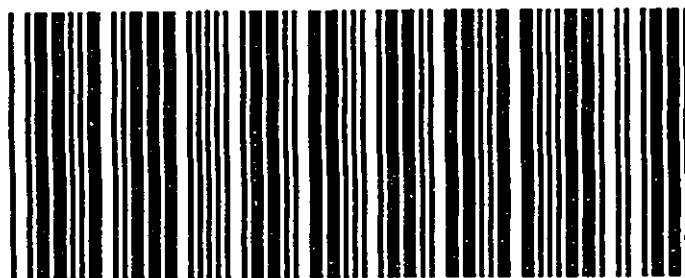


Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

6561 Private
Reginald William
Rowley

1st Battalion



2370706P

1st Battn.
A.I.F.

ROWLEY,
R.W. 6561

"Missing."

Killed in Action 2/5.10.17. Previously reported Missing.
Cert. by Hqrs 8.4.18.

London.
10.4.18.

S & P.I.

1st Battn.
A.I.F.

Rowley.
R.W. 6561

"Missing 2-5.10.17"

re Pte. Rowley. I am sorry to say that I am unable to place him as an acquaintance although the name seems familiar. I enquired of my friends from the same Battn. but they could not place him.

Letter from:-

Trev. Hallett 2725
Littlemoor Camp.
Weymouth.
4.2.18.

London.
19.2.18.

S. & P.I.

1st Batt:

Rowley, R.W. 6561

M. 2-5/10/17.

2725
Pte. Hallett who was in this hospital and left on Saturday morning last on leave could give all information about Rowley.

1st Batt:

Tanner, A.R. Pte. 6575.

13 A. Dartford. 18/12/17.

R.D.A.

S

Look H. 1
in hospital.

Walter Hallett
5-1-18

C O P Y

Statement made by .No.2725 Pte Hallett T.R. 1st Btn.

re No.6561 Pte Rowley R.W. 1st Btn.
Missing 2/5.10.17.

I know nothing of this man or his disappearance.

S
P1

Dated at Monte Video this 22nd day of February 1918.

(Sgd) T. Hallet. X

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) W.E. Hardwich.

A. Lipman.

Lieut.

A.I.F. 1.

ROWLEY, R.W. 6561.

W, Oct, 2-5/17. Det. D/B.

Pte. Boyce of 1 D saw Rowley killed and can give details of death and burial. He told me of the occurrence.

Reference: C. Tulley, 6571. D.

No. 11 Gen. Camp Buchy Nr. Rouen. 11.9.18.

JWA.

G
p. 1
Written Boyce
23.9.18

C.I.F. 1st Bttn.

RAWLEY

RAWLEY

R.W. 6561

KILLED in ACTION Oct. 25. 17.

Rawley came over in some reinforcements 21st, S.S. Ceramic leaving Sydney October 4.16 and was killed on October 4.17 during the hop over at Passchendaele. I saw him fall and went over to him - He was practically killed outright as he lived but a few seconds after being hit. We were going on and could bury no one then.

Informant:- 6610, Sleep R.H.
1st Bttn.,

B. Company,

Ent 12,

Westham.

W. A. Rand
50.4.18.

S.P.I.

A.I.F. 1.

ROWLEY, R. W. 6561.

K. Oct. 2 - 5, 1917. Det.

He was killed by the explosion of a big shell (blown to pieces) on Oct. 4th. I was present; we were just going over near Polygon Wood, (Broodseinde Ridge) it occurred about 4.30 a.m. I was in a shell hole 10 yards from him. He had only been with us 2 months, and I knew very little about him. L/Col. Melling of D. Co. was a great friend of his, and could probably give further information about him. He was in D. Co.

Ing. Cpl. G. Weathared, 3661, D.XIII.

No. 7. C.C.,

BOULOGNE. 9.8.18. WG.

S
P.1

Written Melling
16.8.18

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A.O. Barry, Esq.,
A.I.F. War Chest Club,
37, Horseferry Rd, S.W.1.
11th April, 1918.

Re 6561 R.W. ROWLEY, 1st Battalion, A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported Killed in Action on 2/5-10-17.

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

Regretting the distressing character of this news.

Yours faithfully,

LAW

SECRETARY.

Homefiled

3223 Taylor G. 51st Batt, K-Sep 26th D.M.

Was in C. Coy - 11 platoon -
called "George" - I saw him
killed instantly by shell
(one of our own) - Was hit in
the head - It happened
just after the hop-over - before
we had reached our 1st
Objective. We had to
advance on - so I don't
know where he was buried.

