Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3188 Lance Corporal Charles Willoughby Weston

9th Mobile Veterinary section



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E.E.F.

9th AMVS (D/III 28.10.18) WESTON

3138 C.W.

OFFICIAL REPORT

Died of Illness.....28.10.18

Site of Grave.....Moallaka District Military Graves

400 yds N.E. of Railway Station

Grave No 17.

Date of Burial.....29.10.18.

Official Chaplain.....Rev C Holmes.

Informant:- 3rd Echelon E.E.F. Egypt.

Cairo
12.3.19.

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9th Aust.Mob.Vet.Sect. .WESTON

Killed 28/10/18

Buried Beirut Military Cemetery, Syria, 227.8

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

18/12/19

9th Mobile Vety. Section.

WESTON,
C.W., 3138

D/Illness 28/10/18

In giving a brief account of the demise of the late C.W.Weston I must first say I knew him as a comrade and not a personal friend. I however was the gainer by this meeting for he was a man in every sense of the word. His principles were high, his kindness and jovial manner won him a host of friends, and his devotion to his duty was never questioned. It was hard luck losing him, but doubly so when the war was so close at an end.

After coming out of the Jordan Valley in August 1918 the Unit lay at Ludd. I then noticed he looked worn out and debilitated the result of a trying time in the Valley. He, however, improved a little, previous to the Big Push in September 19th and appeared to be doing well. I next noticed he was ill at Damascus suffering from Dysentry and Malaria, that was October 7th 1918, during which time he carried on with his duties, and very cheerily remarked "it would pass off in a few days." He had another attack of Malaria about 14th October and could eat nothing for days, except a few grapes. (The Unit at the time was camped in the Turkish Garrison Stables at Damascus.) Seeing the Doctor every day he did not improve and I and several others enticed him after a lot of deliberation to go to hospital, which he did on 20th October. The last time I saw him alive was when he walked with assistance to the Red Cross Ambulance car to take him to the French Hospital, Damascus. I bade him Goodbye

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in the car and although he was very weak I felt by the grip of his hand that he intended to pull through come what may. About 24th October deceased was moved from the French Hospital to Moallaka casualty clearing station for route to Beirout. At Moallaka I believe he gradually became weaker, pneumonia set in and he died while unconscious (aprox) 28th October. The deceased is buried in the Military Cemetery with other unfortunate comrades quite close to the Village of Moallaka midway between Damascus and Beirout.

Informant:- 1585
F. L. Simpson,
9th Mob.Vet.Sect.

H. L.Parker
H.M.A.T."Dunluce Castle"
28/8/19.