

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**8574 Corporal  
Wilfred Kiaora Reed**

**5th Field Artillery Brigade**



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5th Fld. Amb.  
A.I.F.

REED  
Cpl. W.K. 8574

"DIED OF WOUNDS 22-5-18"

In reply to your enquiry, I regret to inform you that  
No. 8574 Cpl. Reed W.K. A.I.F. was admitted to this Field Ambulance  
on the 22-5-18 suffering from Bomb Wound Head,

The nature of his injuries was such as to render him  
unconscious and he died the same day, without regaining consciousness.

He was buried in the Cemetery at Frechencourt, the map  
reference of which is B.29.b.5.3. Sheet 62D.

Note from - Commanding Officer  
56th Field Ambulance  
France.  
10-11-18

London  
18-11-18

Boul.

Havre.

9th. October. 1918.

5th. Brigade. A.F.A.

Reed, Corporal, W. K. 8574.

D/7.

May. 22/1918.

Dets. D/B.

He was in the 14th. Battery. He was killed by a bomb with two other men (one a Lieut.) at Beaucourt at night time while on a M.G. He was hit in the head and killed instantly. He was buried in a Cemetery at St. Graden.

Inf:- Private. V. H. Mcill. 3474.

5th. Brigade. A.F.A. 14th. Battery.  
Hospital Ship.

~~xxx~~ HBS.

*J. H.*

*no loss*

CP.

A.F.A. 5 Bde.

REED. Cpl. W.K. 8574.

D/W. 22.5.18. Dets.

He was killed by a bomb on the Albert sector and I know is buried at Freshencourt. A cross was made by Cpl. Crippendel, 5th Bde. 14 Bty. - he is still with the battery and probably could give you exact details. He was I know killed in a bombing raid by the enemy and I understood that was instantly killed.

Inf: Sgt. W.R. Chappell. 7368. S.13.  
Billets,  
BOULOGNE. 2.11.18.

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*C. Scallan*  
*Boulogne.*

Havre.

5th. November. 1918.

5th. Australian F.A.

Reed, Corporal, W. K. 8574.

D/W. May. 22/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Corporal W. K. Reed, 14th. Battery; he came from Western Australia. I was present at the waggon lines at Behancourt in May 1918 when he was hit by an aerial bomb and taken to the D/ Station. I know that he was buried in the Pont de Chelles ? Military Cemetery.

Inf:- Sergeant. J. C. Edwards. 10956.  
5th. Brigade. 14th. Battery.  
Australian Conv. Camp.  
Rouelles.

RDM.

CP.

*2.5.18 13/11/18*

Havre.

5th. November. 1918.

5th. Brigade. A.F.A.

Reed, Corporal, W. K. 8574.

D/W. May. 22/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Corporal Reed, 14th. Battery; about 22, short, slim, dark, and clean-shaven. I was in the Camp with him at Behancourt at the waggon lines in May 1918 when I heard that he was killed by aerial bomb along with Lieut. Abernethy, and Gunner Blair; a very young boy. They are all buried in a Military Cemetery at Pont de Chelles ? near Behancourt I saw the Cross prepared for his Grave. They had a Military Funeral which I did not attend.

Inf:- Driver. T. Peel. 1358.  
5th. Brigade. 14th. Battery.  
Australian Conv. Camp.  
Rouelles.

RDM.

CP.

*2.5.18 13/11/18*

5th Brig. A.F. Artillery,  
A.I.F.

REED,  
W.K., Cpl. 8574.

"Died of wounds - 22-5-18."

"Behencourt killed by a bomb from a plane. He died very soon after he was attended to by the Brigade Surgeon. I saw his grave in a Military Cemetery, just outside Behencourt Village. I knew him well he was in my battery.

Informant:- Thomas, Cpl., 12224,  
Harefield.

D.P. Bickson,  
London,  
8-11-18.  
M.I.S.

*Boul.*

Havre.

12th. November. 1918.

5th. Brigade. A.F.A.

Reed, Corporal, W. K. 8574.

D/W. May. 22/1918. Dets. D/B.

I know Corporal William K. Reed, 14th. Battery. I took his body in a Transport waggon to the French Cemetery at Freshencourt in May 1918 and saw him buried. ~~There~~ There is a Cross with his name on. He died of wounds at the C.O.S. Montigny ? He was my best pal.

Inf:- Driver. W. J. Lynn. 8572.  
8th. Brigade. 14th. Battery.  
Australian Conv. Camp.  
Rouelles.

RDM.

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OP.

Gen. Corres

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To O.C.

56<sup>th</sup> Hd. Quar. Co.  
A. D. F.

About

8574 Gpl. W. K. Reed.

57th Bde

Dec. 22-5-18.

A. D. F.

2-11-18.



A.I.F. 14/5 F.A.B.

RSED  
Cpl. W.R. 8574

"KILLED IN ACTION"

Died of wounds 22/5/18 at 56th Fld. Amb.

Buried Fréchencourt Communal Cem: 7 miles N.E. of Amiens.  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs List 4/9/18.

London  
4/9/18.

B'lgian Enq.

5th Bd.  
A.I.F.

REED  
Cpl. W.K. 8574

Died of Wounds 22-5-18

He was in 14th Battery and I saw him wounded at Behincourt when he lived about 1 hour after being hit by pieces of a bomb from an aeroplane. He was hit by pieces on the head and body and was asleep in bed at time of casualty which happened at 11 o/c at night on May 22/18. He remained unconscious throughout and had medical aid on the spot. I knew him well and he came from 20 Garr Street, West Perth. Westerr Australia. I saw his grave at Flashingcourt in a cemetery and grave was marked by a cross with full details marked thereon. I assisted to bury him.

Informant. Moylan. Gnr. <sup>S</sup>J.J. 34553  
14th Btry. 5th Bd.  
3rd. A.A.H.,  
DARTFORD.

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London  
9-10-18  
H.P.W.

Boul.

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Tel: VICTORIA 8577  
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO

THE SECRETARY

WOUNDED AND MISSING

— ENQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

24th Nov 1918

The Commanding Officer  
56th Field Ambulance  
Australian Imperial Force. B.E.F.

8574 Cpl. W.K. Reed  
5th Field Artillery Bde. A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 22.5.18. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) V. Deakin

Secretary.

her. h. d. S.

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8574  
Cpl. W. K. Reed  
57. A. B.

To Secretary  
Australian Red Cross Society,  
36 Grosvenor Place,  
London S.W. 1

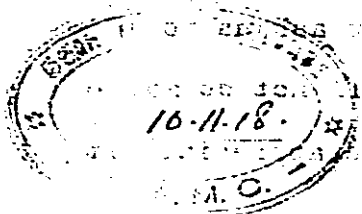
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Reference Minute

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66.56 Field Ambulance