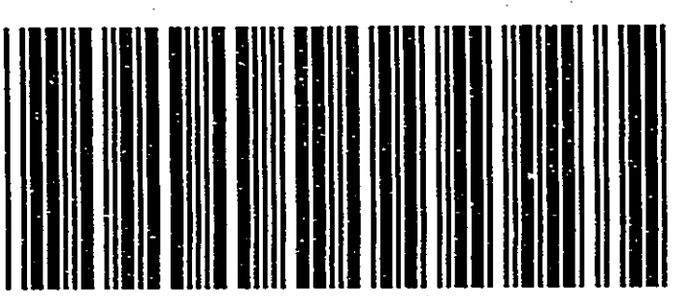
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6080 Private Reginald William Sullivan

2nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 2nd Btn

SULLIVAN
L/Cpl R.W. 6080

"W. 9-4-17 believed to Eng. 18-4-17"

Died of wounds 12-4-17 at Operating Centre 5th Army
Cert. by Hospital Index

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Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 4-5-17.

London
7-5-17

P.I.

2nd Battn.
D.Coy.
A. I. F.

Sullivan.
L/Cpl.R.W. 6080

"Died of Wounds 12.4.17"

Refer to 2/Lieut.E.Lockrey 2nd Battry who is now in France and who can give full particulars of death and burial.

Witness:-
L/Cpl.L.D.John 6031
1st Battn.C.Coy.9th Pltn.
3rd Aust.Aux.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
28.9.17.

S.
P.I.

Note Written 2/Lieut.Lockrey 28.9.17.

Havre 4th Oct. 1917

2nd AUSTRALIANS SULLIVAN L/Cpl. 7.W. 6080

D/W 12th April 1917 det D/B

He was in D. Company. He came from Sydney; a single man; a clerk on the railway. He was shot in the stomach (machine gun bullet) in the village of Hermies about 4.30. a.m. He was carried as far as the Dressing Station by the stretcher-bearers where he died. I do not know where he was buried.

Informant: H.H. Spurr 6090
2nd Australians D.Co.
H.S. "Grantully Castle" Havre

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FRANCE

2nd BATT. A.I.F. SULLIVAN. L/Cpl R.W. 6080.

D/W April 12th.1917. Det

I know him well. His cousin is Lt Haylen, also of our Battalion. Lt Haylen was wounded and we did not khow what had become of Sullivan till he came back. He was with Sullivan when he died and he wrote all particulars both to Sullivan's wife and his people. Perhaps Sullivan's people wrote to ask you before they got his letter.

JNA

Ref ---Pte Chapman. 6961.
No 3 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. Oct 12th.1916

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Havre 16th Oct. 1917.

2nd AUSTRALIANS SULLIVAN, L/Cpl. R.W. 6080
Davie, W.C. 6027, A Co.

S/W. 12.4.17. Det. D/B.

They both came from Sydney with me in the 19th Bpn to the 2nd Reinforcements on the "Wiltshire" on August 22, 1915. Sullivan came I think from Penrith and worked on the Railways. They are both buried in the Military Cemetery at Hermies.

Informant: Pte. R.H. Curtis, 5992
2nd Australians, B Co., 7th Pltn., M.G.S.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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2nd Batn
A.I.F.

SULLIVAN
L/Cpl R.W. 6080

"Died of Wounds April 12th 1917"

Knew Sullivan well in Australia. I was not with the Batn on April 12th but when I reached it shortly afterwards was told he had died of wounds. Precise information can be given by Lieut. H. Haylen B. Coy., 2nd A.I.F. who told me all about it.

Note written Lieut. Haylen 16.10.17.

eye-Witness; No

Description:- One of the best quiet disposition, worked before the war on the railway at Penrith N.S.W.

Informant:- Grange Stewart 6800. C.S.M. Mat
2nd Batn A.I.F.

Home-address:- Tunbridge. Balfour Street.
Wallstonecraft.
Sydney Aust.

London.
18.10.17.

S. P.I.

NOTE Written by Hayden Haylen 16.10.17

2nd Batn
A.I.F.

SULLIVAN
L/Cpl., R.W. 6080

"Died of wounds 12.4.17.

Re L/Cpl. R.W. Sullivan.
I also knew the deceased well. He was in D. Company 2nd Batn during the attack on Hermies on 9.4.17. He was wounded and was later reported killed. He was admitted by all his men who expressed deep regret at his death. He was about 5'6" dark and rather thin being an exceptionally competent N.C.O. and having a very good character. My enquiries re his grave registration has so far been futile but should any information come through I will notify you at once. Should you be communicating to relatives of the two deceased I would deem it a favour if you could supply me with their addresses as both deceased were friends of mine- in fact left Australia with me., and therefore would like to send their relatives a short letter.

