Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3248 Lance Corporal George Alexander Reid

8th Battalion



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8th Battn.
A.I.F.,

Reid
G.A. 3248

"Wounded July-August."

"Wounded 26-7-16.
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 18-9-16.

"Wounded in Action 26-7-16. hospital not stated.
Cert by A.I.F. Headquarters 11-10-16.

Admitted to 6th Conv. Depot 8-8-16. with shellshock.
Cert. by letter from 3rd Echelon 12-10-16.

London
16-10-16.

M.

France.

A. I. F. 8. REID, G. A. 3248.

W. unoff. M/26th. July 1916.

He was a small ginger-headed fellow, of about 25; a L/Cpl. in D.Coy. He was killed right out in a dug-out by a shell which came through the parapet. I saw him carried away in a waterproof sheet, quite dead. He was buried just outside the trench.

Reference: Aubrey, 1287, D.Coy.,

I confirm this.
Hancock, 3334.

No. 1 A.D.B.D.
Etaples.
1.12.16.
NBA

FRANCE
3248

8th BATT. A.I.F. REID. G.A. ~~2386.~~

W.unoff M.July 26th.1916.

He was a corporal in D.Coy, rather dark and did not look strong. He had a peculiar way of twitching his eyes. I saw him asleep in a trench shelter when a shell came over and passed clean through the shelter, killing him outright as he slept. I saw him carried out and buried between Casualty Corner and the Chalk Pit.

WSI

Ref --Pte W.Felix Robinson. 3603.
No 2 Can. Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. Dec 21st. 1916.

See prev. note.
Written Reply bar 6 Conv. Depot 6.1.17

8th A. I. F.

Reid, L/Cpl. Geo. A. 3248,
D Coy. 13 Pl.

(W. and unoff: M. 26. 7. 16.)

"L/Cpl G. A. Reid was lying in a trench asleep when a shell exploded and killed him instantly. The body was buried by the roadside between Chalp Pit and Casualty Corner at Pozieres."

Eye witness:-- Yes.

Informant:-- Pte. Walter, F. Robinson, 3602,
8th A. I. F. D Coy. 13 Pl.
Norfolk War Hospital, Norwich.

Home address:-- Amphitheatre
Victoria,
Australia.

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Man: 4th
E. Rice

8th Batt.
A.I.F.,

REID
3248 Geo.Alex.

"Wounded 26.7.16"

He was admitted to this Depot on 8.8.16. from No.11 General Hospital suffering from shell shock. He was transferred to No.5.Convalexcent Camp on 13.8.16. His age on admission was 19 and he states he had 9 months service. No other man of that name was admitted to this Depot about the same time.

Cert. by letter from J.G.Wisher (Lieut.& acting Adj;)
No.6 Convalescent Depot,
France.
11.1.17

Note Evidently the reports Etaples 1/12/16 Le Treport 21/12/16 and London 4/1/17 sent to Melbourne about this man, refer to some other Reid. The name was left on our lists in error.

London.
15.1.17

H.

8th A. I. F.

Reid, A. G. 3248.
A Coy.

(W. un: M. July 26/16.)

Informant states that on 6th December 1916 at Fricourt Huts in France he last saw A. G. Reid, whom he knew well. He had been sleeping by informant's side for two months previously to 6th of December 1916.

Informant:— Pte. Albert Henry Taylor, 603,
8th A. I. F. A Coy.
1st. Southern General Hospital,
Dudley Road, Birmingham.

Home address:— Dunboola,
Victoria.

Jan: 20th
Currie.

8th Australian Imperial Force.

Reid, Pte. G.A., 3248,
D. Coy.,

W Unoffl M. July 26th. 1916.

"We were moving up to the trenches on the evening of July 26th 1916 before an attack at Pozieres when a stray shell burst into the trench and killed Pte. Reid instantaneously. I saw him fall he was only a little way off from where I was standing. He was buried at Pozieres and the Coy. Officer took his disc and pay book."

Informant:-- Pte. J. Sells, 2777,
8th Australian Infantry, D.Coy.,
County of London Hosp:
Horton, Epsom.

Home address:-- Address to 8th Aus.Inf:
B.E.F. France.

26th Jan.
M.M.Walters.

Not sent on.

Mcd.
In Case Reqd

No. 6 Convalescent Depot
France
11-1-17

Dear Sir

= No 3248 9th G.a Reid
8th A.I.F. was admitted to
this depot on 8.8.16 from
No 11 General Hospital suffering
from Shell shock, he was
transferred to No. 5 Convalescent
Camp on 13.8.16. His age
on admission was 19 and

he stated he had 9 months service, no other man of that name was admitted to this Depot about the same time.

Yours Faithfully

J. G. Wisher Lt. Paid
No 6 Con Depot

Reid
Pte. A.V.C. 32118
Seattle U.S. 26.7.16.

Note Evidently the report
Naples 1.12.16 Le Treport 21.12.16
+ London 4.1.17. Cant find anything
about this man, refer to some other
Reid. The name was left on
over list in error.

January 8th.1917. --

The Adjutant
6th.Convalescent Depot
B.E.F.

Dear Sir;

We are making enquiries on behalf of our Melbourne Bureau for a man of A.I.F. 3248.G.A.Reid,8th.Battn.A.I.F. reported Wounded 26-7-16; and we have been told by Sydney Echo that he was admitted to your Depot 8-8-16; suffering from Shell W sock.

We are anxious to have your confirmation of this report,and would also be glad if you would inform us to which Hospital or Camp he was thence discharged,or if the Pte.Reid.admitted on that date was not 3248.Geo.Alex.Reid,but another man of similar name; as we have received several unofficial reports stating the man was Killed.

With apologies for troubling you, and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary

16th January - 7.

The Adjutant,
No.3. Convalescent Depot.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you very much for your letter of January 12th, just received, in answer to our enquiry re:-

Pte. F. L. Reid. 6th Battalion. A.I.F.

The very clear particulars you have sent us are exactly what we desired in order to clear up this case.

With repeated thanks.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary,

F.L.