Told the Pioneers about
him, but don't know if
they got up to him.

Sent his belongings home
to his wife - Mrs. G. Taylor,
148 Railway Pkade., Leavenworth, Mo.

W.H. J. Jr.
15-11-18

3131 Campbell R.A.

P. 3rd 51st Batt.

J. R. HALLETT 9 E

1st A. I. F. 2725

102. Command Depot.

Route Video

Key mouth.

about

R. W. ROWLEY

1st A. I. F.

M. 2/5-10-17.

Sw
5-1-18

307
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To
- L/Cpl Melling
D. Co.
1st Battalion A.I.F.

about
6561 Pte W. Rowley
1st Battalion
A.I.F.

U Oct 2-5/17

Written 16.8.18
MST.

B/2 FRONT France

C.D.S.-F. 1187

IN AS TO	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Pla- toon	Casualty.
	28 Austrians			K. June 10/18
BY	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Pla- toon	Home Address.
	28 Austrians	A		

INFORMANT.

(first person).

instantly close to the German (to same time). The 4 Company to the Reg. aid post told me only. I am sorry I am unable but as we ^{advanced} & dressed a considerable buried near where he fell, at the about 10 p.m. June 10th //

THE FOLLOWING:—

give name, number, etc., of man who told him.
Informant says a man was killed, death instantaneous?
the body buried, & if so where?
Were any other man of same in Co. or Battalion?

Yes.

RECEIVED

12 AUG 1918

CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

5742.

Signature of Searcher

Date of Report

To
Pt Boyce.
G. Co.
18th Battery
A.I.F.

about
6561 Pt R.W. Rowley
18th Battery
A.I.F.

The Oct 2-5/17

Written 23.9.18
Mrs

HOSPITAL Ford Hospital. Plymouth

INFORMATION			
Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No. Rank
	<i>Lyrell</i>	<i>Darry.</i>	<i>2797 Ple</i>
	SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No. Rank
	<i>Keith</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>4247 Ple</i>

STATEMENT OF	
NOTE.	(to be taken in 1)
In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.	3 I saw Darry Lyrell carried on a bay brough in April. He was I wrote to his friends.

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER	
1. Was Informant Eye-Witness?	2. If not, give of the n.
<i>Of his death.</i>	
3. Was the ground held or lost?	4. If Informant (a) was dead (b) was the ?
<i>Held</i>	
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	6. Was there a name in
<i>Yes - both.</i>	
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.	
<i>Short. Medium Corp.</i>	
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence	
<i>Intelligent</i>	

Reports should always be written very clearly in ink, or typewritten.

To the

Commissioner

6.3.18

A.I.F. War Chest Club

94 Horseferry Rd
S.W.1.

~~Dear Sir~~

Re. 6561 Plt R.W. Rowley
1st Batt A.I.F.

on 2.5.10.14

Missing draft sent.

mult. FRONT French

ON AS TO	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Casualty.
nk 6	7/Aus. I.F.			K. Oct 4/17. Det D/B.
BY	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Home Address.
nk 6	7/Aus I.F.	B		

INFORMANT

(in first person).

regimental number 4596.. He was
in. he was in B. Coy.
Burying Party. she told me
in the open on 4 Oct.. Augac
Serg. Arnold. B. Coy. 7/Aus I.F.
B.E.F."

RECEIVED
11 FEB 1948
GARLSON HOUSE TERRACE

THE FOLLOWING:

Give name, number, etc.,
man who told him.

to [unclear]

Informant says a man was killed,
death instantaneous?
the body buried, & if so where?

Yes as above -

Is any other man of same
in Co. or Battalion?

not in B. Coy.

Signature of
Searcher

V. [unclear]

Date of Report

Feb 6/18.

Rowley 6561

RW 1856

"M. 5-10-17 Hqs"

G.C.

Mr Barry

" A.I.F.

War Chest Club

97 Horse ferry

Rd

Cashed.

24-12-17

A.I.F. 23rd Btn

NICHOLLS (P)
Harry 1543

"Wed-Oct-Nov"

Adm. St John's Amb. 11-11-17
Cert. by Hpl Index

No further report
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 11-12-17

Trans - England 14-12-17
Cert. by Staples letter 16-10-17

London
19-12-17

H

6561 R. W. ROWLEY
1st Batt
M 2/5-10-17.

ack. by P.C.
6.2.18.
2725

S
P. 1.
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4 Coy
Hillman Camp
N° 2 Com Defat
Weymouth
4.2.18

The Sec.

