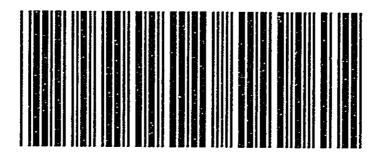
# Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War 1DRL/0428

# 5879 Private George Matthews

26th Battalion



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MATTHEWS G. 5879

#### "Killed 8.10.17"

I saw him shiped at Passchendaele. The bullet caught him through the head and death was instantaneous. I saw him fally and went to his assistance, but he was then beyond all aid. I knew him very well, he came from Bundsbergh Queensland and was engaged in Sugar growing prior to enlistment. The ground was held but I do not know place of burial, and cannot refer to anyone for details.

Witness:

Pte. E.C. Parker 5893 26th Battn 3rd A A Hospital, Dartford

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On Oct. 9th, not the 8th, he was killed between .
Baisy Wood and Zonnebeke about 11 s.m. by m.g. fire. I was close to him and saw him fall. He was hit in the head and chest and killed instantly. I cannot say where buried. Fine man, about 5ft.8 or 10, with a sandy moustache, should say about 35.

Inf. Sgt. G. Hiller, 3509. B. Billets. 15.3.18. BOULDGHE.

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#### "Killed in lotion" 8-10-17.

I was with my Conpany on October 8th or 9th 1917 at about 10.30.a.m. at Ypres, when we were advancing towards enemy positions in support of 5th Brigade who were attacking.

No 5879 Fte Geo Matthews was by the left side of, and advancing with me, when a sniper's bullet pierced his forehead. Death was instantaneous. I can give no particulars regarding his burial. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness: Yes.

Description: Thick set have a inger moneted.

Thick set, havay g inger moustache, gingery hair, see about 35. Description:

Home Address-Native Bee.

Informant: -James.Albert.E. 5852.Pte.

Via Clarement. 26th Battn.A.I.F. Queensland. Australia. Ilford Emergency Hospital ILFORD.

(Informant was a personal friend of decessed and his information s appeared most reliable) .

H.J.Charlton. London. 6-6-18.

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## "Killed 8/10/17"

I met Matthews at Bapaume. He was 5ft 7in in height, fair, and wore a moustache. I heard from a mate of both of us - Faulk that Matthews had been killed near Pelygon Wood about the 8th Oct. 1917. He was emiped by a bullet. Killing him instantly. Faulk told me that he had seen Matthews killed.

A good fellow, a good mate.

Informant: T. R. Wilmet, Pte, No. 4236, 26th Batt.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDW ICK.

Home address:
Bowen Mount,
Grose Vale,
KURRAJONG.

4/7/18. F.B.W. SYDNEY BURRAU.

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A.I.F. 26th Btn. MATTHEMS George 5879

## Killed in Action 8.10.17.

No burial report.

Gert. by Hars 17.7.19.

London. 7.10.19.

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