

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2038 Corporal
William David Keeley**

5th Machine Gun Company



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A.I.F.

KEELEY
Wm David. 2038.

"Killed in Action" 22-9-17.

Re No 2038. Cpl. W.D. Keeley. He died of wounds at advanced Dressing Station, Westhoek Ridge, Ypres, and was buried in the immediate vicinity of the A.D.S. in a soldiers' cemetery.

Informant: E.W. Armstrong, ^{P.R. Clerk}
5th. A.M.G. Coy.
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16th April 1918.

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5th Aust. M.G.C.

Keeley W.D. No. 2085 B.

K. 22nd September 1917. Det D/B.

I knew Corporal Wm. D. Keeley who was killed in September 1917. Sargt. E. Brown, orderly room Sergeant, and a great personal friend of Keeley will be able to give all details as to death and burial. Brown is still with his unit.

Inf:- Cpl W.A. McEwara No. 3120.

5th Aust. M.G.C.

Australian Camp. Rouelles.

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Written to Sgt R Brown.

23.4.18.

A.I.F. - M.G.C.

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Kecley. W.D. 2083B.
5 Coy.

(K. Sept. 22/17.)
Det. D/B.

"Kecley was killed at the battle of Menin Road, Ypres, two days after the advance from Ypres about 22nd Sept. last. The ground was held. He was killed in a shell hole by an aeroplane bullet shot through the stomach. He was a Cpl. of No. 2 Sect.. W. Faulkner, now Cpl. also Sgt. White both of No. 2 sect: told me after they came out when they were relieved. Some of the boys buried him, and there is the usual wooden cross on the Grave, but where it is I cannot remember."

Eyewitness: No. See above.

Description: Age about 24, 5'5" or 6" in height, dark cleanshaven, medium build, spoke slowly came from somewhere in N.S.Wales.

Informant: Gnr. C. George. 1935.

See Sgt White's Report

A.I.F. M.G.C. 5 Coy. 2 Section.
Colmore Road Hospital,

Home address:

King's Heath, Birmingham.

25/4/18.

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66 Waltham St, Newtown, Sydney.

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5TH MACHINE GUN COMPANY, A.I.F.
(Late 20th Battn.)

KEELEY, W.D.
2038B. T/Cpl.

KILLED, 22/9/17.

Informant described Keeley as about 5 ft.7 inches high, slight build, dark complexion, aged about 25. A Roman Catholic by religion. Informant states they both belonged to No.2 Section of the Company, and were both on No.2 Gun.

On 20/9/17, the Gun Company was engaged in the Battle of Menin Road. He and Keeley advanced together and reached within 200 yards of their destination at a point called Anzac Redoubt. They were advancing behind a creeping barrage. During the next advance he missed Keeley. A carrier came up and told Informant that he had seen Keeley sitting wounded by a shell in a shell-hole. ~~and he was~~ Informant never saw him after he was wounded, and had to go on with the advance. He learned, however, that the Red Cross got him and took him to a Dressing Station about a mile away. He was told that Keeley died there and that he was buried at Zero Point, about 3 miles from Ypres.

Informant added that Keeley was well liked in the Company.

INFORMANT:- Gunner C. McIntosh, 956,
5th Machine Gun Co.,
"N" Ward, No.4 Aust.Gen.Hospital,
RANDWICK.

W.E.G.
24/5/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

2nd MACHINE GUN BATTALION, A.I.F.
5th Coy. (Late 20th Battn.)

KEELEY.
Temp/Corporal W.D. 2038B.

"KILLED, 22.9.17."

Informant described Keeley as about 5 feet 6 inches high, slight build, dark complexion, aged 26 to 27 years.

Informant states that they both belonged to the 5th Company. On 20.9.17 the Company was at Westhoek Ridge, near Ypres, during the battle of Menin Road. About 6 or 7 a.m. when they were almost on the last objective, Keeley was hit by a Machine Gun bullet. As he fell he sang out to Informant who walked back to him. Keeley said to him "I'm finished". Informant put him in a shell-hole, and the 5th Brigade Trench Mortar men afterwards got him, and Informant believes that they took him to a Dressing Station and that he died the same day. Informant had to go on and never saw Keeley again.

According to Informant, Keeley was a good chap and a good soldier.

INFORMANT: Sergeant E. White, 5661,
2nd Machine Gun Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address: "Wilgara", Liverpool Road, ENFIELD.
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Anzac Buffet, SYDNEY.
19.5.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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I knew Koolay. We called him Bill. He was Cpl. at the time of his death. We went over at West-Beck Ridge on 20th. Sept. at 5.45 a.m. It was when we had almost reached our last objective about 8 a.m. when he was hit in the stomach by a bullet from a sniper. The bullet went right through him. I was next man to him when he was hit. I went back to him and he said "I'm done, Ted". I pulled him down into a shell hole where some men of the Bn. were. I said to them "This man is a pal of mine, please attend to him". I then had to go on. Afterwards I heard that they got Koolay down to the D.E. where he ~~last~~ died. He would be buried near the D.E. in a registered grave.

HGP.

Reference: Sgt. E. White. 5041.
R.B. Depot.

