

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

6612 Sapper  
David Randall

8th Field Company Engineers



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8th.F.Coy.Engineers.A.I.F.

Randall.D.No.6612.

D./W.Oct.27/17.Det.D./B.

I saw him hit by a piece of shell when we were in billets at West Hook.  
He died soon afterwards.His body was taken away to be buried,but I don't  
know where.to.

Description. Height.5-4.Comp.dark.Slight Build.

Witness. Clayton.W.Pte.No.9090. 8th.F.Coy.Engineers.

Taken at  
No.4.C.D.  
13-2-18  
A.A.S.

S.Whitmee,  
No.4.C.D.  
Hurdcott.

B

8th Engrs.  
A.I.F.

2) 14. in. A. 27-10-17

RANDALL,  
D. 6612  
McConchie, A.T.  
4549

9) "Died of Wounds 27.10.17."

McConchie was killed outright, and Randall wounded by the shell by which I was wounded about 2 a.m. near 5th Divn. baths in the town of Ypres by a big shell (9.2. I think) which blew up our billets, causing 24 casualties (11 killed or D/W). I cannot say as to burial (I was taken to Can. D/S) but it was sure to be in the cemetery at Ypres. After consulting letters from Sgt G.H. Francourt of 8th Engrs, dated 13.11.17 the following were killed or D/W: McCallum, Jock McKay, Shaver Grant, Couchman, Condie, Buchanan, Ernie Hren. "Doc" Harriss (another known only a nickname WAR letter produced WAR.)

Informant:- J. Richardson, 7169,  
8th Engrs,  
Hut 19,  
Westham.

W A. Rand.  
London.  
22.2.18.

#B.

8th Coy Engrs.  
A.I.F.

RANDALL,  
D. 6612

"Died of Wounds 27.10.17."

The same shell at 2 p.m. on 26th Oct 1917 at Ypres, that wounded me, killed Randall. Both his legs were blown off. He lived for 3 hours. He was buried at Ypres in a big cemetery. A cross was erected. There were 24 of us in the dug out at the time, 14 were killed, and 10 wounded. The shell was from an 8 or 10 inch gun.

Eye-witness:- Yes.

Description:-

Informant:- Cpl. H.A. Bisset, 4564, (quite sure of facts)  
8th Coy, Engrs.  
A.I.F.

1st Southern Hospital,  
Shornbridge.

Home address.  
Larriag J.  
Hawthorn  
Vic.

H. Neild Collis.  
1.2.18.  
London.  
4.3.18.

B.

8th Field Engineers  
A.I.F.

RANDALL  
6612 D

"Killed 27.1 0.17"

I saw him killed at Ypres. He was caught by a shell that landed in the place where he was billeted about 20-clocks one morning he only lived a few minutes after. He was fully conscious and asked the M/O not to bother about him and attend to some others who were caught by the same shell. I was quite close to him when it happened. I knew him very well, he came from Queensland. I do not know place of burial but refer to Sgt. Hill 8th Fld. Engrs. HdQtrs he knows place of burial and can give full details.

Witness:-

Spr. C.F. Marshall 7234  
8th Field Coy. Engrs  
3rd A.A. Bpl.  
Dartford

W. Oman  
London.  
14.1.18

Note written Hill 9.1.18

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Sgt. HILL

A C

8 Field Engrs

Head Quarters

A. I. F.

B. F. 7.

about.

D. RANDALL

6612

N

8 Field Engrs

A. I. F.

1927.10.17.

Sw

9.1.18