Letter from:- Ernest H. Lockrey 2nd Lieut.
France. 12.10.17."

London.
22.10.17.

P.I.S.

2nd Battalion. 19th Reinf.

SULLIVAN, R.W.
6080 Sgt.Maj.? S/Cpl.

Died of wounds 12/4/17.

I knew Sullivan very well. We went over together. He went away as Company Sgt.Major. He was wounded at Hermes on Easter Monday in the charge. It was about three o'clock in the morning. He was popular with everybody.

Informant: Chapman, Pte 6130
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

H.S.H.
29/11/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

Soldiers Box

S/Pl Ca Sig

2nd Battalion.
19th Reinf.

SULLIVAN, R.W.
6080 Coy.Sgt.Major

Died of wounds 12/4/17.

I knew Sullivan well. He was my Company Sgt.Major. He was shot through the chest at Hermes with a machine gun bullet when we were taking the town. I helped to take him away to the Clearing Station. He died a few days afterwards. I was beside him when he fell.

Informant: Wood, Pte 6125
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

S.C. Draft

H.S.R.
28/12/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

2nd Batt., A.I.F.

19R.

R.W.
SULLIVAN, A.W.
C/S/Major. 6080.

DIED OF WOUNDS, 12/4/17.

Informant described Sullivan as about 5ft.9ins. high, well built, wore a Moustache, and aged about 28 to 30. Believed to have worked on N.S.W. Railways.

Informant states that on Easter Monday, 9/4/17, their Battalion took part in the attack on Hermies, that resulted in its capture. The advance commenced at about 3-45 a.m. At about 5-15 a.m. they were almost on top of Hermies, but had not yet captured it, when he saw Sullivan immediately after he had been badly wounded by a bullet. Informant saw Sullivan carried away. He was taken to Greyvilliers about 5 miles away. Subsequently Informant was told by a Soldier who lay in the next bed to Sullivan that the latter had died.

Informant:- Pte.A.W. SHEPHERD, 6087,
2nd Battalion,
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

Home address:- 23 Little Walker Street, North Sydney.

W.E.G.
18/1/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

2nd Battalion. 19th Rfts. SULLIVAN. R.W.,
6080. C.S.Major.

"Died of Wounds" 12/4/17".

Informant described Sullivan as about 5'7" high, fairly stout build, fair, aged about 30. Came from Windsor District, and worked on the Railway.

The following is Informant's narrative:-

"Sullivan was a mate of mine. I met him in the 19th Reinforcements at Liverpool, Sydney, and was with him right through. On 9/4/17 the Battalion was at Hermes attacking the Village which was captured. I was woundedund Sullivan and I were laying next to each other in Pozieres Casualty Clearing Station. This was on the ninth. I said to him "How do you feel", he replied "Not too bad". On the next morning I spoke to him again and said to him "How are you going this morning Reg", he said "Not too good". It was obvious to me that he was much weaker. On that day we both left Pozieres for Rouen and lost sight of each other. I heard in England that he had died. A nursing sister told me that he had been wounded by a bullet through the lungs. He was one of the most straight forward men and was well liked by everyone.

Informant:- Private A. Alder, No.5966,
2nd Battalion,
No4, Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

Private Address:- Stephens Road,
BOTANY.

F.E.G.
30/1/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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L/cpl. R. W. Sullivan 6080.
2 Batt.

See under

Pte. W. C. Dawe. 6027.
2 Batt.

17/10/17.

L/cpl. R. W. Sullivan 6080.
2 Batt.

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Pte. W. C. Dawe. 6027.
2 Batt.

24/10/17.

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2/Lt E. LOCKLEY

2 Batt

A.I.F.

