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4853 Private
Noel Maltby

51st Battalion



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May 22nd, 1917.

Mr. A. C. Maltby,
5, Waterloo Terrace,
St. Luke's,
Cork, Ireland.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of enquiry for 4855 Pte. H. Maltby, 51st Battn. A.I.F., and regret to state that he is now officially reported "Killed in Action on 5-9-16" previously reported missing on that date.

We have received sad unofficial reports of his death from men in his unit. One informant 4760 Pte. Clarke said that he was told by his friend Pte. McLachlan, who was himself killed on 3rd September, that he saw Maltby killed. McLachlan was taking him to a protected position when he died in his arms. The informant adds, that he is certain of this because Pte. McLachlan told him and was soon after killed himself.

Q.M.Sgt. Davies 51st Battn. states that he has answered numerous enquiries about Maltby, when he was with the unit. He saw Maltby when he was just on the point of death, and was too bad to be moved. This was near Mouquet Farm.

4919 L.Cpl.R. Wilmott stated that Pte.Maltby, Pte. Hughes, Pte. Lille and Pte.Pasvalsky were all killed together at Mouquet Farm on Sept. 3rd while digging in. The four men were working together when a shell blew them up.

We regret that the above news is so distressing, and would like to offer our sincere sympathy in your loss.

We shall advise you should we obtain any further particulars as to the circumstances of his death.

Yours faithfully,

V. D [illegible]

3 Waterloo Tce
St Luke's
Cork Ireland May 6th 1917

Answered
21-5-17

RECORDS

N. C Duff Esq.
Secretary
Central Prisoners of War Committee
4 Marloe Place London S.W.7

Re No 4853 Private N Treadby.
5th Battalion Australian Imperial Force

Dear Sir

I would feel greatly obliged if you can send me any information regarding the above Soldier, who has been posted as missing on the Somme front since Sept 1916. he is a brother of mine & I am anxious regarding his safety

Faithfully Yours
A. C. Treadby

3 Waterloo Tce
St-Luke's
Cork Ireland 24th 1917

The Secretary
Wounded & Missing
Enquiry Bureau
Australian Red Cross Society
54 Victoria Street — London S.W.1.

Dear Sir

I am much obliged by yours of the 22nd inst. & desire to thank you sincerely for the information it contained regarding my dear Nephew No 4853 Pte Noel Healthy — 51st Battn A.I.F.

It is a great relief to us all having these facts regarding his death in action & fighting for his King & Country's Sake —

He was a good Son & brave boy —

Again thanking you —

Faithfully yours
A. C. Healthy