W. M. Enquiry Bureau
V. A. R. C.
Sir

Yours letter of
5.1.18. to hand only this morning.
R. W. Rowley (6561) S. A. 7

I am sorry to say that I am unable to
place him as an acquaintance although the name
seems familiar.

I enquired of friends from the same data
but they could not place him.

My self am out of action so please
excuse remark.

Trusting you will be able to look from
other records of the 1st Bn

I am

Yours Sinc.

Tr. R. Mallard

Adm. also -

1st Batt
RIF

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8391.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
A.I.F. & WAR CHEST CLUB.

Citizens "War Chest" Fund, Sydney, N.S.W.

BEHIND ARMY AND NAVY STORES . .
AND OPPOSITE A.I.F. HEADQUARTERS.

97, HORSEFERRY ROAD,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

~~February 26th 1918~~

To the Officer in Charge

Aus Red Cross

Prisoners in Germany

Section

Dear Sir

I shall esteem it a favour if you can afford
me any information regarding Pte R W Rowley 1st Battn
A F F 6561

This man was reported missing 25/10/17 but his friends
appear to have some information which gives them
slender hope that he may yet be amongst the prisoners

Thanking you in anticipation

I remain

Yours sincerely

CITIZENS WAR CHEST FUND

A. L. Dwyer

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8391.

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97, HORSEFERRY ROAD,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

April 14 th 1918 191

The Secty

Wounded and missing enquiry Bureau

Aus Red Cross Soc

London

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your memo containing information regarding ⁶⁵⁶¹ R W Rowley ^{13th} which I will convey to his friends who made enquiries through myself.

I note that you will afford me ~~any~~ further information concerning the details of his death should you receive any , and for this also please accept my best thanks

I remain

Yours faithfully

CITIZENS WAR CHEST FUND

A. G. Dancy

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8391.

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97, HORSEFERRY ROAD,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

May 10 th 1918 191

Secretary

R. Red Cross Wounded and missing Bureau
London

Dear Madam

6561, 1 B/W

I have to thank you for furnishing further
particulars regarding the late R W Rowley, these I have
passed on the his friends in Sydney

I remain

Yours truly

CITIZENS WAR CHEST FUND

A. B. Barry
Secretary

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8391.
8390.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
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Citizens "War Chest" Fund, Sydney, N.S.W.

BEHIND ARMY AND NAVY STORES
AND OPPOSITE A.I.F. HEADQUARTERS

97, HORSEFERRY ROAD,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Sept 9th 1918 191

The Secty

Wounded & Missing

Aus Red Cross

Dear Sir

Many thanks for the additional information
regarding the late Pte Rowley, which I have now passed
on to his relatives.

Permit me to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere
appreciation of the efficiency of your department as evidenced
by the thoughtful consideration you have given
this case.

I remain

Yours faithfully

A. L. Garry

*Grateful
letter.*

August 31st, 1918.

A.C. Barry, Esq.
A.I.F. War Chest Club.
97 Horseferry Road.
S. E.

Dear Sir.

In further answer to your enquiry for -

6561 Pte. R.W. ROWLEY. 1st Battalion. A.I.F.

We beg to inform you of another unofficial report given by a man of his unit when in No 7 Convalescent Camp in France.

He stated that Pte. Rowley was killed instantly by the explosion of a big shell about 4-30 a.m. on 4-10-17 just when they were going over in an attack on Broodseinde Ridge near Polygon Wood. He was in a shell hole ten yards distant when the casualty occurred and witnessed it. He refers us to L/Cpl. Melling of D.Coy, Pte. Rowley's great friend, who may be able to give us further information and as soon as we receive his reply we shall let you know.

Trusting that this report will be of some assistance to his relatives.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Aw*

Secretary.

A.C. Barry, Esq.
A.I.F. War Chest Club.
97, Horseferry Road,
Westminster. S.W.1.

9th May, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that we have received an
unofficial report respecting -

6561 Pte. R.W. ROWLEY, 1st Battalion, A.I.F.
which confirms the official statement that he was Killed in
Action.

6610 Pte. R.H. Sleep of same unit, lately in Hospital
at Westham stated that on Oct 4th, 1917, he saw Pte. Rowley
fall wounded and went to him but he only lived a few seconds
afterwards. It was during the "Hop Over" at Passchendaele and
as they had to go on Pte. Sleep can say nothing as to burial.

We are continuing our enquiries and as soon as
further details are received we shall advise you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) F. J. G.

SECRETARY.