

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**30 Lance Corporal
Leonard Wariek
Marriner**

12th Battalion



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12th Stn
C.I.P.

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MARRIAGE

L/C. Leonard Warwick 30 not 4963

~~*killed in Action 5/8.5.17*~~

No trace Germany

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19

NAME

UNIT

CLASSIFICATION

CAUSE OF DEATH

London
17.10.19

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A.I.F. 12th Btn

MARRINER
L/Cpl Leonard Warick 30
not 4963

"M. 5/8-5-17"

No.4963 was not allotted in 12th Btn

Missing 5-8-5-17

Cert by A.I.F.Headquarters 27-6-17

London
27-6-17

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12th A. I. F.,

Marriner, L/Cpl. L.W., 30.

M. May 5-8th 1917.

"L.W. Marriner went over the top with Cpl. Box at Lagnicourt on April 15th 1917. Box got back, badly wounded in three places and reported definitely that Marriner was killed. Cpl. Box is now in Hosp: in England. I knew Marriner well. Both he and Box came from Tasmania. The date given in the book must be a mistake. Marriner was never with the Battalion in May. He had been an instructor of physical training at Perham Downs, Salisbury Plain in Oct. and Nov. 1916 and was at Gallipoli." (3rd Training Battalion).

Eye Witness: No, Cpl. Box, 12th A.I.F., was now in Hosp: in England.

Description: A dark thick set man.

Informant:-- Jas. Ferguson Macdonald, 3271,
12th A. I. F., C. Coy.,
Richmond Military Hospital,
Grove Road, Surrey.

9.7.17.
A.G. Carr, Coll.

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Written Cpl Box 2.8.17

12th A. I. F.

Marriner, L/Cpl L.W. 30,

(M. May 5th-8th/17)

Informant states that "On the 3rd May at Rennicourt near Bullecourt, Marriner fell next to me, one of his wounds being in the head. (He was one of the original men who was on the landing of the Peninsular, so his No. must have been a low one). Only 2 out of 40 were brought back, I and the Lieut. Marriner's home was in Adelaide, S. Australia."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: About 22, his name was Leonard

Informant: Ernest John Frank Schwartzkopff, 487,
12th A. I. F., Bomber,
The Castle Hospital,
Ryde, Isle of Wight.

13th July 1917.
Dorothy Boger.

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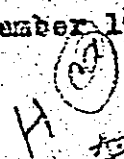
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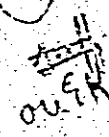
Statement made by No. 467 Pte Schartz-Ropff E.J. 12th Bnre No. 30 L/Cpl Harriner L.W. 12th Bn
Missing 5/8.6.17

On the morning of 3rd May 1917 I was wounded in a German communication trench on the right of Bullecourt towards Hourville between the hours of 3 and 4 a.m. L/C Harriner came to assist me and was caught by a bomb which exploded in his face and took half of his head away. I am certain he was killed. I spoke to him and received no reply. I then took his identification disc and crawled away to get cover. His disc was evidently taken with my clothes when I arrived at the Casualty Clearing Station at Bazanme, at about midday the same day. I do not know what became of his body.

Dated at Westham this 4th day of September 1917.

Statement made and signed before me


 (Sgd) E.J. Schartz-Ropff


 (Sgd) J.S. Anderson.

12th A. I. F.,

Marriner, L/Cpl. L.W., 30,

M. May 5-8/17.

"I was in the action at Bullecourt on May 5-6 and was wounded on the 6th. On the 6th May I saw L/Cpl. Marriner going down the trench to have his wound dressed. He was wounded in the arm, I think, because he was holding his arm up as he was walking. I knew him well because when I was at Perham Downs, he was our bayonet instructor. We were bombed out of Hindenburg line and afterwards re-took it."

Eye Witness: Yes, see above.

Description: Short, thick built, fair, clean shaven.

Informant:-- Pte. Searl Keeley, 435,
12th A. I. F., B. Coy. 8 Pltn.,
Brondesbury Park Military Hosp:
N.W.

Home address:-- Mrs. Keeley,
Ulverstone, Tasmania.

17.5.17.
Henry Constable

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Statement made by No. 435 Pte Keeley, S.V. 12th Btn

re No. 30 L/C Harriner L.V. 12th Btn
Missing 5/8.5.17

I saw him going down the trench on the 5th May at Bullecourt. I could not say what happened to him after that. He seemed to be wounded in the arm.

Dated at Monte Video this 19th day of September 1917.

(Sgd) S.V. Keeley

Statement made and signed before me

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(Sgd) H.J. Storey
CAPT.

G.S. Spedding.

24 SEP 1917

A.I.F. 12.

MARRINER, L/C L.W. 50.

