

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3286 Private
William Arthur Rowe**

58th Battalion



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58th Battalion.
A.I.F.

3286 ROWE W.A.

"Killed in Action 25.9.17."

TELL MALLAHTUA

Killed in Action 25.9.17. buried Glenoross Wood
near Ypres. .sinU .smmM

Informant:- No. 2795 Sgt. J.A. Stevens.
Late Or.R. Segt/
58th Btn.

Sgt. Scott.
"Tras-os-montes".

London
29.9.19.

A.I.F.
53th Bn.

ROWE
William Arthur

3286

Killed in Action 25.9.17.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
20.10.19.

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A. I. F. 58.

ROWE, 3286. W. a

K. September 25th, 1917.

Rowe came from Ballarrat. His father was an hotel keeper. His initials were W.A. He was in B.Coy. He was killed in supports at Polygon Wood on September 25th. There was a heavy barrage on. A shell fell just behind the trench. He was hit with a piece of the shell through the head. He was killed instantly. I was only a few yards from him and the concussion knocked me over. I did not see his body again. I was acting as runner. Pte Cleary, A.Coy, told me afterwards that he had helped to bury Rowe. Cleary was with the Battalion towards the end of October when I came away.

Reference:- McTaggart, R.W. 3203. D.Coy.
No. 4 Gen. Hp.

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12.12.17.

58th Battn
B.Coy.,
AIF

ROWE
W.A. 3286

"Killed in Action 25.9.17."

I saw him killed at Ypres on the 25.9.17. He was caught by a shell pieces of which hit him about the head killing him instantly. I knew him very well, he and I were always great friends and he came from Victoria. I assisted to get him out, after being hit. I was wounded by the same shell and do not know place of burial, but refer to Pte. J.A. Roache 3285 B.Coy., 58th Battn who is in France and who can give full details of burial. We all left Australia together by the s.s. "Midie" which left there 16.12.16

Witness:-

Pte. S.G. Still 3231
58th Battn B.Coy., 8th Pltn
3rd A.A.Hospital,
Dartford

W.Oman
London.

Note this was sent in as no enquiry report for
W.A. Rowe 3287

11.1.18. Notewritten Pte. Roache 8.1.18. *Letter returned marked*
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58th Battn
B.Coy.,
AIF

ROWE
W.A. 3286

"Killed Sep. 25th 1917"

I saw him killed at Ypres. He was caught by a shell fragments which hit him about the head, death being instantaneous. In addition to being hit, he was buried. I knew him very well, he came from Ballarat Victoria, and came away free by the s.s. "Midie" which left Australia on the 16.12.17. I was wounded by the same shell and do not know place of burial, but refer to Pte. J.A. Roache 3285 B.Coy 58th Battn who is in France and knows place of burial and can give full particulars.

Witness:-

Pte. S.G. Still 3231
58th Battn B.Coy.,
3rd AA Hospital,
Dartford

W.Oman
London.
16.1.18

Note written Roache 14.1.18

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58th Bn.
A.I.F.

ROWE
W.A. 3286

Killed 25.9.17 D/B.

Was in B. Coy. 8th Platoon - He was killed by the same shell as knocked me. It happened just before the hop-over at Polygon Wood. I went up and spoke to him, but he could not answer me. They took him to a Pill box, and he died there - He was buried near the Pill-box. I don't know if there was a cross put up.

Witness:- Osborne, U.R. 4862
58th Battn..
28.12.17

W.G.J.
London.
14.1.18

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58th Battn.
A.I.F.

ROWE
W.A. 3286

"Killed 25-9-17"

Glencorse Wood, was hit by a shell, died about 10 minutes after he was brought into a Pill Box. I was in the same Pill Box at the time. I knew him well, came over from Australia together, but I don't know where buried.

Informant. Maloney 3192
Ward 38,
HAREFIELD.

D.P. Dickson
London
8-3-18

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58th Battn.

ROWE
W.A. 3286

K. 25/9/17

I knew casualty, he was a well built man, 5'9" in height, dark complexion, about 26 years of age. Casualty was in the support lines at Polygon Woods and was badly wounded in the head while he was standing near me. He was carried out by the stretcher bearer and died as soon as he reached the Dressing Station. I do not know where he was buried.

Informant:- 3285

Pte. J. Roche

Private Address:- 6 Irymple Avenue
ST. KILDA.

N.A.T.
3/10/19.

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Telegraphic Address:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

P. G. Roache 3285

B. Gay.

58 A. I. F.

B. S. F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit
3286 W. A. Rowe B. Gay 58 A. I. F. reported
killed in action 25.9.17.
and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

