

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**2194 Corporal  
Frank William Rand**

**5th Field Company Engineers**



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A.I.F. 5th Pld. Coy. Eng.

RAND  
P.W.2194

"WOUNDED"  
"KILLED IN ACTION 21.8.18"

Buried Fawlleres British Cemetery W.W.W. of Peronne  
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqs List 27.11.28

London  
28.11.18

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A.I.F. 5th Coy.  
Aust. F.E.

RAND  
F.W. 2194 Pte.

"Killed 31.8.18"

I was in same Coy, with Rand. Tall, very fair man, 25 years about. He was a Victorian. He was killed at Clery, getting a shell splinter through the head and died instantly. I saw his dead body. The corner we were in was a very severe one. The Huns did not again hold the ground. I saw a photo of Rand's grave. My Coy was informed that Rand had been recommended for decoration for going out and cutting the wires of a wired bridge the day before. Sapper Gordon of Headquarters, Horseferry Road, was with Rand and can supply further details.

Informant:- Sapper H. Marshall, 18402,  
5th Coy, Aust. F.E.

London  
22.1.19

J.E.A. Note:- Written Gordon 21.1.19.

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5th F.Coy. Engrs.  
A.I.F.

RAND,  
F.W. 2194.

"Killed in action 31-8-18."

He was killed on the 31st of August last, while we were working at a bridge across the Somme. The next day six of us went back with a stretcher and brought back the body. He was buried by the Brigade Chaplain in an Australian Cemetery, but I am sorry to say the name of the village has escaped my memory, but I should think it was about 12 kilos west of Peronne. He was a man standing about six feet, or a little over, fair hair, and blue eyes, he left Australia as a private in one of the 2nd Division Battalions, but transferred to the 5th Field Coy Engineers in Egypt early in 1916.

Letter from:- L.F.J. Gordon,  
A.I.F. Headquarters,  
War Records Section,  
Horseferry Road,  
London.

London,  
30-1-19.  
J.R.A.

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5th Flld Engrs.  
A.I.F.

RAND.  
F.W. 2194.

"Killed in Action 31-8-18"

I saw Rand's body after he had been killed instantly by piece of shell through the head at Clery on a bridge which they were building across the Somme - the body was brought back and buried at Femilleres Cemetery. I saw him buried. This was the first body buried there. He was killed about 10.a.m. Rand was tall, fair, about 22 years.

Informant:- Spr.D.F.Adamson. 2816.  
5th Flld Engrs.

2nd. Cpl Rand. was a very fine chap and one of the best-liked men in the Company. He had only just returned from leave. He was a very good soldier.

Informant:- Sgt.W.C.Rowe. 2944.  
5th Flld Engrs.

BRISTOL.

H.A.H.  
London.  
31-12-19.  
H.G.

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5th FIELD COY. ENGINEERS.  
(I.I.F. (late 17th Batta).)

Sapper F.V. RAND. 2194.

KILLED 31.8.18.

Informant did not know Rand prior to seeing him after he was killed, but so far as he could recollect he was a man about 5'6" high, heavy build, and aged about 38 years. He was a Corporal. On the 31.8.18 the Company was about 7 miles from Peronne engaged in bridge building on the River Somme. Some time prior to 2 p.m. Rand was killed. Informant did not see this happen, but saw him lying where he was killed as he passed along to take Rand's place. Informant was told that Rand was taken away that night and buried, but he could not recollect the place of burial.

INFORMANT: Sapper J.W. Murphy, 20771,  
5th Field Coy. Engineers.

Home address: BELMORE.

W.E.G.  
No. 4 Australian General  
Hospital, RANDWICK.  
20.1.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

C. Sullivan  
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5th Field Co. Eng.

A. I. F.

RMH,  
A.M. 1194.

Wounded recently.

Admitted to Gen. Hospital Camieres 15-7-16 with gunshot  
wound in right leg (IK. 1 Set.)

Cert.by - A.I.F. Headquarters 6-8-16.

Transferred to No. 6 Conv. Camp. <sup>8</sup>7-8-16.

Cert.by-letter Itaples 12-8-16.

London,  
14-9-16.

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Sap. Gordon

5 Co. Hd Eng'rs  
A. I. F.

C/O Anstr. Head Quarters

Amferry Rd

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2194 Pte F. W. Rand

5th Co. Hd Eng'rs - A. I. F.

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Written 21. 1. 19

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P.S.  
If you write to  
the 5th Field Coy  
Australian Engineers from  
they would give you the exact  
location of the grave. His brother  
also has all particulars.  
ack P.E.  
24.1.19  
D.W.B.

AIF Headquarters  
War Records Section  
Horseferry Rd.  
London

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F.W. Rand

5th Coy Eng.

Kin A. 31.8.16.

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The Secretary

Australian Red Cross Society

36 Grosvenor Place

Dear Madam

In reply to your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. I can  
give you the following details. 2<sup>nd</sup>/Cpl F.W. Rand, was  
killed on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August last, while we were working  
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but transferred to the 5<sup>th</sup> Field Coy Engineers in Egypt early  
in 1916.

Yours faithfully  
L. F. London