

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**7091 Private  
Charles Henry Trotter**

**5th Battalion**



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5th Btn.

TROTTER, C. H. H

Pte. 7091

DIED of Wounds 27/4/18

Chaplain Captain C. Neville, of the 5th Battalion on the 9th May 1918 stated:-

"No. 7091, Pte. C. H. Trotter of 5th Battalion was severely gassed 26/27th April, was taken with others at once to the Dressing Station of the 1st Field Ambulance. He is buried in a little Military Cemetery near the village of Caestre. His grave is registered. I was not present when he was buried being away at another point near the front line conducting other burials, but I know the burial was conducted by a Chaplain of the Church of England who probably will also write to you. Your son died at 5.15 a.m. on 27th April. The Military Map Location of his grave is Military Cemetery Caestre sheet 27 W.2.b.7.6.

22/11/18  
Melbourne.

*Telecopy. Not sent on.*

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FRANCE.

5th BATT. A.I.F.

TROTTER. C.H. 7091.

D/W April 22nd. 1918.

He was a very delicate looking chap in A.Coy. He was in a post at Strazeele on April 22nd, when a gas shell dropped in the post and gassed him. He walked as far as Company Headquarters and from there I carried him down to the dressing-station where he died. They took him back to bury him.

JNA.

Ref --- Pte O'Brien. 4898.  
No 2 Can. Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. August 27th. 1918

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5th Battn.  
A.I.F.

TROTTER  
C.H. 7091

"Died of Wounds 22-4-18"

Trotter was gassed at the trench - front line - on Meteren Front. He was taken back to our Coy's dressing station (in the foreward are just behind Meteren, first one back). I saw him at A.Coy. Hqts. going through and the stretcher bearers coming back told me he died at the dressing station. There is a little Cemetery there, and he is probably buried there.

Informant. Johnston. C. 7031  
5th Battn. A.Coy.,  
Hut 12,  
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand  
London  
7-8-18  
J.E.A.

M.

5th Battn.  
A.I.F.

TROTTER.  
C.H. 7091.

"Died of Wounds 22-4-18"

At Merris or just behind it he was gassed and I helped to carry him down to the first aid post. He was coughing and trying to reach badly.

Informant:- Johnson. 1487.  
W.3C.HAREFIELD.

D.P.Dickson.  
London.  
23-7-18.  
H.G.

M.

5th. Battn.

Trotter, C.H. 7091.

D/W. 22/4/18.

We were in trenches in front of Meteran, when 4 of our own gas  
sheel dropped on the parapet, and one in the trench.

*Henrichsen FW 6287*

"Henry" and Trotter ( C.H. 7091 ) were badly affected, they were  
very shaken, but were conscious when taken out by the stretcher-  
bearers. I know no further particulars.

5th. Battn.

Webb. F.E. Pte. 339.

3. A. Dartford. 10/8/18.

R.D.B.

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A.I.P. 5.

TROTTER. C.H. 7091.

D/W April 22nd 1918. Dets.

We were on the Meteren front, I do not know how he was wounded but I have seen his grave at Berre M/C; there is a cross with name . I did not know him very well but believe he had been with the Battn a long time. He was in A.III. Average build, 31 or 2, dark.

Inf: Pte R.Dowker. 7470. A.I.

No. 83 <sup>U</sup>eneral

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5th A. I. F.

Trotter, Pte C.H. 7091,  
A. Coy, I Pltn.

(D/W's 22.4.18. <sup>U</sup>Pets D/B)

"I was the same ward with Pte C.H. Trotter who died from effects of gas (our own) whilst on outpost duty in front of Herring on the 27th April 1918. He was unwounded."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: About 5'8", ginger, medium build,  
decided stoop

Informant: Pte F.A. Rance, 7543,  
5th A.I.F., A.Coy, I Pltn,  
Norfolk War Hospital,  
Norwich.

Home address:  
Sunnyside,  
Watscourt Rd,  
Worthing, Sussex.

21st August 1918.  
Edgar Rice.

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5th Battn.  
A.I.F.

TROTTER.  
C.H. 7091.

"Died of Wounds 22-4-18"

He was of A. Company. About this date at Strazeele, not certain of position, as we had just gone into the line. He was in front line outpost when gassed. I helped to carry him back to Company Headquarters - was conscious, but did not speak. Knew nothing of burial - I never saw him again.

Informant: - Pte. D. Nix, 7125.  
5th Battn. A. Coy. II Pl.  
HAREFIELD.

Horsegerry Road records show that C.H. Trotter, 7091, was buried in Caestre Military Cemetery 3 miles N.E. of Hazebrouck.

A.D.G.  
London.  
6-9-18.  
R.C.

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5th Btn.

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TROTTER, C. H.

Pte. 7091

Died of Wounds 27/4/18

Chaplain Captain S. G. Petterick, of the 5th Battalion  
on the 19th August stated:-

"Pte. C. H. Trotter was wounded on April 27th and taken to the Field Ambulance, where he died the same day. His body was buried the next day in a little cemetery at Borre, the exact map location being W.2.B.6.6. and the number of the grave 813. I was not Chaplain of the Battalion at the time and we are now in another part of France. But I know the little cemetery with its badges and long grass. A cross was erected by the Battalion and the grave registered with the authorities in England."

22/11/16  
Melbourne.

*F. A.*  
*Living copy*

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*see reports by Chaplain Petterick  
of 27/4/18.*

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25.4.18

# FOR ENQUIRY LIST.

5th Battalion.

K. April 27

18.

TROTTER

C.H. 7091.

Company A.

K. April 27/18.

NEXT OF KIN. MRS TROTTER

Specimen Hill,

DAYLESFORD.

VICTORIA.

I received a letter from his sister asking me to gather what particulars I could, so would you please have name put on your lists for details death and burial.

Informant:- C.G.M.S. HOOLEY R.H. 307,

Mr. Oman.

H.Q. C Coy, 8th Battalion,

21:9:18.

3rd A.A.H. Dartford.

Australian Draft 28.9.6.

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Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday

Ans 1.10.18

To Miss Deacon.

Secretary Wounded & missing soldiers  
Bureau

Dear Madam,

Could you give me any  
information regarding the death of Pte  
B. H. Trotter No 7091 A. Coy. 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
M. I. F. Died about 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> April 18  
where is his burial place. Trusting  
you can give me some information

Sincerely for

Wm J Bushby, 12255  
90<sup>th</sup> Aust. Field Amb.

October 2nd, 1918.

12255 Dvr. J. Bushby,  
10th Australian Field Amb.  
E.E.F.

Dear Sir.

With reference to your enquiry of 22nd ulto, for - 7091 Pte. C.H. TROTTER, 5th Battalion, A.I.F. who is officially reported to have died of wounds on 22-4-18. We beg to inform you that the A.I.F. Headquarters Records state him to have been buried in the Caestre Military Cemetery 3 miles N.E. of Hazebrouck.

We forward the following unofficial report given by a man of his Battalion. 4898 Pte. O'Brien stated:- "Trotter was a delicate looking chap in A. Coy. He was in a post at Strazeele on April 22nd, when a gas shell dropped in the post and gassed him. He walked as far as Company Headquarters and from there I carried him down to the dressing station where he died. They took him back to bury him."

This report is confirmed by 1487 Pte. Johnson and 3051 Pte. C. Johnston and 339 Pte. F.E. Webb.

Should we obtain further particulars concerning Pte. Trotter we will again advise you.

Hoping the enclosed information may be of some value to you and assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS) Miss Ryan  
SECRETARY.