Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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7099 Private
Alfred Washington

14th Battalion



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14th Battn.
A.I.F.

WASHINGTON
A. 7099

"Killed 10-8-17"

Washington was killed outright by a direct hit of a shell and blown to pieces, while on out-post duty at Messines, and was buried just a little way back from the trench where he was killed, his grave being marked by a little board with name, etc. on it. I saw him killed and helped to bury him.

Informant. Unwin E.J. 7115
14th Battn., A. Coy.,
Hut 20,
WESTHAM.

W.A. Rand
London
19-3-18

M.

14th Batth
AIF

WASHINGTON
A 7099

"Killed 10.8.17"

Barney Newton 14th Batth AIF was present when Washington was blown to pieces at Messines about 9th or 10th August.

Eye-Witness:-

Description:-

Informant:- J.F. Smith 14th Battn
C.Coy., 7083

Home address:- 145 Porchester Road,
North End.
Portsmouth
England

London.
21.1.18

Note z written Newton 15.1.18

M Letter to Newton returned "Wounded" no trace
Fax in case 15.2.18

A.I.F. 14.

WASHINGTON ~~Harry~~. 7099.

K. Aug 10th 1917. Dets.

Washington and I were in camp together at Royal Park, Melbourne and we came out together in the S.S."Metic". Washington who was in a company was doing wiring fatigue work with a number of others on August 10th and they were making their way along a sap towards a pill-box in our hands when a shell landed near Washington a fragment of which struck him and killed him right out. I helped to bury him and another man in a shell hole the same night. He was well liked by his comrades,

Inf: Pte T.Barker. 6951. B.VII.
No. 7 Stat Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 12.2.18.

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A.I.F.
14th Btn.

WASHINGTON, A.
Pte. 7099

K. 10/8/17

I knew Casualty, but not too well, as he was a late Reinforcement. I took his Identification Disc from him, after he had been killed by explosion of H.E.Shell while on front line at Messines.

Informant:- L.B.Walsh, 5731
14th Btn.

Home address:- Robinson St.,
Moonee Ponds.

T.C.F.
16/5/19

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

14th Btn.

WASHINGTON, A.
Pte. 7099.

Killed in act. 10/8/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was about 5 ft. 7 ins., dark complexion, 26 years of age. Casualty was holding the line at Messines and was on out-post duty just near Runs Talk when an H.E. shell landed killing him instantly. He was buried where he fell in an old trench. Sgt. Fisher and myself buried him and we put his rifle over his grave for a cross with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- Lieut. F. Beck,
14th Btn.

Private address:-
67 Victoria Avenue,
Albert Park.

S.V.P.
8/8/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU--MELBOURNE.

14th Battn.

WASHINGTON,
A. 7099

K. 10/8/17

I knew casualty, he was a well built man, about 5'7" in height, fair complexion, about 24 years of age, embarked from Australia with the 23rd Reinforcements, to 14th Battalion. Casualty was in the front line trench at Messines and on duty at an Observation Post when a high explosive shell landed by, killing him. Death was instantaneous. He was buried where he fell and a cross was erected over his grave, with his name, number and unit on it.

GEORGILIN, J.
7016, Cpl.

PRIVATE ADDRESS. Cumberland Road,
COLA.

N.A.T.
8/8/19.

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"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

15.1.18

Barney Newton
1st A.I.F.
B.S.7.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit
7099 A. Washington 1st A.I.F. reported
Killed in action 10.8.17.
and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning A. Washington but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldier's cemetery where the grave would be registered. We should also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identifying the soldier about whom you are writing.