

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**1699 Private
Michael Thomas
Maher**

56th Battalion



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M.T. MAHER.
1699.

"Killed in Action 25-4-18"

Buried Aubigny British Cemetery, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.W. of Corbie.
Cert: by A.I.F. Hqs 18-10-18.

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19-10-18.

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56th Battn.
A.I.F.

MAHER
N.T. 1699

"KILLED 25-4-18"

Of A.Coy. attached to Stretcher Bearers. On 25th April during enemy's attack at Villers Bretonneux. He was stretcher bearing and coming back from R.A.P. when killed outright by shell. I was about 4 yards away at time - one piece of the shell hit him in the temple.

He was buried in Military Cemetery at Aubigny. I have seen his grave - Cross erected. Knew him as "Tom". He came from N.S.W.

Informant - Charlton, Cpl. A.R. 4750
56th Battn. A.Coy. 3rd. Pltn.
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.G.
13-11-18
London
19-11-18
J.E.A.

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A.I.F. 56th Battn.

MAHER
N.T. 1699.

"Killed 25.4.18."

Was Stretcher Bearer. On the 25th April at Villers Bretonneux, holding the line. Was killed outright by shell. I saw him after; was hit in chest and head. Was buried in Aubigny Military Cemetery, cross erected. I was in burial party. Christian name Mick.

Informant:- C.P. Wall, 3475,
56th Battn.,
Headquarters,
Pioneer Sergeant,
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.G.
London
4.12.18.
J.E.A.

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56th BATTALION. A.I.F.

MAHER - Pte. M.T.
No. 1699.

"Killed 25.4.18."

Informant described Maher as about 6 ft. high, heavy build, medium complexion, aged about 27. Came from the Riverina District, probably from Hay.

Informant states that they both belonged to A. Company, 1st Platoon. On 25.4.18 the Battalion was resisting an attack by the Germans at Villers Bretonneux. Maher was a Stretcher Bearer helping the 54th Battalion, and was killed outright by a high explosive shell. Informant never saw him hit, but helped to carry him out to a chalk pit where the Battalion Headquarters were established. From there he was taken to Aubigny and buried there in a little graveyard that had been made by one of the Padres. Informant afterwards saw the grave, over which a cross with name etc. thereon had been placed.

According to Informant Maher was a very obliging chap, and well thought of by his mates.

Informant: Lance-Corporal G.F. Hampton, No. 1657.

A. Company, 56th Battalion.

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W.E.G.

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27.2.19.

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A.I.F.

56th BATTALION.

MAHER, Private,
M.T. - 1699.

"KILLED 25/4/18."

Maher was killed during the fighting at Villers Bretonneux. He was a Stretcher Bearer and was carrying back wounded when a shell fell near him and killed him outright. He was carried in and buried at Aubigny in a Military Cemetery near the Square.

INFORMANT - W.J. White - 5121.

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