Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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5079 Private
William John Rerden

23rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 23rd Btn

REARDEN
W.J. 5079

"D/Wds 11-5-17"

Died of wounds 2nd Canadian Gen.Hpl 11-5-17
Cert by Hpl Index & A.I.F.Hqrs 13-9-17.

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London
14-9-17

23rd Battn.
A. I. F.

Rerden.
W. J. 5079

"Died of Wounds 11.5.17"

Referenceto your letter enquiring as to the Wounds, Death ahd Burial of No.5079 Pte.Rerden W.J. 23rd Battn.Australian Infantry. Pte.Rerden was admitted to this Hospital on 8.5.17 suffering from Multiple Shrapnel wounds of back, thighs and arm L (Amputated) He died at 5.50.p.m. on 11.5.17 and was buried in the British Grave-Yard "Mont-Huon" near Le Treport on 12.5.17 by the Rev.Capt.H.C.C.Lewis.

Letter from:-
The O.C.
No.2.Canadian General Hospital.
20.9.17.

London.
25.9.17.

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23rd Batn
A.I.F. C Coy.

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REDEN
W.J. 6079

"Died of wounds 11.5.17."

I saw him wounded at Bullecourt. He was caught by a shell and badly hit about the head and legs. It happened during the charge. He was taken away to the dressing station but I heard several days later, that he had died in hospital at Etaples.

I do not know anything further of him and I cannot refer to anyone for particulars. I knew him very well. He was wounded on the morning of the 5.5.17.

Witness:-
Cpl. A.C. Potts. 4238
23rd Batn C. Coy., 9th Pltn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
5.11.17.

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17.9.17

O/C's Draft.

The O/C 2nd Canadian
General Hospital. B&F

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About 5079 Pte W J
Pender.
23rd Battalion. A 74

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Deed 11.5.17.

39th Batt,
A.I.F.

T. Glover,
116.

"Killed in Action 6.2.17"

Buried Cite Bonjears Military Hospital Cemetery Armentieres

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters dated 7.9.17

London 8.9.17

M. [illegible] A.I

Miss Vera Deakin,
Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
Wounded and Missing inquiry Bureau.
54 Victoria Street,
London S.W.1.

Reference your letter enquiring as to the Wounds, Death and Burial of No 5079 Pte Rerden W.J. 23 Bn. Australian Infantry.

COMPANY OFFICE
No. 2 CANADIAN
GENERAL HOSPITAL
No. 2117
Date.....

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5079 W.J. RERDEN
23 Bn A.I.F.
D W. 11.5.17

20-9-17.

Major,
Registrar,
for O.C.No 2 Canadian General Hospital.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU),

54, VICTORIA STREET.

LONDON. S.W. 1.

The O C 2nd Canadian General Hospital

About 50 49 Pte W J Reeden B.E.F.

23rd Battalion. 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 11. 5. 17. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

With apologies for troubling you.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY.

NOTE. 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.