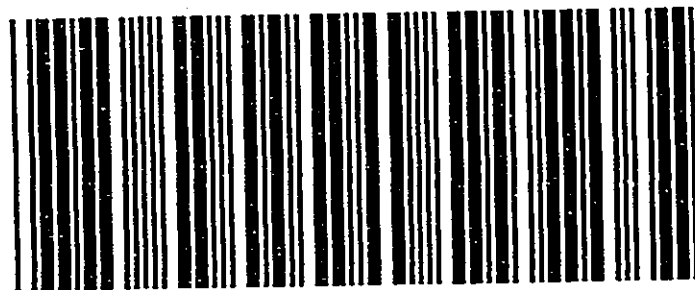


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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5043 Private
Frederick Rodolphus
Clyde Young

19th Battalion



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A.I.F. 19th Bn

YOUNG
Fredk. Rodolphus Clyde 5043

"K/A. 3-5-17"

No trace in Germany
Cert. by Capt. Hills 10-10-19.

London
16-10-19

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19th Bata
AIF

YOUNG
Fred Rodolphus Clyde 5043

"Missing"

Killed in ~~A~~ Action 3.5.17. prev. reported Missing
Cert. by AIF Hdqtrs 17.12.17.

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London.
20.12.17.

19th A. I. F.

Young, F.R.C. 5043,

(M. May 3rd 1917)

"L/Cpl A.E. Brown, C. IX, was with Young, C.Coy, and saw him killed at Bullecourt."

Eye-witness: No

Description: Thin, fair, 15th Reinforcements, called "Jack", had been in America

Informant: *Cyank.* A. Smith, 5028,
19th A. I. F., C. Coy, XI Pltn,
Bethnal Green Military Hospital,
London.

Home address:

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Mudzee, N.B.W.

2nd Nov. 1917.

Bathurst.

Written L/Cpl A.E. Brown 9-11-17

19th Australian Imperial Force

Young, Pte. F.R.C.
5043.

(Missing. 3. 5. 1917)

" I have seen Pte. F.R.C. Young at least twice since May 3rd and so far as my memory goes he was unwounded. The first time was on the 20th September- the morning of the Ypres attack and the other was one day early in October, with the Battalion " somewhere in Belgium", and I think I saw him again, -but I would not be quite sure -on the day I left the Battalion, that is to say the 7th October. I recognise Young by his regimental number, which is next to mine and from the number of his initials, which gave him the nickname of " Alphabetical Young. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

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Description - " Alphabetical Young" was thickset weight about 11, and stood about 5 ft 7 ins. He was rather a noisy chap.

Informant :- Pte. Unni William Woodward, 5042,
A Coy. III Pl. 19 Aus I Force.
Napsbury Hospt. St Albans. *S*

Home address :-
Sydney, N.S.W.

17.11.17.
J E Norman.

*Not sent on
written Adj. 29.11.17.*

19th Battn.
A. I. F.

Young.
F. R. C. 5043

"Missing 3.5.17"

Re Pte. Young. He went over the top with my section at Bullecourt on 3rd May and was killed near the German trench. I am sorry to say that I can't give a description of appearance, all I can say is that he was born in America (U.S.) His next of kin as he gave it to me, his sister is Mrs. "elton, "Rhoda", Campsie St., Campsie, N.S.W.

Letter from:-

D/Cpl. A. Brown

19th Battn.

France 16.11.17.

London.

3.12.17.

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19 Batt. A.I.F. Young, Pte.F.R.C. 5043. c

M. May 3/17.

" I went over the top with my Battalion on May 3/17 near Bullecourt. We had a man named Young in our Plat., (9th. of C Coy.), attached to No.1 Lewis Gun Team. About 5 A.M., Cpl Brown, Pte Maclean & I were, with Young, returning from German wire. Young was just ahead of me between shell-holes, when a shell landed close by us & a large piece of shell caught Young in the head, taking part away. He never moved again. My comrades went back to look at him. Pte. Maclean, 3007, 19th. A.I.F., C Coy., IX Plat., is at present in London at Victoria League Club, 82, Charing Cross Club(?) London W, or at my above address. He can confirm what I have reported."

Eyewitness:- Yes.

Description:- He had lived some time in America & had a Yankee twang
Rather thin features, under medium height, about 30 years of age

Informant:- Pte. Sidney Hills, 2914, 19th. A.I.F. C Coy., IX Plat.
Belmont Rd Hosp.

Home address:- 12, Kent House Rd., Sydenham, London. S

17/13/17.

E Langford Jones.

Pte Maclean with me

19th Battn.
A.I.F.

