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5083 Lance Corporal Denis Charles Reid

20th Battalion



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A.I.F.
20th. Battn.,

REID. 5083.
Denis Charles. L/Cpl.

"Killed in Action 3.6.17".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

Name.	Unit.	Casualty.	Cause of Casualty.

London
19.10.19.

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[illegible] 20th Btn

REID

L/Cpl Denis Chas. 5083

"MISSING"

Killed in action 3-5-17 - previously reported Wded & Missing
ert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 12-12-17

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London
18-12-17

A.I.F. 20th Btn

REID
D.C. 5083

"MISSING"

Reported Missing in France 3-5-17
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 22-8-17.

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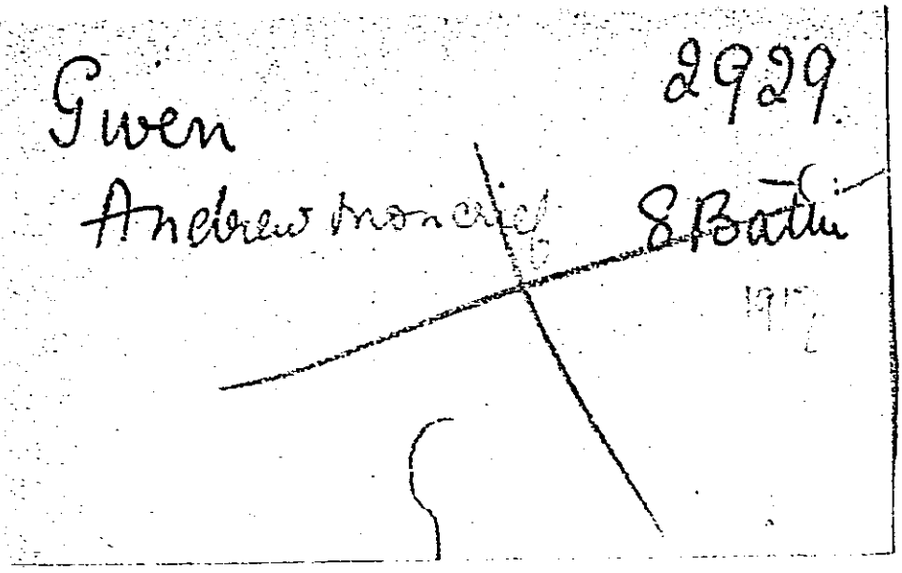
London
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Reid ✓
D.C. Derek Charles

5083 ✓
20 Bkt ✓

Missing 3-5-17.
Please verify
Morning 3.5.17. Now kept N/A 3.5.17

Report Section


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& Bath
1917

Old Corps under 5309

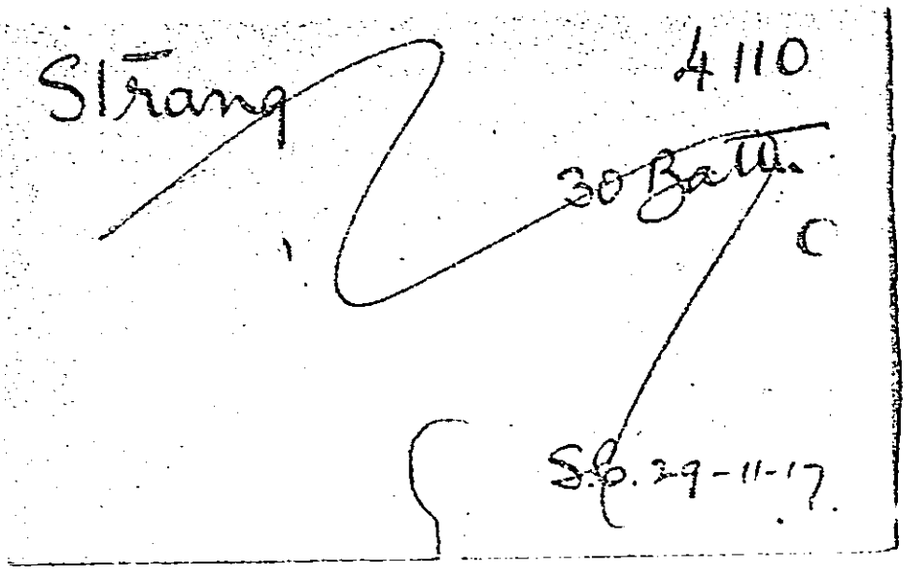
Brown 5083 Pte. F.D.

Alf. John Aust. 20 Battn

Present address.

Rel-L Forrest 31.12.17. H-9 18.1.18.

Ref. for D.C. Reid
5083.
M.I.S. 15.1.18.


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30 Batt.
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S.P. 29-11-17.

20th Australian Imperial Force Reid, L/Cpl. D.C. 5083

(M. May 3, 1917).

" L/Cpl. Reid was killed by a shell, opposite to Bullecourt. I saw him lying in a shell hole. I have Reid's photograph. "

Eye Witness

Description

Informant :- Francis P. Dolling, 5048,
20th Aus. Imp Force
Kings Hospt. 4th London R.A.M.C
Surgical II Ward,
Denmark Hill, S. E.

Home address :-
Brown Street,
Waverley,
Sydney.

24.10. 17.
M. Bridgman.

20th Battn.
A.I.F.

Reid.
L/Cpl. D.C. 5083

"Killed in Action 3.5.17"

re No.5083 Pte.L/Cpl.D.C.Reid. I deeply regret being unable to supply you with the required information, not having come into contact with this soldier while in France. I have made enquiries here on your behalf, but am very sorry to inform you in no case did I meet with success.

