

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

6627 Private  
Christopher Wood

8th Battalion



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A.I.F. 8.

WOOD, C. 6627.

K. April 14th 1918. Dets.

If this is Chris Wood of B.VII he was killed at Nieppe Forest where we were on the same post. He was killed about 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 14th, while Fritz was making a second attack. I saw him killed outright by a piece of shell which, I think, hit him on the forehead, and I saw his body carried out by S/Bs. I expect he got buried all right, but I got wounded later on the afternoon and cannot say further.

N.W.

Inf: A.R. Talbot. 2908. 8.B.VIII.  
A.T. "Brighton".  
CALAIS. 13.8.1918.

GCP

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8th. A.I.F.

WOOD, C. 6627.

K. April 14/18. Det.D/B.

"I was with Pte Chris. Wood (8.B.VII.) on April 14th near Vieux Berquin. We were on the same Post together, when he was killed instantaneously by a shell. He was carried away by two Stretcher Bearers, S/B. Arthur Wilson (8.B. A.M.C) and S/B. Smith (8.B) I am sorry that I do not know where he is buried".

Eye-witness:- Yes.

Description:- Worked in a "Herald Office" at Melbourne I believe. Single. We came over from Australia together.

Informant:- Pte. Jeremiah Egan, 6523,  
8th A.I.F.  
B.Coy, VII. Plat,  
3rd Southern General Hospital,  
The Base, Oxford.

Home address:- Birchip,  
Victoria.

Aug. 14/18.  
Hilda M. Pickard.

M  
Written by  
Smith 27.8.18

A. I. F. 8.

WOOD, C. 6627.

K. April 14th. 1918. Det. D/B.

Wood ~~got~~<sup>was</sup> killed by a shell. Fritz was attacking us at Sieppe Forest and he was killed about 20 yards just in front of me. I saw him after he was killed and he was buried in Sieppe Forest where I have seen his grave with a cross up over it. It is about halfway along the Vieux-Berquin and La Motte Road and stands back some 20 yards in a wood. It is not a cemetery, but there are a lot of our Battn. buried there. This happened on April 14th. Wood was in B. Coy. VII platoon. He was an English chap and his people lived somewhere in England.

GGP.

Informant:- Dale, A. 167. S.B.VII (Coy. runner)  
A.T. "Newhaven".

Calais  
20.8.18.

8th Batta.  
A.I.F.

WOOD.  
C. 6627.

"Killed 14-4-18"

He was in B. Company. and I saw him killed at Nieupe Forest, when death was instantaneous, he being hit by a shiz bang and badly knocked on the head and body. He was resting at the time after having been on duty all night, and was sleeping about 50 yards away behind the outpost. This would be about 2 o'clock in the afternoon about 7 hours after he came off duty. We were always mates together, so I knew him well. He came from Richmond Victoria. I saw his grave at Nieupe Forest on the field and grave was going to be marked shortly after I saw it. I saw it the day after he was buried by Chaplain Captain Booth, J. of R. 8th Batta. who since I understand has returned to Australia.

Informant: - Pte Merritt, C. 3163.

B. Coy. 8th Batta.

Sgt A. A. H. DARNFORD.

W. Gnan.  
London.  
6-9-18.  
J. E. A.

M.

8th Batta.  
A.I.F.

WOOD.  
C. 6627

"Killed 14-4-18"

He was of B. Company. VII Platoon. at Meteren on night of 13th April, enemy attacked our line. Was killed outright by shell, hit in head. I was almost alongside him when it happened. Was buried by pioneers in Military Cemetery at Meteren. I have not seen his grave, but he was a personal friend and pioneers told me where he was buried, cross erected. Christian name Cris, came from Richmond, Melbourne. Private effects were handed into Batta. H. Q. Has a sister living in England.

Informant: - Pte E. C. Grant, 6990.

8th Batta. B. Coy. VII Pl.

ANZAC BUNNET.

A. D. G.  
London.  
6-9-18.  
J. E. A.

M.

8th Battr.  
A.I.F.

WOOD.  
Cristopher. 6627.

"Killed in Action 14-4-18"

Re the burial of 6626. Pte. C. Woods. B. Coy. 8th Battalion. A.I.F.  
I am sorry to say that I haven't the slightest knowledge of whether  
he was buried or not, as I was wounded early on the same day as  
he was reported killed, but I will do my best to find out when I  
rejoin my unit and if successful, will let you know particulars.

Letter from:- 6592. Pte. R. W. G. Smith.  
D. Coy. 8th Bn. A.I.F. 31-8-18.  
WARMINSTER.

Encl.  
9-9-18.  
J.E.A.

M.

8th Battn B.7.  
A.I.E.

WOOD.  
C. 6628.  
6627.

"Killed 14-4-18"

I was about 30 yards from him when he was killed by a shell instantly - holding line in forrest near Strazeele. Had to leave him lying dead. Did not see him buried. Enlisted in Victoria, was an Englishman, people live in London., near War Chest. About 22, about 5ft 9. slight and fair.

Informant :- Pte McLean. H.A. 6572,  
8th Battn. B. Coy. 7 Pl.  
No I Command Depot.  
SUTTON VENY.

E.T. Carter.  
London.  
12-9-18.  
H.G.

M.

8th Btn.

4000, 7.  
Pte. 6627

E. in act. 14/4/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was 5 ft. 5 ins., medium build, medium complexion, 23 years of age, known as "Chris." Casualty was holding the line in front of Nieppe Forest when a shell landed killing him instantly. I saw his body and also saw him buried later where he fell in Nieppe Forest."

Informant:- Pte. J. T. Smith,  
No. 6343, 8th Btn.

Private address:-  
Hill View House,  
Sulky P.O.  
via Ballarat.

S.V.P.  
12/9/19.

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6592 Pl-R. W. F. Smith  
S/B.

2nd 72 Ambce  
No 3 Aut. Comm? Depot  
Hurdholt  
Wilts

about  
6627 Pl-C. Wood  
8th Batta  
A. I. F.

K Ap 14/18

Written 27.8.18

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6362 Pt. A. F. Wilson ~~MM~~

S/B.

2nd Field Ambulance

8th Battalion  
A. I. F.

about

6627 Pt. C. Wood

8th Battalion  
A. I. F.

K Sep 14/18

Written 27.8.18

M. F.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau.

Dear Secretary,

Just a line to acknowledge  
receiving your letter of enquiry  
of the Burial of C/o 6626. C. E. Wood,  
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Yours truly, W. 6592. P. R. W. J. Smith

D. Coy. P.O.  
8th Bn.

6627  
Christopher Wood  
8th Bn.  
A.I.F. 14.4.18

C. T. B.  
Warminster.

31.8.18

A.I.F. 8th Bn

WOOD  
Christopher 6627

"Inq: unansw: 7-12-17"

adm. 64 Fld. Amb. 4-10-17  
Cert. by Hpl Index

contused wound right & left knees - adm. 3rd Rest Camp 21-10-17

Trans: 1st A.C.C. Stn 23-1-18 - P.U.O.

Discharged to duty 16-12-18

Leave from France 23-2-18 - 9-3-18  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 20-3-18.

M.B. Not mentioned in Melbourne cable 7-12-17.

London  
20-3-18