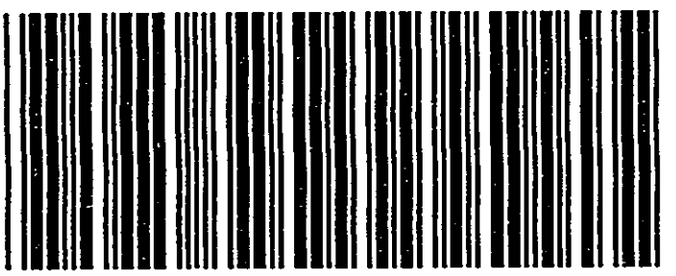
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2851 Lance Corporal Walter Theophilus Roy

6th Battalion



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6th Btn.
A.L.F.

L/C. Walter ROY 2851.

"Killed in Action 4.10.17"

Enquiries passed to H.K.L.
No trace Germany
Cert.by Capt. Hills. 10.10.19.

London.
15.10.19.

H.'.P.L.

A.I.F. 6th Btn

ROY
L/Cpl. W. 2351

"Wded & Missing"

Killed in action 4-10-17 - previously reported Wded & Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 31-7-18.

M & P.I.

London
2-8-18.

6th Btn.

ROY, W,
L/Cpl. 2851

This soldier is officially reported as wounded and missing since 4th October, 1917.

3189 (HQ)

A soldier named Pte. George Lacey, No. 3819, of the 59th Battalion, when writing to a friend in Victoria made the following remark, "I think it will be a touch and a go with Walter Roy."

The relatives of Walter Roy think that George Lacey's remark infers that Walter Roy is wounded and in hospital. Will you please see Pte. George Lacey and get a statement from him?

Keswick Park 11.9.16

18/4/18 Written Pte Lacey 2.7.18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

6th Battn. B.Coy.
A.I.F.

ROY
W. 2851

"Wounded & Missing 4-10-17"

Refer to Pte.W.N.Warren 6365 B.Coy. 6th Battn., who is now in France, he saw him killed at Ypres, and can give full details of casualty.

Informant. Muller Pte.J.G.A. 6323
6th Battn. B.Coy.
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
30-4-18

Off.M.
P.I.

Note; Written Warren 27-4-18

(h Battn.
A.I.F.

W. ROY 2851

"Wounded & Missing 4-10-17"

He was in B.Coy., Refer to L/Cpl.Doble, B.Coy. 6th Battn., now in France, for he is a friend of his and told me he saw him in England.

Informant. Magee. Pte.J.O. 2263
B.Coy. 6th Battn.,
3rd A.A.F.,
DARTFORD.

Note:-
Written L/Cpl.Doble 24-6-18

W.Oman
London
24-6-18
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Off.M.
P.I.

6th Battn: K-A Roy, W. 2851.

W & M. 4/10/17.

We were advancing at Passchendaele and had almost reached our objective when I saw several big shells burst right on the gun team which were servind. They all must have been killed right out and were either blown to pieces or buried by the shells. We had no prisoners taken that stunt and we advanced a mile past the place where the shells fell. Fritz cleared out too quickly to bother about prisoners.

Fly, J.A.Cpl. 4495.

6th Battn:

18 A. Dartford. 1/8/18. N.W.

R.D.B.