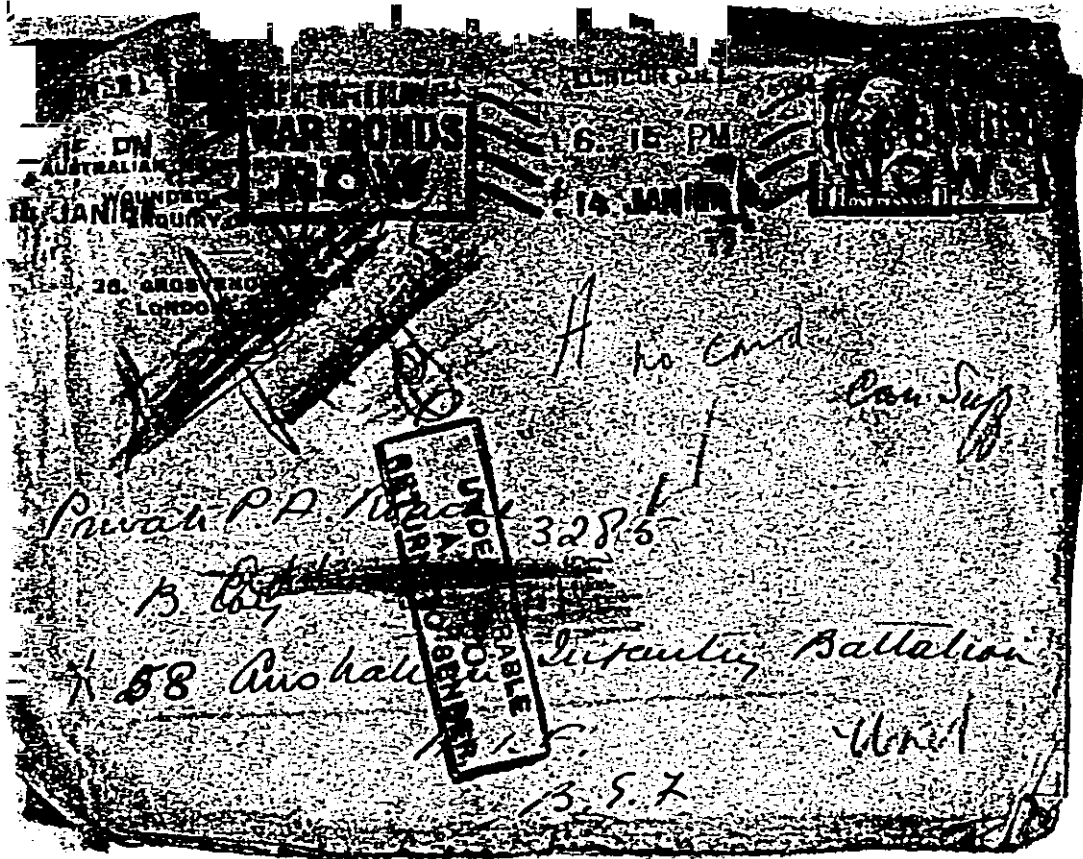
We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning W. A. Rowe but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldier's cemetery where the grave would be registered. We should also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

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NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identifying the soldier about whom you are writing.



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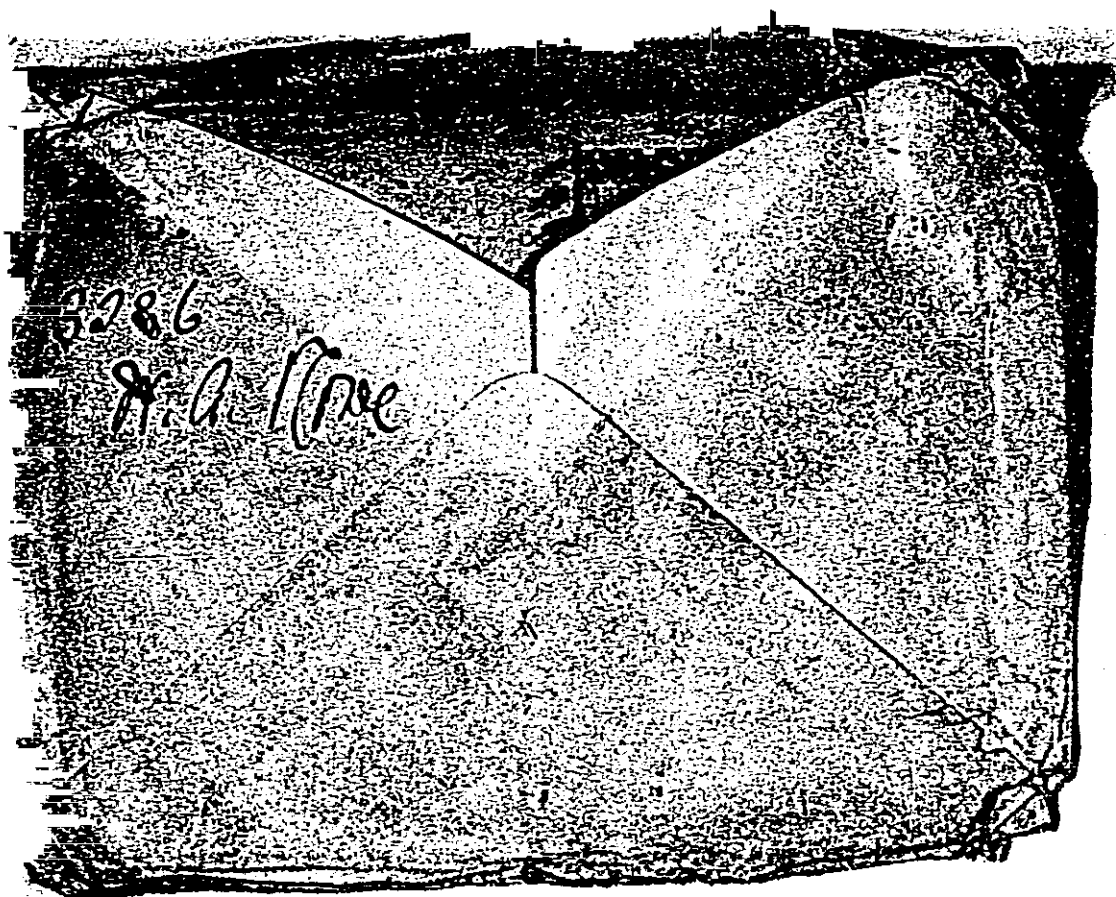
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* 58 Anshale Infantry Battalion

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