

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2501 Private
Ormond Leslie Rumpf

58th Battalion



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58th Battn.
A.I.F.

NO ENQUIRY

"Killed in Action 27-3-18"

ROMPIE
Pte.

RUMPF
OL 2501

I was travelling by train to Doullens, and we were in St. Pol station, which was about 20 miles behind the line, when the Germans started shelling the station with long range guns. The train was moved outside the station, and received a direct hit from a 12" H.E. shell, which killed 11 men outright, and wounded about 10 more. I stopped behind to clear up, and saw and recognised the bodies of Jack Reid, Frank Bunting, and "Mallie" Phillips, under the horses with which they had been travelling, also the body of Cpl. Joe Cook, who had been thrown over a hedge, and Charlie Been, who was lying on the line. They had all been killed outright. I also saw the bodies of R/Q/M/Sgt. Osborne, and Ptes. Rompie, Le Brock, and Day, who had also been killed outright by the shell. It happened at about 8 p.m. towards the end of March, 1918. We had to leave the bodies on the side of the line, and continue our journey. The Railway Transport Officer, at St. Pol Station, promised to attend to the burial.

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: In Q/M's store.

A.G. Campbell

Informant. Turnbull. E.M. 2243

58th Battn. A.Coy. S/B

Richmond Mil. Hpl. Grove Road.

12-6-18

London

1-7-18

NOTE:-

For full list see report
on 3029 C. Beer (Melbourne)

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