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Gen Corrs 3159 3819

Kelly

George Edward 59th Bttn

Address Wanted and particulars

Cheshire

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To. O.C. Aft Hare 30.5.16

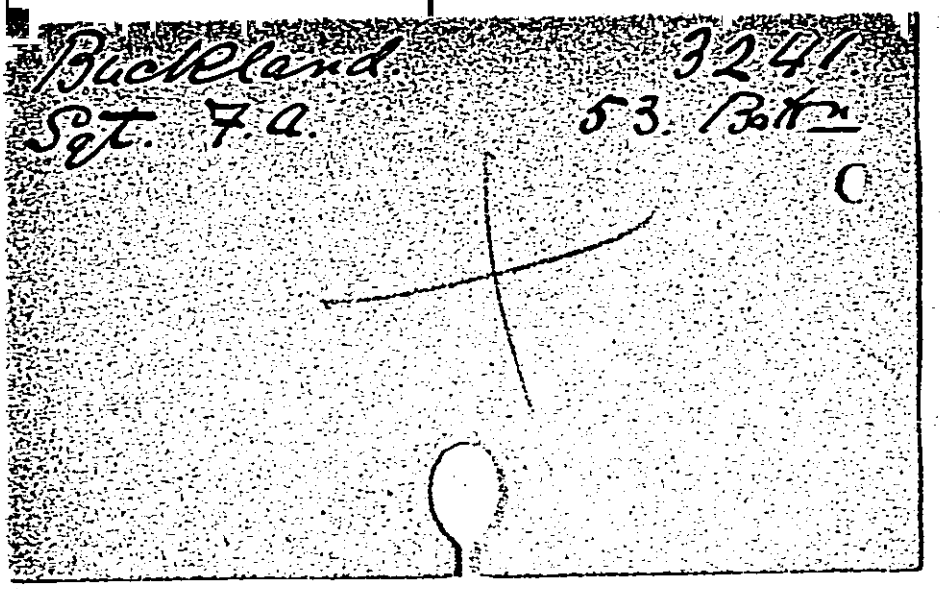
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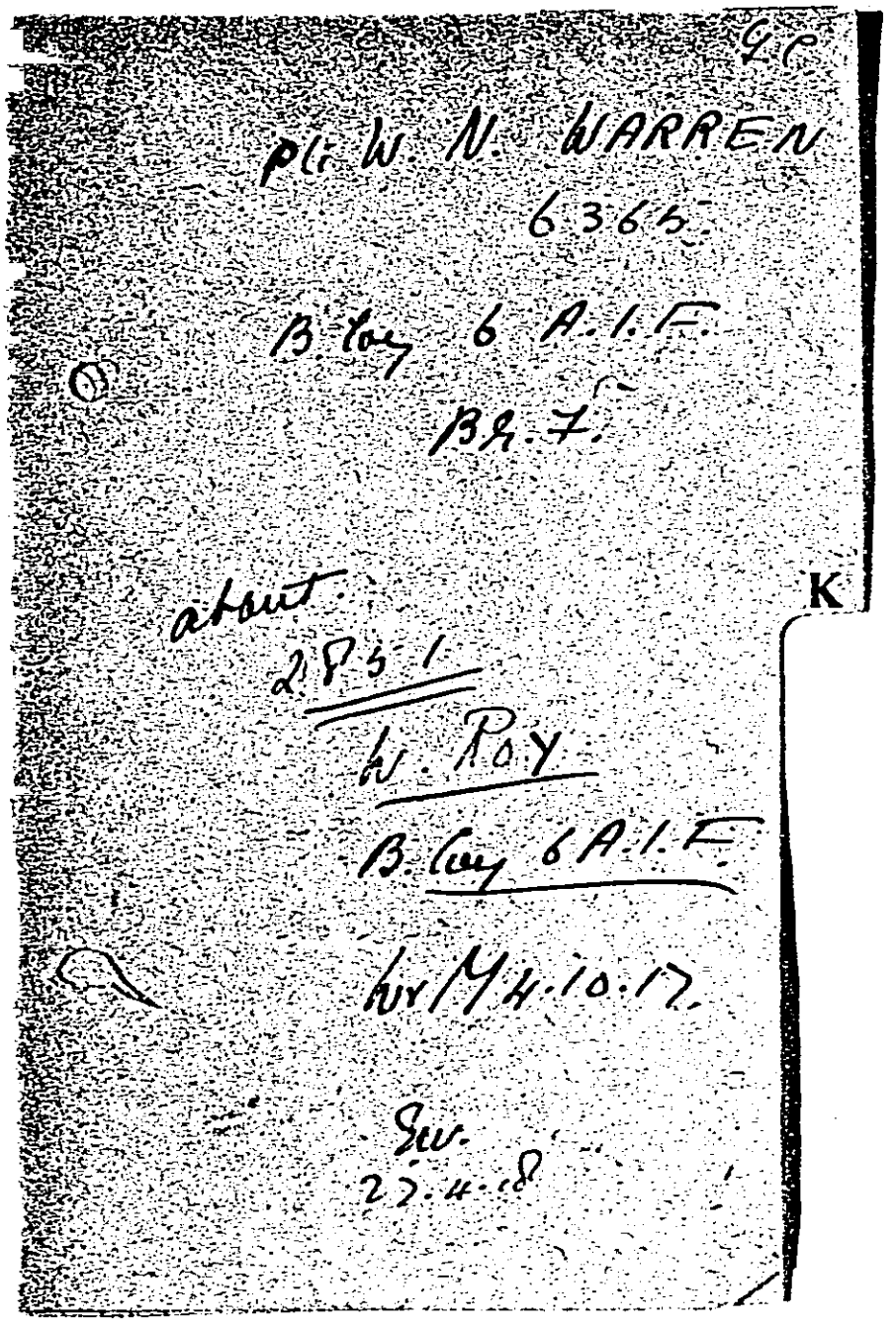
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Pte. W. Roy