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Cpl. W. Fairclough

No. 2 Sec.

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2038. Pvt. W. D. Keeler

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23-4-18.

3rd June 1918

Secretary

Australian Red Cross Society

26 Grosvenor Place

London S.W. 1

Ans. 18
11.6.18

Dear Sir,

Re Engr. W. B. Reeky

No. 2038 5th Australian
Machine Gun Battalion

The above named soldier was
reported killed or died of wounds
on the 21st or 22nd Sept. last
presumably at Ypres or thereabouts.
The relations have written to me
asking me to inform them the
place he was buried. I shall
therefore be obliged if you can
give me any information on the

subject and if possible the
number of his grave. If you
have not the information perhaps
you could inform me to whom
I might inquire.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly

L. W. Lawford

Driver No. 2039

18th Battalion

(Trench section)

Australian Imperial Force

9-5-18

Cpt. W. Faulkner

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Wm Davis Kealey
5th M. S. Coy
K. M. A 22-9-17

478 (ca) Sgt. J. A. Armstrong
Percy E. W. and Pelham
5th M. S. Coy
K. M. A 21-9-17
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The Secretary

Wounded Missing Eng. Bureau
And Red Cross etc.

In reply to your enquiries about
the undermentioned men
of this unit.

No 2038 Sgt. W. D. Kealey
Died of wounds at Advanced
Dressing Station Westhoek
Ridge N. Pres. & was buried in
the immediate vicinity of the
A.D.S. in a soldiers cemetery.

X No 478 Pte P. W. Pelham
Was killed at Eastern Point of Pres
& was not buried in a soldiers
cemetery. His grave is situated
at Ref. Map Sheet 28. 1/40000 Br. A.
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No 1094 Sgt. J. A. Armstrong:-
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Advanced about 250 yds
on 9 Oct. 1917. Sgt. Armstrong
was killed, but as far as
I can ascertain was not
killed by any member of
this unit. Regret that I
cannot supply more details
of Sgt. Armstrong, on account
of the men who were with
him at the time, all being
away wounded at
present.

James P. Hays
Sgt. Armstrong
Co. Clerk
5th Am. Coy

Through the Slips
Under Armstrong

~~W. G. C. Beckett~~

Tel.: VICTORIA { 8576
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
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"THE SECRETARY,"
WOUNDED AND MISSING
— ENQUIRY BUREAU —
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

Epl. W. Faulkner

no. 2 Sec.

M. G. P.

A. 17

9.5.18.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

2038. W.D. Mealey. 5. Coy. M.G.P. A.17.

Ref! 12. 22-9-17

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*

Secretary.

W. H. C.

Comerford
2036 Dvr. M. J. Comerford,
10th Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force,
A.I.F.

June 18th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry of 3rd Inst., for
2036 Dvr. M. J. Comerford, 10th Infantry Coy, A.I.F.
who is officially reported to have been killed in action
on 22-9-17. We regret to forward the following unofficial
reports in confirmation of his death.

5661 Sgt. White of the same unit states:- "I knew
Keeley. We went over at Westhoek Ridge on 20th Sept at 5.45.
a.m. It was when we had reached our last objective at about 8
that he was hit by a bullet from a sniper. I was next to him
when he was hit. I went to him and he said "I'm done." I
pulled him into a shell hole and I heard afterwards that he
was taken to the dressing station where he died."

Pte. H.W. Armstrong made the following statement:- "Pte.
W.D. Keeley died of wounds at the advanced dressing station.
Westhoek Ridge. Ypres. He was buried in the immediate vicinity
in a soldiers' cemetery."

Though to our knowledge Pte. Keeley's grave has not been
registered we would advise you for your satisfaction to apply
for information to The Director,

Graves Registration Bureau,
Winchester House, St. James Sq.,
S.W. 1.

who may possibly be able to give you further and more definite

particulars.

We have already received an enquiry for Ste. Neely through our Sydney Office and have sent out to it all information at our disposal whence it will be communicated to the enquirer.

With good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

Miss Neely
SECRETARY.

No. 2039 Pte. L. W. Comerford,
Transport Section,
13th Battalion,
A.I.F.,
B.E.F.

25th August 1918

Dear Sir,

In further answer to your enquiry for No. 2038B Pte. W.D. Keeley 5th Machine Gun Coy., A.I.F., we beg to inform you of another unofficial report given by No. 956 Pte. C. MacIntosh of the same unit who was interviewed in No. 4 Australian General Hospital Sydney. He stated that the gun company was engaged in the battle of Menin Road on 20/9/17 and he and Pte. Keeley advanced together reaching within 200 yards of their destination at a point known as Azac Redoubt, advancing behind a creeping barrage. During their next move forward from there he missed Pte Keeley and a stretcher bearer informed him that he had seen him sitting wounded in a shell hole. Informant learned afterwards that Pte. Keeley had been removed to a dressing station about a mile away when he had died, his burial taking place at zero Point about three miles from Ypres. Pte. McIntosh described him as 5' 7" in height, of slight build and dark complexion and about 25 years of age. Trusting that these details will be of some assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

L A W. Secretary

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