

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**2218 Driver**  
**Walter John Marlow**

**1st Field Company Engineers**



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A.I.F. / 1st Fld. Coy. Eng.

MARLOW  
W.J. 2218.

"Died of Wounds 12. 8. 18."

2218 Pte. Marlow, W.J. Australian Engineers, No.1. Field  
Company. Date of Admission 12th August 1918. Wounds, Bomb  
wound, Chest (Penetrating). Died on the 12th August 1918 at  
11.3 a.m. Buried in Military Cemetery, Dawsons on the 12th  
August 1918.

Letter from:- O.C.  
53, Cas. Clearing Station,

London  
6.12.18.

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Aust. Engrs. 1.

9th December 1918.

Harlow W.J. No. 2218.

D/W 12th August 1918. Det D/B.

He was killed by a bomb at Bryonvillers being hit in the stomach. He lived a couple of days, and was buried in a C.C.S. Cemetery somewhere near by. An Englishman by birth, single.

Inf:- Pte B. Weingott No. 1741.  
S.I.P. Engrs. 1.  
M.S. 'St Andrew'.

RBS.

J. A.

PP.

1st Engineers.  
A.I.F.

MARLOW.  
W.J. 2218.

"Died of Wounds 12-8-18"

Harbonnieres. Wounded in stomach by shell. I saw him after he was wounded. He was conscious then. He was running over to pick up another man when he got hit. He was taken to Dressing Station. We went up the line. I did not see his grave. He was in my Company. We came from Australia together.

Informant:- Saunders.2198  
W.22.HAREFIELD.

D.P.Dickson.  
London.  
19-12-18.  
J.E.A.

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1st Field Company Engineers. A.I.F.

MARLOW W.I. Driver.  
No. 2218.

"Died of Wounds. 12/8/18."

Informant described Marlow as about 5 feet 9 inches high, medium in build, snowy hair, aged about from 23 to 25. An Englishman by birth. Informant states that on or about the 6/8/18, the Company was in action at Harbonnières. At night Marlow was standing outside his dugout when he was hit by a bomb from an enemy aeroplane. It was the habit of the the Germans at this time, to bomb them every night. Informant was about 100 yards away from Marlow's dugout, and thus was unable to see him hit on account of the darkness, but heard him call out after he was struck. He was taken away and died at a Casualty Clearing Station. Informant had seen Marlow not long before he was killed.

According to Informant, Marlow was a well liked chap.

Informant - Driver G. Hutley, No. 229,  
1st Field Company Engineers.

Home Address - None.

Present Address - Rose Hall,  
Forbes Street, Darlinghurst.

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Anzac Information Bureau,  
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24/12/18.

S. C. Suff  
SYDNEY BUREAU.

1st Field Company Engineers. A.I.F.

MARLOW W.I. Dvr. No. 2218.

"Died of Wounds. 12/8/18."

Informant described Marlow as about 5 feet 8 inches high, medium in build, very fair complexion, aged about 22 or 23. Came from a Sydney suburb. He had relations at Oaklands Park, Weybridge, England. Informant states that on, or about the 12/8/18, the Company was in action half of them being at Bayonvillers, and the other half at Harbonnières. At night time, Marlow was on picket in the village of Bayonvillers, and was hit by a bomb dropped by a German aeroplane. A splinter of the bomb hit him. Informant was about 200 yards away and heard a shout following the explosion. He went over to the scene, and found Marlow lying on the ground in a semi-conscious condition. One of the Army Medical Corps men gave him first aid, and the ambulance then took him to the Dressing Station. Informant never saw him again, but heard that he died at the Dressing Station. Informant knows that he was buried, but could not remember where. However, he saw a cross that had been made for his grave.

According to Informant, Marlow was a very popular chap.

Informant - Quarter-Master Sergeant J. Blackfield,  
No. 168, 1st Field Company Engineers.  
Home Address - "Hurworth",  
Bau Street, Strathfield.

W.E.G.  
Anzac Information Bureau,  
26/12/18.

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SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.  
1st Field Coy. Engineers.

MARLOW - Driver.

W. J., No. 2218.

"Died of Wounds 12.8.18."

Marlow was a Driver and we called him Snowy, and he was acting as greaser to the Major. This was in August last. He was wounded at the same time as his pal called Pugh at the Cross Roads near Bayenvilliers. A Red-Cross man went down to dress the wounds and he was badly wounded. Marlow was taken away to hospital. About a week later we heard he had died of his wounds. I was told by Driver Kidney, his friend, that Marlow was buried in a cemetery near Vaux-Sur-Somme. Kidney had been to see the grave and I believe has written to Marlow's people. Marlow's mother lives near London.

Informant: Lance-Corporal T.E. Rose, No. 12.  
1st Field Coy. Engineers Mounted Section.

Home address: 29 Darlington Road, Darlington.

H.S.O.  
5.12.18.  
Rawson Chambers Inquiry Office.

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1st Field Co. Engineers. A.I.F.

MARLOW, W.J. Dvr.  
No. 2218.

"Died of Wounds. 12/8/18."

Informant states that in August last near Warfuse Abancourt Lt Marlow was wounded by a piece of bomb at nighttime, during an air raid. His mate came down to the horse lines of the Company, asking for a stretcher bearer, and said Marlow had been severely wounded. Informant was in the lines and went up to help, when Informant arrived at the spot Marlow had been carried away. Driver Pugh was his mate, who was down for a stretcher bearer, and Lance-Corporal Watson was attending to Marlow when he (Watson) was wounded by another bomb.

Informant - Driver A.H. Bevis, No. 221,  
Pine 2nd 1st Field Co. Engineers.  
Home Address - "Alectown, via" Parkes, N.S.W.

NOTE. This is correct as to Marlow's wounding.

Witness - Sgt. Major J. Johnston, No. 158,  
1st Field Co. Engineers.

Home Address - "Anembo", Byrnes St., Marrickville

C.E.W.  
Anzac Information Bureau,

Sydney.  
31/12/18.

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O. C. Draft. 10-11-18.

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5-3-18 Casualty Caring  
Station.  
B. F. 4.

2218 W. W. G. Marlow  
1st Field Company Engineers  
A. P. F.

Chief of Engineers 12-8-18.

Havre

Australian M.G.C. 5.

31st Octr 1918.

Kenny R.G. No. 422.

20th April 1918. Dot D/B.

I helped to bury a Kenny in Aubigny Cemetery, who had D/Wounds from a shell which I think fell on the roof of a chateau in Boullay where the office was. I do not know the man's initials or number, but he had just been promoted Corporal. I have been with the unit since their arrival in France 16 months ago, and I do not know of another Kenny in the unit.

Inf: Pto G.C. Nielson No. 5440.  
Aust. M.G.C. 25. 5.  
Havre Hospital.

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19.11.18

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Pte H. J. Marlow

1st Coy Inf

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Pte J. J. Jorgensen

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