F.

NO ENQUIRY.

Lowe.
Pte.Bert.

My brother W.J.Inmon was killed on 29th Oct.last by a shell at Ypres and is buried at AnzacHouse, Westhoek Ridge. Cross erected over his grave. Pte.Bert Lowe and Pte.Mitchell both of A.Coy. 25. are also buried there. If any difficulty in tracing grave Lt. Payne told me of position of graves. I should like photo sent to his next of kin - Mother - Mrs.E.Inmon Brushgrove, Clarence River, H.S.W.

Witness:-

A.G.Inmon 1793

25th Battn. Sig.Sec.

Hut 11 Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
1.1.18.

B.

The following "No Enquiry" report probably refers to -

25th Battn.
A.I.F.

"Killed 30.10.17"

LOW,
W.H.G.F. 6204

25th Battn.
A.Coy.
A.I.F.

NO ENQUIRY.

Lowe.
Pte.Herbert.
(see Pte.W.J.Inmon's report)

I was with Inmon on the night of the 29th Oct.about 8.p.m. dark, going on fatigue carrying duck boards from Westhoek to our lines, when he was hit by a shell splinter. There were four of us together Pte.Herbert Lowe, A.Coy.2nd Pltn. Pte.Fed Mitchell, A.Coy. 2nd Pltn Pte.Inmon, A.Coy.2nd Pltn. and myself. The other three were killed instantly. I was wounded and walked to the Dressing Station. I cannot say where any of the three were buried.

Informant:- Pte.C.J.Horsefield 6576

25th Battn. A.Coy.2nd Pltn.

Australian Camp, Bouelles.

London.
1.1.18.

B.

(12.2.18)

Sgt Alford

C Coy

25th Batta O. 17

abroad

G

abt

6204 Pte W.H. G.F. Low

C Coy IX Pllu

25th Batta O. 17

K 30.10.17

13.2.18
O. 17 B.

(12-2-17)

pk White

25th Batta. A. 17

Abroad

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6204 pk W.H.G.F. Low

C. Coy. IX Pllu

25th Batta. A. 17

R 30-10-17

12-2-17
B.L.O.

eff by
after 9.3.18
S.S.

6204
W.H. G.F. LOW.
25th Batta
18/A 30-10-17
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B.2. Ward
King George Hospital
Stamford St.
Waterloo
London S.E.1.
7-3-18.

Miss Treakin

I am in reply of yours
of the 13-2-18 just now to hand.
Re 6204 Pte W.H. G.F. Low of 6. Coy.
25th Batta. Yes he was killed on
the night of the 30-10-17, he was on
fatigue with me, carrying duck boards
up the line, we were in file & a shell
came & killed him outright, with
many ^{pieces} in the body, he was a
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near the place where he was killed, &
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He was a fine chap & well liked by
all, & died a soldiers death, in the
field, but behind our front line,
near Westhoek ridge.

Yours
Dear

Yours sincerely
B.2. Ward
Platoon Sgt

11th March 1918

Sgt. R.D. Alford,
25th Btn, A.I.F.
B.2. Ward
King George Hospital,
Stamford Street,
S.E.1.

Dear Sgt. Alford,

Thank you very much for your letter giving us
the information about - 6204 Pte W.H.S.F. Low, C. Coy, 25th
Btn. - It will be of great assistance to us in supplying
reliable details to his relatives. If you can recall the
name of the platoon Sgt, from whom we could get news of
6142 Pte W. McA. Lugton, C. Coy, 25th Btn, we would be extremely
grateful.

Hoping that you are getting on well and with best
wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

6204. Pte L.O.W., M.H.G.F. 25th Bn

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

25th Bn M.F.

March 19. 1910

Dear Mr. Deakin

I am sorry we have no further information respecting subject of enclaved enquiry which T.C. White who was away at the time of his Comrade's death, has sent on to me, but we have even and complete records & you will find your wife we are able to supply ^{papers} (the back of your ^{enquiry}).

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Deakin

Chaplain

Mr. Deakin

36 Grosvenor Place

S.W. 1.

Kindly look
at our records
be a help on this
20/10/17

13. 2. 18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

~~54 VICTORIA STREET~~

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

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VICTORIA: { 8576
8577
8578

Telegraphic Address:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

Dear Sir,

Pt. White

25th Batta. A. 7. 7.

Aberdeen

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit

6204

Pt. W. H. G. F. Low C Coy. IX Plla.

25th Batta. A. 7. 7. K. 30. 10. 17.

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

We would be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning Pt. W. H. G. F. Low but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldier's 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.

✓ See
6/11/17

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Franklin

SECRETARY.

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identification of the soldier about whom you are writing.

Insert Captain's note here

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killed on 30th Oct 1917. He was
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on the battlefield.

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career with battalion, he wore a
black moustache.

6204

W. H. G. F. LOW

25 Batta

R/A 30-10-17

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