B.27

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2/Cpl

R. W. SULLIVAN

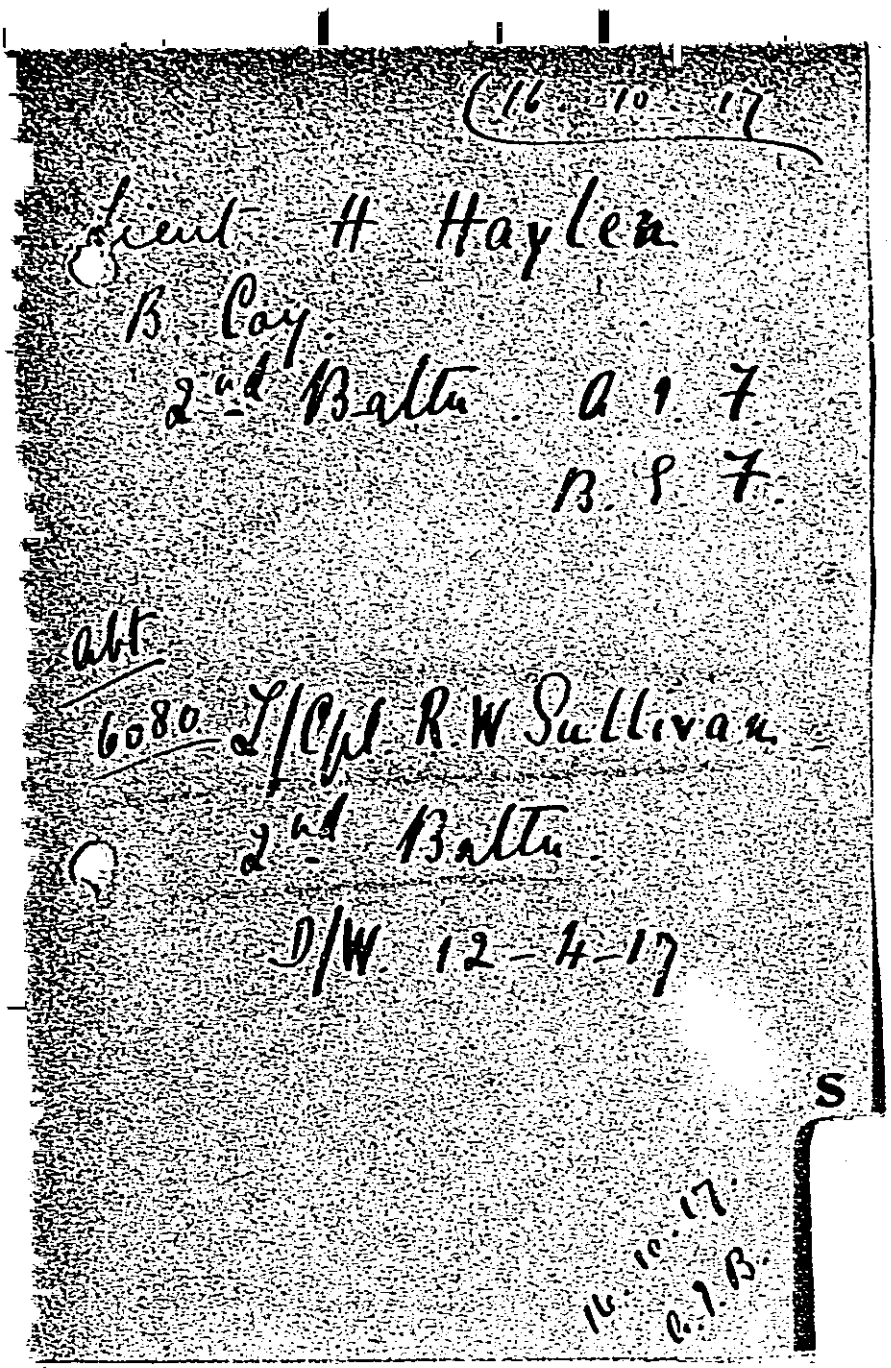
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D/W. 12-4-17

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Lieut H Hayler
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6080 L/Cpl R W Sullivan
2nd Batt
D/W 12-4-17
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14.10.17

Pte. R.W. Sullivan 6080
2nd Batt

See under

Pte. R. Stone 2493
51st Batt.

23-4-17.

P.C. 3.5.17

ENQUIRY. (R. Shot 1/5/17

Whereabouts wanted of

SULLIVAN. R.W. L/Corpl

No 6080 — 2nd Battn

wounded & Gspub, — & believed to have come to England about the 18th, —

by his Chum

Pte J.D. Forrell

No 6006 — 2nd Batt. A.I.F

lying wounded at Military Hospital (Ward 12)

CANTERBURY (Kent)

7.5.17

C.O.
5th Army operating centre.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

Will you very kindly let us have any details concerning the last hours and burial of 6080 L/Corp. R.W. Sullivan 2nd Batt. A.I.F who is officially reported to have died of wounds at the 5th Army Operating centre 12.4.17. We have been receiving an enquiry for him and should be so grateful for any information.

With apologies for troubling you and with many thanks

Yours faithfully

Secretary

Blue C.

7.5.17

6006. Pte. J.D. Forrell
Ward 12. Military Hospital
Canterbury, Kent.

Dear Pte, Forrell,

We regret exceedingly yo tell you that in reply to your enquiry for your brother I/C 6080 R.W. Sullivan 2. Batt A.I.F., that he is officially reported to have died of wounds at 5th Army Operating Centre B.E.F. on 12.4.17.

We have to day written to the C.O. of the D. centre for any information he can supply concerning your friend which we will at once forward to you.

With our most sincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

B.W.C.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
"THE SECRETARY,"
WOUNDED AND MISSING
— ENQUIRY BUREAU —
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

54. VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

November 14th, 1917.