M. May 5-8th 1917.

I was told by the C.Q.M. J. Walsh that he saw Marriner killed. His paybook had been handed into the company and he is now officially reported as dead.

Inf: A. Graver. 14623. 12.B.
No. 2 Aust General.
BOULIGNE. 21.8.17.

ED

H. G.
Written PM Walsh 3.9.17.
Asking HQ to verify 3.9.17

12th A. I. F.

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Marriner, L/Cpl. Leonard ~~5~~ 30,
B. Company,

M. May 5/8th 1917.

"One day between the 5th and 8th of May 1917 L/Cpl. ~~Marr~~ Marriner was left wounded in a trench at Bullecourt when our forces were driven back. The attack was in the day time."

Eye Witness: Not exactly.

Description: Medium height, went by the name of "Len."

Informant:-- Pte. William Robertson, 4872,
12th A. I. F. A. Coy.,
Kitchener's Hosp:
Brighton, Block A,

Home address:-- Campbell Town, Tasmania.

25.8.17.

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On E.K.
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Statement made by No. 4872 Pte Robertson W. 12th Btn

re No. 30 L/C Harriner L. 12th Btn
Missing 5/8.5.17


On or about the morning of April 6th last while in advanced positions at Bullecourt I know No. 30 Harriner L/C was badly wounded and missing. When we were forced back from our advanced post he was left wounded unable to get back; about half an hour later we retook the position and looked for him but he was not to be found.

Dated at Brighton this 10th day of September 1917.

(Sgd) W.T. Robertson

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) G.D. Luck.

H. Luck


12th Battn
B. Coy.,
8th Ptn.

MARRINER.
L/Cpl. L.W. 30

"Missing 5-8. 5.17."

I saw him killed at Bullecourt by a shell death was instantaneous. We lost the ground but retook it two hours ~~later~~ later. I do not know place of burial and I cannot refer to anyone for further details. I knew him well. He and I were great mates. I picked up his identity disc and have since lost it.

Witness:-

Pte. E.J. Schwartz-Kopff. 487
12th Battn. B. Coy., 8th Pltn.
3rd A.A. Hospital.
Bartford.

W. OMAN.
London.
27.8.17.

See Previous report by Pte Schwartzkopff

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12th Battn
A.I.F.

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MARRINER.
L/Cpl. 30

"Missing 5-8. 5.17."

re L/Cpl. Martinef 12th Battn A.I.F. . Sorry I cannot give you any information as to his whereabouts either than what I've beentold. I heard he was on a hogging stunt at Bullecourt, and was taken prisoner. He is about 5'10" in height, sharp features, and takes very short steps when walking seems to walk from the knees. In returning to my Unit this week and I will make enquiries and should I find out anything will be very pleased to inform you,

Witness:-

R.H. Box.4361
12th Battn
Overseas Training Depot.
Perham Downs.

London.
31.8.17.

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1st September. 1917.

12th AUSTRALIANS

HARRISON, L. Cpl. L. No. 30

M. May 5th-6th. 1917.

He was in B. Co., VII. Pltn., and was in charge (for the time) of a bombing party which I was a member. We went out at Bullecourt on the night of May 5th, 1917 to the German lines. About 8 a.m. of the 6th, daylight, we were retiring down the Hindenberg line trench, and the Germans were following us throwing bombs, and we were also being shelled. Harrison had ordered us to retire when we got to our own lines. He was missing. We went back over the ground the same day, but could find no trace of him.

Informant: Pt. E. Sutton 6561
12th Australians, B. Co., VII. Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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12th Battn
A.I.F.

L.W. Marriner. 30

"Missing 5/8. 5 17."

Any later report?

No later report.

Cert. by A.I.F. HdQtrs. 3.9.17.

London.
10.9.17.

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A.I.F. 12th Bn

MARRIHER

LOCpl Leonard Warwick - 30
not 4963

"MISSING"

Killed in action 5--8-5-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.E.F.Hqrs 28-12-17

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London
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1.8.17

Cpl Box

12 Batter AIF

Hurdsett Camp
Salisbury Pl.

For

30 Cpl L. W. MARRINER

12 Batter AIF

M. 5/8. 5. 17

3 / 8 / 17

COM J. WALSH (3.9.17)
12 BATTALIE
B EF

~~for~~

30 / cpl L. W

MARRINER

12 BATTALIE

M. 5/8. 5. 17

L.O.H.
8.9.17

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Recd by
P.C. 23.8.17.
P.L.

4651 Cpl Matteson
D Coy 12th Batt
Over Seas Training Depot
Pohorua Downs

Unit
18.8.17

Dear Madam

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Believe me

L.W.
Lept MARRINER

Yours sincerely

J.P.H. 15/17

D. B. 17

12th Batt