

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**173 Private
Frederick William
Page**

35th Battalion



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A.I.F.
26th. Battalion.
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Frederick William.

"Killed in Action 12.10.17".

Not race Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
21.10.19.

Off. M. P.I.

A.I.F. 35th Btn

PAGE
Fredk. Wm. 173

"MISSING"

Killed in action 12-10-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 27-5-18.

London
30-5-18

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35th Battn.
A.I.F.

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Pte.F.W. 173

"Missing 12-10-17"

I was told by Sgt. Elliot, A.Coy. 3rd Pltn. that Page was killed at Ypres on Oct. 1917. He said that he and Page were both wounded, and that he was leading Page to a shell hole, when a shell blew Page out of his arms and killed him. Elliot told him this about a fortnight after the event. Elliot is with the Battn. as far as I know.

Eye-witness; No.
Description; Small, about 8 st. St. Vitus's dance in face.
English born, had been in Australia for some years,
Single, 25 - 26 years.

Informant. Pounsberry L/Cpl. M. 174 (very fair)
35th Battn.,
Princess Christian Hpl.,

Home address;
Harden.

Archib?
J.H.W. Pilden
17-4-18
London
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NOTE. Written Elliot 20.11.18

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35th Battn.
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"Killed 12-10-17"

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Informant:- Lieut. P.M. Dunn.

35th Battn. A.Coy. 1st Pl. A.I.F.
3rd London General Hospital.
Wandsworth.

A.G. Campbell
London.

25-9-18.
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Sgt. ELLIOTT

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Norwich Road

North Walsham

Norfolk

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27 FEB. 1918

CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE.

To the British Red Cross

Should be glad if you
could give me any information
regarding my son No 173
L/Col Frederick William Page
35 Battalion. A. Company
Australian Imperial Force.

He was serving with the
British Expeditionary Force
in France, officially reported
missing since the 12th October
1917 have heard no further
news Yours Faithfully

F. W. Page

HOSPITAL

NAME F. W. Page Esq ADDRESS Chewich Road North Walsingham Norfolk	DATE 4.8.18
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Pl. 143. Pl. F. W. Page Esq. Batt A.I.F.
Missing 12.10.17
Missing Drafted

NOTE - IF INFORMANT mentions another name give No.

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Norfolk.

June 4th

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re 173 FREDX.Wm.PAGE, 35th Battalion, A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We deeply regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported killed in Action on 12-10-17.

We are making further enquiries in the hope of learning full details of his death and will immediately forward to you any information that we receive.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Law*

SECRETARY.

43rd Batt. A.I.F.

Knight, J. Pte. NO. 2229.

D. Coy.

Killed Oct 4th 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw him killed by a shell whilst we were along the road behind Hill 40 Ypres. He was buried close to where he fell by a party from the coy. I could not give any particulars of burial. I knew him in the coy. He came over with the 8th reinf of the batt. He came from Boulder City, West Australia.

Description. Age. 40. Height. 5-1. Complexion. Dark. Well Built.

Witness. Pte. Richards. L.C. NO. 2-18, D. Coy, 43rd Batt.

Taken at
NO. 3. C.D. Hurdontt.
4-8-18.
P.G.H.

S. Whitmee.
NO. 4. Command Depot
Hurdontt.

35th Battn.
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3rd. London General Hospital.

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Telling Copy.

3.10.18.

~~Major P. J. Whittemore~~

Y. W. Page Esq.

Home Norwich Rd.

Nth. Walsham

Norfolk.

Dear Sir.

In further reply to your
enquiry for 173 ~~of~~ ^{35th Batt. O.D.} F.W. Page ~~we~~

have received the following un-

official report from Lieut. P. H.

Dunn of the same unit who is the

2nd Loda General Hospital

He states that he was with Page

in a shell hole by the Canadians

* Trusting it will be some consolation

to you to know that your son's

death was almost instantaneous,

and again assuring you of our

sympathy.

Yours faithfully

* It is regrettable that we must now receive from

information on a regular basis as a general principle

and we are all concerned to do our best to give you

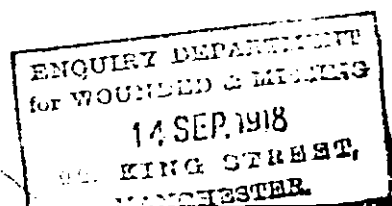
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K.D.R.-V. 1857.

AS TO				K.D.A. - V. 1257.
Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Pla- toon	Casualty.	
25 Australian Imperial Forces			H. Dec 25 th 1917 Det - D/B.	
Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Pla- toon	Home Address.	
25 Australian Imperial Forces	A		Coolimong. new South Wales. Australia.	
INFORMANT				

rst person).

officers that he was blown
away at a place about 2 miles
less. I cannot say whether he
was buried or not. If buried he would be
in a hurry.



THE FOLLOWING :—

ve name, number, etc., | Cannot just call to mind the
man who told him. | officer's name.

nt say a man was killed,
ath instantaneous?
e body buried, & if so where?

Instantaneous.

any other man of same
Co. or Battalion?

Did not know another man.

about 5 ft 6 7/8 ins. Think he had dark hair.

in was
further

**Signature of
Searcher**

H. H. Thersall.

Date of Report

Sept 11th 1908.