

**1DRL/0428**

**Australian Red Cross Society (ARCS)**

Australian Red Cross Wounded and Missing Enquiry  
Bureau  
Box 172  
Wallet 6

**File number:** 1DRL/0428/2/172/6/2

**Title:** 4654 Private Martin, Geoffrey Clarence



RCDIG1052672



16th Batt.  
C.Co.  
A.I.F.,

G.C.

MARTIN

4654

"Killed Oct. 4/16"

I came over with him but did not see him killed. His friend H-Mann did. He is at Hill Street, Campsie, Sydney. He will give you all the details as he was in same section. Mann was badly wounded and went home from Portland camp Nov. 11th/16. We called him "Kiddie" as he was only 18 years old.

Reference:- <sup>W.</sup>E.#.Neale 4680  
C.Co. 16th Batt. A.I.F.,  
Monte Video  
14.3.17.

London  
20.3.17.  
F.E.B.

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A.I.F. 16.

MARTIN, G.O. 4654.

K. October 4th, 1916.

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He was my mate. He was killed at Mouquet Farm on August 31st or thereabouts. His casualty date is wrong. His people live at Stanmore, Sydney, where I used to know him. His casualty occurred in the charge. I saw him fall. He went down under ~~in~~ G. fire. Pte. P. Fox, S/B. tried to bring the body in but failed to do so. Fox told me this after the action. Martin belonged to the M.G.S.

SA.

Reference:- Pte. G. Fairbairn. 4605.B.Coy.  
No. 4 A.D.B.D.

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Staples.  
12.4.17.

Written Pte. Fox. 24.4.17



16th Battn.  
A. I. F.

G. C. Martin.  
4654.

"Killed in Action 4.10.16."

Re your enquiries of Pte. G. E. Martin killed in action at Ypres on or about 4.10.16. I am only too willinh to give all particulars in my power. He was killed by a shell about 8 or 9 p.m. and was taken out of the trench and buried in an A.I.F. cemetery, his grave is marked and easily recognised if anyone should be on the look out for same. The Martin I speak of was of fair complexion, medium height about 5 feet 5., somewhere about 18 or 19 years of age. Born in England, I forget the place. He was in the Lewis Gun Section and came from Australia with the 14th Reinforcements of the 16th Battn.

Letter from:-

P. Fox.

France. 1.5.17.

Pte. G. C. Martin was buried by me at Spoilbank Cemetery on the 5th October 1916. A cross marks the place of burial and could be easily found if required. Graves are registered with Graves Registration Committee and with the two address that we enclosed.

*P.S. from Rev W. T. Strahan. Chaplain 16<sup>th</sup> Btn. A.I.F.*

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A. I. F.

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Martín.  
G. C. 4654.

W. G. Strahan,  
Chaplain.  
16th Battn.  
A. I. F.

London.  
22.5.17.

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Rte P. Fox

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16 Batt<sup>n</sup> A.I.F

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G. C. MARTIN

16 Batt<sup>n</sup> A.I.F

K. 4. 10. 16

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24. 4. 17.



# HOSPITAL *Tooting Grove Military*

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME. <i>Kelly</i>	Christian Name. <i>D. F.</i>	Regtl. No. <i>3049</i>
	SURNAME <i>O'Neill</i>	Christian Name. <i>Alfred E.</i>	Regtl. No. <i>231</i>

## STATEMENT

(to be taken)

**NOTE.**  
In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give date and place of occurrence.

*I* saw Kelly killed by a hit in the back when he went to the trenches. This was at about 5:30 pm at Pozieres. We have waited some time. Kelly died shortly before he reached the dressing station. His body was buried in the trench with a white wood Disc, and pay book were known Kelly for about a year.

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness?	<i>Yes</i>	2. If of
3. Was the ground held or lost?	<i>—</i>	4. If Inf was the
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	<i>Yes</i>	6. Was nam
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.	<i>Abs about 21 He Clean Shaven</i>	
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence	<i>Quite high accuracy as to his info</i>	



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FM 7.17

France

1. 5. 17

Dear Madam

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Yours faithfully  
D. Fox

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G. C. MARTIN

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11.5.17

Pte. P. Fox  
16 Batt. A.I.F.  
B.E.F.

Dear Pte. Fox.

Very many thanks for your letter of May 1st in answer to our enquiry for 4654 Pte. G.C. Martin 16 Batt. A.I. F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance.

With best wishes

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary

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11.5.17

Rev. W.T. Strahan  
Chaplain  
16 Batt. A.I.F.  
B.H.F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you very much for the note you recently added to a letter sent us by Pte. P. Fox giving information concerning 4654 G.C. Martin 16 Batt. thereby rendering his evidence more valuable and the work of the Graves Registration Units in locating the grave much easier. It is with the object of assisting the Graves Registration Units that we always endeavour, if possible, to obtain map location of the graves before applying to the Society.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary.

*J.H.*