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6623 Private Joseph Daniel Penfold Reed

35th Battalion



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35th Battn.
D.Coy.
A.I.F.

Reed.
J.D.P. 6623

"Missing 12.10.17"

I saw him killed at Passchendaele. He was caught by a bullet from a machine gun, death being instantaneous. I was only a few yards away at the time. Casualty happened about 11.a.m. when we were out to take up a machine gun position. I did not know him very well, but I knew he came from N.S.Wales. I do not know place of burial, and I cannot refer to anyone, but the ground was held and I feel sure he would be buried.

Informant:- Pte.C.W.Cooley 3131
35th Battn. D.Coy. 16th Pltn.
3rd A.A.Hospital
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London.
12.4.18.

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Statement made by No 3131 Pte Cooley G.W. 35th Bn

re No 6623 Pte Reed J.D.F. 35th Bn.

Wounded and Missing 12.10.17.
K/A

Pte Reed J.D.F. was in my Platoon No 15 of "D"Coy. 35thBn. A few of the Platoon including Reed and myself, were working around to try and get at a Machine Gun emplacement, in the Passchendrle "stunt".

We took cover in some shell-holes, Reed and two others were out in the open walking up to where the Machine Gun was. They got to within about twenty-five yards of where the Machine Gun was, when they were knocked over. I saw the three men fall, Reed being the last one to go down. I am certain Reed was the last one to go down, he was about twenty yards from me. I left the shell-hole I was in, about two hours after, and Reed was still lying in the open. I did not go over to him so cannot say if he was really killed. He was lying face downwards.

Dated at Hurdcott 4 Apr 18 (SGD) G.W.Cooley. B S

Statement made and signed before me -- (SGD) G.O.Gill Lieut.

Australian Draft. 23. 4. 18

Mrs M. M. Gregg.
Neil St.
Toowoomba Queensland,

about 6623. Pte ~~D. J. P.~~ J. D. P. Reed
35 Batt A.I.F.

Missing 12-10-17

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1st April 1918.

23rd Aust. M.G.C.

Ryan Sgt J. No.1633.

D/7.4th Decr 1917. Det D/3.

Lieut Grain of the 23rd A.M.G.C. told me that he was with Ryan at Ypres when he was hit. The Lieut was with the unit when I left two months ago.

Inf:- Sergt. J.B.Hastings No. 2379.
23rd Aust. M.G.Coy.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RM.

Written to Lieut Grain
17-4-18.

Toowoomba
Feby 18th 1918.

Aust. Aus. Staff
23.4.18.

Australian Red Cross Commissioners
36 Grosvenor Place
London S.W.

Dear Sirs,

I would feel greatly obliged, if you could help me to get some information whatever concerning a Soldier who has been reported missing since Oct-12th 1917. The only news we have been able to get so far is, that they have been removed the Roll call out of the whole Company on the 14th Oct: 1917. My Soldiers address at the time was.

No 6623.
Private J. H. Reed.
B. Company
35- Battalion
9th Brigade
A.I.F.
Abroad.

Hoping You will be able to send me a little information concerning them.

Yours Faithfully
E. M. Clegg.
Toowoomba
Queensland Australia

(Address envelope enclosed)