Letter from:-
5309 A.J.Brown
20th Battn.
Fovant Salisbury Plain.
12.2.18.

London.
15.2.18.

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ORIGINAL STATEMENT SCHELON. 2555/3/11

C O P Y

Statement made by No.5008 Pte DOLLING F.P. 20th Btn

re No.5083 L/C REID D.C. 20th Btn.
Missing 3.5.17

At about 4.p.m. on the 3rd of May 1917, I was proceeding from Bapaume to 20th Battalion Headquarters, near Bullecourt, and while passing a shell hole my attention was drawn to No.5083 L/Cpl Reid who I identified lying on his back in the shell hole. I am of opinion that he dead was dead, the body having badly lacerated by the shell burst. Another private of the 20th Battalion was with me, but I am unable to remember his name or number.

Dated at 4th L.G.H. this 4th day of December 1917.

(Sgd) F.P. DOLLING

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) B.J. CAREY.
2/Lt.A.S.C.
(A.T.)

20th Australians. Reid [redacted], L/Cpl. D.C., [redacted]
Shaw, Lieut. E. J. 5083
M. ~~Aug. 3rd 1916.~~ May 3rd 1917 (Sent out incorrect)

"I received a letter on the 21st June last from my pal, Pte. Shepherd of the 20th Batt., D. C. Pltn XV, No. 1322, in which he stated that Pte. D. C. Read died of wounds and that Lt. Shaw was killed. The letter was written from France on June 10th but gives no details. Read was a great chum of mine and was nicknamed Dinny. He was about 5 ft. 8, had very dark hair and a gold front tooth".

Eye Witness:

Description:

Informant:- Cpl. Kenneth Brodie, 1152.
20th Australians, C. Coy., IX Pltn.
Tooting Hospital, S. W.

Home address:- C/o Mrs. M. Fuller,
50 Dover Road,
Northfleet, Kent.

G.H.M.

Written Pte Sheppard 16.7.17

4.7.17.
L. Inglis-Jones.

20th Australian Imperial Force Reid Charles ~~Read~~ Dennis, L/Cpl. ~~5083~~ 5083
D Coy.

(M. May 3, 1917).

Informant states " I heard about 9 days ago from 5026, Pte. Jack Goggin, that L/Cpl. D.C.Read had been killed. As far as I know, Pte J. Goggin is at Perham Downs and could give information. His address is -
5026, Pte. Jack Goggin,
Overseas Draft Company,
Perham Downs,
Salisbury Plain.

Eye Witness -

Description -

Informant :- L/Cpl. Richard Thomas Foster, 5017,
D Coy. 20th Aus. I Force, 16 Pl.
Home address :- 3rd London General Hospt,
16. 7. 1917. Australian Mi. Offices. Wandsworth, S.E.
E.Liddell.

G.H.M.

Written Pte Goggin 16.7.17

20th Battn.
A. I. F.

Reid
~~Sergt.~~ 5083
L/Cpl. D.C. ~~5095.~~

Clarke.
L/Cpl. J. 1157.

"Missing 3.5.17"

I. Sheeling 4510 20th Battn. Tooting Military Hospital Church Lane, London told me these two were killed.

Witness:-
Cpl. Osborne 4238.
W.32. Harefield.

D. P. Dickson.

London.
27.7.17. Note Written Sheeling 19.7.17. Off.M.

Reid

20th Battn
A.I.F.

D.C. [redacted] 5083

"Missing 3.5.17."

Re D.C. Read of the 20th Battn I regret to say that I cannot supply any information as I myself was in Hospital at the time of the Bullecourt battle. I cannot find out anything more than his going in the charge and failing to return. He was a pal of mine and until they were broken up was in the Battn bombers with me and he was in charge of a section of bombers in the chrage. I have a photo of him in a group of four and would lend it to you if it was of any assistance. It is an excellent one of him. He was about 5'10" high medium build. Very dark hair, and rather sallow complexion. We all feel his loss as he was a fine soldier and always cheerful and had been recommended for good work done at Lagnicourt.

Letter from:-

Jack Goggin.
France

London.
31.8.17.

Pte. M.

20th BATTALION, A.I.F.

REID.
L/Corporal D.C. 5083.

"KILLED, 3.5.17."

Informant states that he was wounded at Bullecourt on 3rd May, 1917, and went to the First Aid Dressing Station where he met Ben Williams, of the 20th Battalion, "D" Company, who told Informant that Lance-Corporal Reid had been killed outright by a shell. Ben Williams was a cobber of Lance-Corporal Reid, and Informant, Williams and Reid were in the same Platoon.

Reid was tall, thin, dark, clean-shaven. As far as Informant knows Williams is still at the Front. Informant last saw him at Monte Video Camp, near Weymouth, in July or August, 1917.

INFORMANT;- Private J. Smith, 1306,
20th Battalion, A.I.F.
No.3 Hut,
RANDWICK HOSPITAL.

I will enquire
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C.E.W.
No.4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.
16.7.18.

J.E.A.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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20th Battn.
A.I.F.

Reid.
Denis Charles 5083

"Killed in Action 3.5.17"

Letter received from 5309 A.J.Brwan 20th Battn. stating Reid was killed - Please interview Brown.
Sydney letter 24.11.17.

5309 Alfred John Brown - 20th Battn. returned to Fovant 31.12.17.
M.A. Searcher at H.Qrs. London. 18.1.18.
11.2.18.
Note Written Pte.Brown 9.2.18.

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9-2-18

S-309 Pte A J Brown
20th Inf. Batt. A.I.F.
Tobruk & Plain

Abt.
S-083 Pte D C Reid
20th Inf. Batt. A.I.F.

K/A 3-5-17

11.2.18