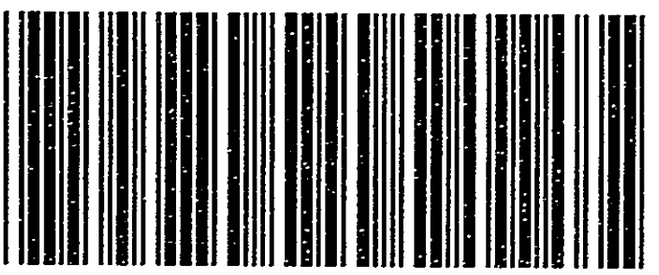
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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5151 Private
William Ernest Mead

11th Battalion



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A.I.F. 11th Btn

MEAD
Pte W.E. 5151

"D.of.W. 23-7-16"

Died of wounds - shell concussion 23-7-16 at 44th Casualty Clearing Station
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 26-6-17.

London
26-6-17

P.

11th Battn.
D Coy.

MEAD Pte W.S.
5151

Killed in action 23-7-16

I knew the above soldier and was an eyewitness of his death being at his side at the time. We were all lying down waiting for the signal to advance at about12 midnight. A M.G. bullet entered the top of his head death being instantaneous. We had to advance then and I was not able to see any more of him or his burial. A party was sent afterwards and theywere all buried on the same ground.
He was called "Long 'un" Height about 6', complexion between colours, Came from West Australia.

Inf. J.D.Patterson 11th Battn.
Address Spring Hill Bealingup West Australia.

H.I.Rogers
H.M.A.T.Dunvegan Castle
28-8-19

O.C's draft letter ~~June 30~~ July 5th

to.

The O.C

44th Casualty Clearing Station

B.E.F

~~Dear Sir~~

About No 5151 Pte H. E.

~~Mead~~ 11th Bn.

A.I.F

Who died on 23-7-16

Havre 11th June, 1917.

40th AUSTRALIANS ATWELL, R. 1788, A Co.

K. 17.2.17. Det. D/B.

He was in the 4th platoon. Atwell came from Tasmania. I knew him slightly. At armentieres about the 17th Feb. a wiring party was out at night. Atwell and I were of the party. It was a dark night: I was alongside of Atwell. A stray bullet hit him in the head. I was one of three men who carried him to the Battalion Dressing Station: there when we arrived there he was dead. He was unconscious all the time. I did not see him buried, but I was told that he was buried at Armentieres in the British Cemetery.

Informant: Pte. H. Fahey, 106
40th Australians, A Co., 1st Mtn.
Havre Hospital.

HFG

Australian Draft
to
Miss M. Fitzgerald
25 Tuckfield Street
Fremantle
W. Australia

5151

Re Pte W.E. Mead
11 Bttn

31.8.17

HOSPITAL 5 Southern General Hull

INFORMA

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.
	Nathan T O'Nan	E. W.	1258

GIV

	SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.
	Green	T. A.	1845

STATEMENT

NOTE. *In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.*

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"We were holding the li
position in the Gap Houp l
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He was buried in Ch
Chaplain Best-Dwas
Chaplain about him.
XV Platoon — He can

PLEASE ALSO ANSW

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness?	No.	2. If n o
3. Was the ground held or lost?	Held.	4. If l wa th
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	Initials —	6. Wa na
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.	medium heig black. Moust	
8. *Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence*	Reliable.	

O C 3/5 9. 17. Draft.

The O C 44th Casualty Clearing Station
D E F

Albert 57 57. Ste W & Mead. 11 Batt
A. I. F.

Died 23. 7. 16.

48th Battn.
A. I. F.

Sims.
P. A. 2984

Sims.
E. G. 2983

"Missing 11.6.17"

Re your letter to Mrs. Brown concerning Pte P. A. Sims 2984 and P. G. Sims 2983. Both these men joined the Battalion early in April and were in our Company during the attack on Bullecourt. I have made numerous enquiries amongst theboys in this Company and those in the same platoon, but beyond the fact that both are missing since 11.6.17, I have not been able to discover anything likely to furnish a clue to their whereabouts. In Battalion orders they have been marked Missing and further than this I am afraid I cannot supply any information.

Letter from:-
C. J. Usher.
C. Coy.
France. 27.7.17.

London.
20.8.17.

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P.I.

Australian Branch.
British Red Cross Society.
21 JUN 1917
Ans: Date

25 Luckfield Street
Fremantle.
Western Australia
6. 5. 17

To
Australian Red Cross Commissioner
France.

Sir

Can you give me any Particulars
Re the death of.

5151 Private W. E. Mead (Mead)
11 Battalion
3rd. Brigade
Australian Imperial Forces
Killed in action in France
July 23rd 1916

If any Particulars are
available I would deem it a very
great favour if You Could Leave
me Have them
Thank You in Anticipation
Yours Respectfully
(Mrs) Maggie Fitzgerald