Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6363 Private
Stanley Edwin Reed

1st Battalion



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1st Batn
A.I.F.

REED
S.E. 6363

"Killed May 5th-8th?1917"

Killed at Bullecourt near Noreuil Village by shell, killed at once, he was my pal. I took him to the dressing station to make sure he was dead and then buried him that night of the bank of Sunken Road opposite Dressing station. Put up a board with name and Batn, I was there when he was hit.

Witness:- Cornish.
5513
Ward 27, Harefield.

D.P. Dickson
London.
17.10.17.

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REED, S.E. 6363.

K. May 5th 1917. Drts D/B.

On May 5th 1917 Read's battery Battn was holding a position on the right of Bullecourt. The enemy shelling was very heavy and Read was hit and killed instantly. As the nearest cemetery was a mile and a half away he was probably buried on the spot. He was tall and slight and about 25 years old. He was a school master by profession and we came out together.

Inf: W.Jenkins. 6265.
No. 57 General
BOULOGNE. 20.9.17.

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VII a 5-6/5/17 S3

A. I. F. 1.

RMMD, S.S. 6363.

K. May 5/18, 1917.

He was in B Coy and I knew him well. He was a very good scholar. I think he had a University degree. Very dark, big eyes, 5 ft. 10, very thickset. I last saw him about May 5th at Bullecourt in our front line in morning, daylight. A shell came over and hit him about body, killing him instantly. I saw it happen. I was in same trench and only about 30 yards away. Know nothing as to burial. Very heavy shelling continued.

PHR.

Reference:- Pte. A.G.Doyle. 6240. B.VIII.
No. 1 Can. Gen. Hosp.

Staples
20.9.17.

1st Battn.
A.I.F.

REED.
S.E. 6363.

"KILLED IN ACTION." 8/8.5.17"

Concerning 6363.Pte. S.E.Reed. who was killed on the 8/5/17. I will endeavour to furnish a full description of him, and also how he was killed, and where he was buried., Description;-Height about 6ft1" medium build,dark complexion, dark hair, and dark eyes.and clean shaven. On the morning of the 8/5/17. while assisting in cook house to prepare a meal for the boys in the front line, a shell struck the building, wounding or killing those inside. He was taken to the field dressing station unconscious, where he died a few mimutes later. and buried in a field cemetery. The position of cemetery as far as I can explain, lies between Noreuil and Bullecourt on the main road Although it being a field cemetery, there were several registered graves, and no doubt his grave would also be registered. So I hopethis little information will allow you to fulfill the wish of your enquiries. In such cases, I will be glad if you can help you at any time, and if the information is not quite suffieent. I wil be on leave shortly, and only too pleased to give you a call if required .

Letterfrom;- Pte.R. Housden.6306.
1st BattnA.I.F.
France.6.11.17.

Note;- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortge of machines., London. 11.3.18.

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1st Batt: A.I.F. Reed. S.E. 6363.
C Co:

(K. May 5/17.)

Informant states that at Noreil on the 6th May at about 8.30 a.m. S.E. Reed was cooking in the cook-house - a German 5.9 shell exploded - and a piece of shell tore part of his neck away - another piece wounded his head. Death was almost instantaneous. He was buried at the A.M.C. Dressing Station."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: L. Chapman. 37a.
1st Batt: A.I.F.
5 Devon E.Cornwall Hospital. Plymouth.

Home address: Miamia. Cowper St.
Randwick. Sydney. N.S.W.

24/10/17.
Diana Kirk.

1st Battalion.

REED S.E. P'te
No 6363

B Co.

"Killed 5 to 8/5/17"

I knew Private Reed well. He was a quiet chap. He was a good scholar, I think a Master of Arts and joined the corps in the 9th Reinforcements. It was seen after we got in, that he was killed instantly by a shell at Bullecourt. We were holding the line and I was there at the time.

Informant: P'te Doyle, 6240,
4th Australian General Hospl.
RANDWICK

H.S.N.
19/3/18

Private address: Temora.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

S.C.A.B.M.

REED S.E.

1st A.I.F. RAMD S.E. No.6363.

K. 5-8th May 1917. Det D/B.

He was hit by a shell and died of wounds at Bullecourt. He was a cook, he had only joined two days. He was taken away and died on the way to the Clearing Station. He would be buried there.

Inf:- Pte A.S.Barclay No.1229 B.Co.
Amb.F.'Pieter de Coninck'.
Calais. 9.X.17. RAK.

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Havre 17th Oct. 1917

1st AUSTRALIANS REED, S.E. 6363

K. 5/8th May 1917 Det D/B

I knew him. He was a very quiet man; between 28 and 30 years of age. He was a school teacher in civil life. Was tall, dark and slender. Private Housden, No. 6389 of the 1st Battalion, B.Co. 6th Platoon (now with the Battalion in the Band) knows all about him. He was his greatest friend.

Informant: G. Ogden 6291
1st Australians B.Co. 6th Platn
Australian Camp Hamolles

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written per Hinsman
31-10-17.

Pte Housden
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B. Coy 1st Batt
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S. E. Reed 6363
1st Batt
A.I.F
Killed 8-5-17

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31.10.17

6363 S. E REED

France
6/11/17

The Secretary,
of Red Cross Society. KA 5/8.6.17 S. 3 (d)

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Hoping the information be useful.

I remain.

Yours Faithfully.

6359 Pte R. Housden

1st Battalion

A. I. F.