B Coy

6th Batn. A.I.F.

W/M 4.10.17.

24.6.18.

France

Ack 18.2.18

Febry 10. 1918

To the Enquiry Branch of
the Australian Red Cross Society
36 Grosvenor Place
London S.W.

Dear Sir

Would you kindly inform me of the Whereabouts of L/Cpl. W. Roy. No 2851 A. Company 6th Battalion 2 Brigade 1st Australian Division.

And oblige
Yours faithfully.

No 841. S.S. L.H. Etherton
S.H.F. Section
2nd D.H.C.
A.J.F.
France.

841 S/S.L.F.Etherton,

S.A.A.Section, 2nd D.A.C.

Australian Imperial Force, Abroad

February 19th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry about :- 2851 Pte.W.ROY, 6th Battalion, A.I.F.

We much regret to inform you that he is officially reported as Wounded and Missing since 4-10-17. We are doing all that is possible to get news of him, but up to date have received no further information. When we obtain definite information we will send it on at once to you.

Trusting you are well.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

D.W.B. for D.S.

July 2nd, 1913.

3189 Pte. George Edward Lacey,
59th Infantry Battalion,
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about -

L/Cpl. W. ROY, 6th Battalion, A.I.F.

reported Missing since 4-10-17.

In a report from our Melbourne Bureau the following sentence from one of your letters to a friend in Victoria is quoted "I think it will be a touch and go with Walter Roy"

The relatives of L/Cpl. Roy infer from this remark that you knew him to be wounded and in hospital.

We would feel very grateful if you could give us any information regarding this soldier's fate as you will realise how very anxious his people are, to hear something definite.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

SECRETARY.

N.T.

August 2nd, 1918.

841 S/S.L.F.Etherton.
S.A.A. Section.
2nd Div. Amm. Column
Australian Field Artillery.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir.

re 2851 L/Cpl. W. ROY. 6th Battalion.A.I.F

We regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Wounded and Missing is now reported Killed in Action on 4-10-17.

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

Regretting the distressing character of this news.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) [illegible]

Secretary.

August 14th, 1918.

841 S/S L.F. Etherton.
S.A.A. Section.
2nd Div. Amn. Column.
Australian Field Artillery.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir.

With further reference to your enquiry for -

2851 L/Cpl. W. ROY. 6th Battalion. A.I.F.

We regret to inform you of an unofficial report we have now received about him from one of the men in his unit.

4495 Cpl. J.A. Fly interviewed recently at 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, stated that they were advancing at Passchendaele and had almost reached their objective when he saw several shells explode on the gun team and he fears that all the men must have been killed instantly and were probably buried by the shells - no Prisoners were taken and the battalion advanced a mile beyond that position.

We are continuing our enquiries and will forward any further information which we receive.

Regretting the distressing nature of this report and with sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) D S

Secretary.