No 6006 Pte.J.D.Forrell,
2nd Btn, A.I.F.,
~~Military Hospital,~~
~~Canterbury, Kent.~~ No 1 Command Depot Sutton Veny Wilts.

Type again to this address.

Dear Sir,

In further answer to your inquiry for

No 6060 L/Cpl.R.W.SULLIVAN,
2nd Battalion,
A.I.F.

we regret to inform you of unofficial evidence given by an officer and men of his unit.

Lt.E.H.Lockrey. writes to this effect " I knew the L/Cpl.Sullivan well. He was in D.Company, 2nd Bttn, during the attack on Hermies on 9.4.17. He was wounded and was later reported killed. He was admired by all his men who expressed deep regret at his death. He was about 5'6" dark, and rather thin, being an exceptionally competent N.C.O. and having a very good character. My enquiries to his grave registration have so far been futile but should any information come through I will notify you at once."

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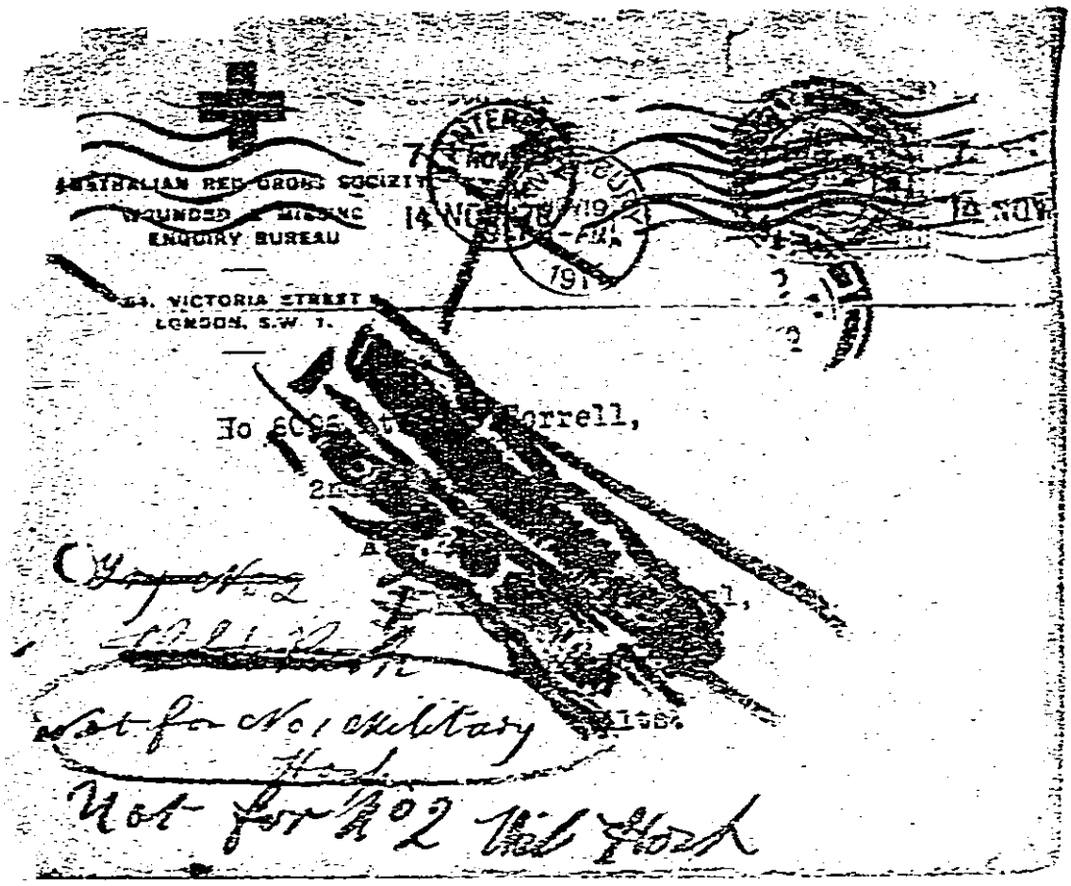
Trusting that these reports will be of some assistance.

Replied Dec 5th 4-12-17

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

SECRETARY
(Hon)


AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
WOUNDED MISSING
ENQUIRY BUREAU
14, VICTORIA STREET
LONDON, S.W. 1.
14 NOV 19
Not for No 1 Military Hospital
Not for No 2 Mil Hosp

November 14th, 1917.

No 6006 Pte.J.B.Forrell,
2nd Btn, A.I.F.,
Military Hospital,
Canterbury, Kent.

Dear Sir,

In further answer to your inquiry for

No 3083 L/Cpl.H.M.SULLIVAN,
2nd Battalion,
A.I.F.

we regret to inform you of unofficial evidence given by an officer and man of his unit.

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LAW

SECRETARY