Young.
F.R.C. 5043

"Killed in Action 3.5.17"

No. 5043 Pte. F.R.C. Young has been posted "Missing in Action" since May 3rd last. The statutory Court of Enquiry could find no evidence as to what became of this soldier. It sometimes happens however, that evidence which would enable a final posting to be made is obtainable when men who were casualties in the same action begin to return to the unit. As is always done in such enquiries, a further effort was made upon receipt of your letter to obtain additional information. A soldier has been found, No. 3476 L/Cpl. A.E. Brown who has made the following statement:- No 5043 Pte. F.R.C. Young was a member of No. 1. Lewis Gun Team. I was N.C.O. in/c of this section on 3.5.17 at Bullecourt when Pte. Young was killed. I personally saw him fall after having his head practically severed from his body by a piece of high-explosive shell.

(Sgd) 3476 A.E. Brown.

For verification of this information please refer to:-

30075 Pte. W.J. Maclean - No. 2. Command Depot. Weymouth. or -

2814 Pte. W.S. Hills Liverpool Mil. Hospital. Liverpool.

As a result of this information, Pte. Young has now been posted as

19th Battn.
A.I.F.

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Young.
F.R.C. 5043

"Killed in Action 3.5.17"

Your information as to this soldier being with this unit in Oct. last is presumably based upon the presence of No. 5096 Pte. R.L. Young.

Letter from:-

The Adjt.

19th Battn.

8.12.17.

London.

31.1.18.

Note Written Pte. McLean & Hills. 4.1.18.

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19th Battalion.
A.I.F.

Young.
F.R.C. 5043.

"KILLED IN ACTION" 3.5.17

Re No. 5045. F.R.C. Young 19th Battalion, A.I.F. Killed in action 3.5.17. I can only state that he was killed just behind me by a shot in the head. We did not hold the ground where he fell, but another Australian Division (1st) took it later as I cannot say if or where he was buried. The spot was amongst the entanglement in front of the 1st Hindenberg Line between Riencourt and Noreuil. The other man who saw him killed is 2914. W. S. Hills C/o Mrs Hills. 12. Kent House Road Sydenham, but he knows no more than I have stated. His description; - Young was a fair man, short, 33 years of age and an American by birth. He was of a very jovial disposition well liked by all who knew him. With regret that I cannot give you all the information you require.

Letter from; - W. T. Maclean. 3007
19th Battn.
O. T. B. Sandhill

Note; - We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.,
London.
18/3.18.

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(28.11.17)

The Ady

19 Batt AIF B87

— Sydney Bureau

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F.R.C. YOUNG

19 Batt AIF

M. 3. 5. 17

" have been told that this
soldier was with the Batt
in Oct last.

29-11-17
A.P.B.

Ack by
F.M. 26.11.17

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F.R.C. YOUNG

19th Battalion AIF

M. 3.5.17

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France

16/11/17

The Secretary
War Office's Inquiry Bureau
Australian Branch. B.R.C.S.

Dear Madam

Re. Young F.R.C. to 5043 13th Regt.

19th Battalion went over the top with
my section at Bullecourt on 3rd May &
was killed near the German Trench.

I am sorry to say that I can't
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I can say is that he was born in
America (U.S.) His next of kin as
he gave it to me is his sister;

Mr Nelson, "Rhoda" Campbell St.
Campbell St. D.

Yours Faithfully
Albert Gordon G. G. G.
19th Battalion

19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

8th Dec. 1917.

Secretary,
Aust. Red Cross Soc.,
(Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau),
54 Victoria St., LGNDGN, S.W.1.

In reply to your letter of 29th ult., as stated by you, No. 5043 Pte. F.R.C. YOUNG has been posted "Missing in Action" since 3rd May last. The statutory Court of Enquiry could find no evidence as to what became of this soldier. It sometimes happens, however, that evidence which would enable a final posting to be made is obtainable when men who were casualties in the same action begin to return to the unit. As is always done in such enquiries, a further effort was made upon receipt of your letter to obtain additional information. A soldier has been found, No. 3476 ~~2~~ Col. A.E. BRGWN, who has made the following statement :-

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(sgd.) 3476 A.E. BRGWN

For verification of this information, please refer to :-

30075 Pte. W.J. MACLEAN,
No. 2 Command Depot,
WEYMOUTH,

or

2914 Pte. W.S. HILLS,
Liverpool Mil. Hospital,
LIVERPOOL, Eng.

As a result of this information, Pte. Young has now been posted as "Killed in Action 3-5-17."

5043 F.R.C. YOUNG 19 Bn

JVA 3.5.17

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Lieut. & Adjutant,
19th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

Your information as to this soldier being with this unit in Oct. last is presumably based upon the presence of No. 5096 Pte. R.L. PL YOUNG.

Note written Pte. Dr. H. H. Hill 4.1.18.

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PC
4-2-17
5043

F. R. C. YOUNG
19 Batt
K/A 3.5.17
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CH
M.P.
C" Coy
19th Batt
A.I.F.
(O.T.B Sandhill)
Jan 31st 1918

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Yours faithfully
W. J. Maclean (300)
19th Batt A.I.F.