

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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206 Driver  
Ernest Richard Sawyer

27th Battalion



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27th Bn  
A.I.F. 2nd Div. Sig. Coy. (late)

SAWYER  
Ernest Richard 206

"KILLED IN ACTION 10/6/18"

Buried Dive. Copse Cem. nr. Sielly-le-Sec. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  mls S.S.W. of Albert  
Mr. Spedding's list.

London  
14/4/19

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27th Battn. late 2nd Div: Sig:  
A.I.F.

SAWYER.  
E.R. 206.

NOTE TO ADELAIDE.

"Killed in Action 10-6-18"

In your letter of 20-8-18 the above's Unit is given  
as 2nd Div: Sig: Coy. as re your cable 19-8-18 in Melbourne's  
enquiry, his Unit is given as 27th Battalion which is correct.

London.  
5-11-18.

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A.I.F. 27th Battn.  
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SAWYER  
E.R. 206.

"KILLED IN ACTION"

Killed in Action 10/6/18.  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs List 5/9/18.

London  
9/8/18.

A. I. F. 27.

SAWYER, E.R. 206.

K. June 10th, 1918.

I saw Sawyer of A.III. killed instantly by one of our shells in a barrage about 10.15 p.m. June 10th. between Sailly-le-Sec and Morlancourt, which hit him in the back and head. We hopped over too soon and got caught in our own barrage. Lieut. Woods was hit by the same shell and died of wounds. Blake was killed by the same barrage. I don't know anything about burial. The S/Bs. tried several times but could not get the body in before we were relieved about a couple of days after. I tried to find out afterwards where he was buried but could not. Sawyer came from Carpa, via Franklin Harbour, South Australia, he was a farmer. I wrote to his people and another mate of his also wrote home telling all particulars.

HEH.

Inf:- Cpl. G.Penna. 5052. 27.A.II.  
3 Aust. Gen. Hp.

Abbeville  
20.9.18.

*J.E.A.*

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27th. September. 1918.

27th. Australians.

Sawyer, E. R. 206.

K. June. 10/1918. Dets. D/B.

I saw him killed by a shell at Sully le Sec about 10. p.m. We had just gone over the top and owing to Heavy M.G. Fire he could not be brought in. He was not brought in when the Battalion was ~~xxxx~~ relieved two days later. He came from Carpe by Franklin Harbour, South Australia. He was a Farmer.

Inf:- Corporal. G. Penna. 5052.  
27th. Australians. A. 2.  
Australian Conv. Camp.  
Rouelles.

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J. A.

CP.

A. I. F., 27th Bn.

SAWYER, E. R., 206.

K. June 10/18. Det.D/E.

We were in front of Morlincourt and advancing our line about 600 yards. I was about 50 yards off at the time. He was hit in the back by one of the shells from our own Batteries - they were firing short. He was killed instantly. The S/Bs carried him back but I do not know where he is buried. He was a South Australian and had a sandy moustache, about 35 years of age; he was one of the original men that came over.

Reference: Corpl. Grandison, 62,

No. 6 General, Rouen, 29.9.18.

D.H.

J. A.

Havre.

6th. October. 1918.

27th. Australians.

Sawyer, E. R. 206.

K. June. 10/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Corporal Rolly Sawyer, D. 14. he came from South Australia in the 10th. or 12th. to the 27th. reinforcement. I think he was Clarking in a Bank. I saw him lying badly wounded at Buire in June 1918. He had been hit by a shell along with Lieut. Kruse & Corporal F. Linder. He was unconscious and I heard he died of wounds at a C.C.S. at Vignacourt where he was buried as far as I know.

Inf:- Private. H. Clarke. 3062.  
27th. Australians. D. 14.  
Australian Conv. Camp.  
Rouelles.

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CP.



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7th Octr 1918.

Australians. 27.

Sawyer B.R. No. 206.

K. 10th June 1918. Dot D/B.

He was killed at Morlancourt by a piece of shell, and I saw him lying dead just outside the trench. We were just going over at the time. I think he would be picked up but cannot say. I knew him well, and came over in the same ship, the s.s. 'Deelong' leaving Port Adelaide on the 31st May 1915.

Inf:- L/Cpl J.B.Tudor No.1608.

A.I.F. 27. A. II.

Austra. Conv. Depot.

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*J. B. Tudor*

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27th Battn.  
A.I.F.

SAWYER  
Pte.E.R. 206

"Killed 10-6-18"

I saw Sawyer just after he had been killed by a shell at Morlancourt Wood, during night of 10/11th June, 1918. I was acting S/B. We could not get his body for German snipers, but the Battn. that relieved us buried him a day or two after, not far from where he was killed, in a new Cemetery just above the sunken road, about 200 yds. from the old line. I handed his papers to the Q/M myself. A Cross was put on his grave. After taking Sawyer's papers we were called to take in a badly wounded officer who died at the Aid Post. When we got back it was impossible to get Sawyer's body. Ground was held.

Eye-witness:- No.

Description:- Formerly a Dvr., I think in the A.S.C., married.  
Had been slightly wounded before at Buire(?).

Home address:- Informant. Robertson. Pte. James 6147 (quite  
Nile Street, 27th Battn. Hqrs., intelligent  
Exeter, Killingbeck Hpl.,  
S. Australia. LEEDS.

F.I. Scott  
30-9-18

London 19-10-18 J.A.A.

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27th Btn.

SATYER, E.R.  
Nvr. No. 206.

Kid. in act. 10.6.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 8", well built, about 25 years of age, known as Ernie. Casualty was advancing at Morlancourt. I was in the same advance. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty, a piece entering his neck killing him instantly. I was 10 yards away at the time the shell exploded and saw him fall and went to his assistance, but he was beyond all aid. He was taken to the rear of Ithons and buried, but I do not know the exact spot."

Informant:- V.S. Egan,  
No. 6686

Private address  
Grano Street,  
Ararat.

T.C.?  
23.5.19.

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