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16548 Sapper Thomas Walter Squirrell

6th Field Artillery Brigade



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6th Bgde.
A.F.A.

Squirrell
Pte.Thos.W. 10548

"Died of Wounds"

Spr.T.W.Squirrel was admitted to this C.C.S. on Aug.5th 1917 suffering from Multiple shell wounds of arm, legs, neck and compound fracture of right femur. He died the same evening at 10.50.and was buried in the British Military Cemetery at Adinkerke Belgium.

Letter from:-
The O.C.
1st Can.C.C.S.
19.2.18.

London.
25.2.18.

M.
N.Z. Red Cross.

6. Brigade. Hds,Qts.
A.F.A.

SQUIRRELL
T.W. 10548.

"Died of Wounds" 5.8.17.

Refer to Lt. Paul. Signalling Officer.6Bde.Hd.qtrs.A.F.A. who is now in France, he saw him killed near Newport, by an aerial bomb, and he can give full details., He was assisting to lay telephone wires at the time of casualty., Refer to Spr J. Pedito, whom was wounded by the same bomb, and is now in a Hospital in England, He can also give details., I did not see his grave, but I beleive he was buried at La Pannear Newport. I saw the cross being taken up for his grave. and it have all his identification details.,

Witness. Cannon Spr. W.G. 16712.
6. Brigade.Hd Qrts.,
3.A.A.H. Hartford.,

W Oman.

London.
13.2.18.,

NOTE J.PEDITO returned to Australia 20.1.17
written Lt. A J Paul. M. 13.2.18

M.

Havre

16th February 1918.

6th A.F.Art.

Squirrell T.S. No. 10548.

D/W 5th August 1917. Dot D/B.

I was told by Lieut Paul of the 6th Bde H.Q. about the 15th August at Dunkirk, when we were with the Brigade, that he visited a dugout as signalling officer, where Squirrell was found him badly wounded by a shell explosion; his other two mates being killed. He saw him sent to the D/Station and heard afterwards that he died of wounds. I don't know where he was buried. This was near Nieuport. Squirrell was about 5 ft 8, rather ~~skunk~~ stout, fair hair, and fair moustache.

Inf:- B.S.M. R.L.Blackwell. No.3501.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

M
N.Z.R.C.S.

CWS.

6th F.A.B.
late 34th Battn.
A.F.A,

Squirrell
Thos.Walter 10548

"Died of Wounds 5.8.17"

No.10548 Sapper T.W.Squirrel was wounded at the same time as his comrade Spr.Rogers was killed, and was taken immediately to the C.C.S. at Coxyde. In the afternoon of the same day he was removed to another C.C.S. further behind the line, where he died that same evening. I am unable to say where he was buried, but think that it would probably be at Coxyde or La Panne.

Letter from:- Lieut.Albert G.Paul
Signal Subsection
6th Army Bgde.
A.F.A. France 23.2.18.

London.
6.3.18.

M.
P.I.

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Havre. 26th. March. 1918.

6th. A. F. A. H. Q.

Squirrell, T. W. 10548. D/W. Aug. 5/17.
Rogers, J.S. 1758. K. " "

I was told through Sapper Sutherland about August 9th that he was with Rogers and Squirrell at Nieuport on August 5th - near Brigade H. Q. - when an aeroplane came over and dropped a bomb on them killing Rogers and Squirrell and wounding Sutherland. They were all taken to the D/Station. I have seen the Crosses for both Rogers and Squirrell's graves which were in the local C. C. S. Cemetery. I knew Rogers slightly, he was about 5' 10", dark, clean-shaven, Squirrell was about 5' 10" also fair, and clean-shaven.

Inf:- Corporal. Harrison. No. 5861.
6th. A. F. A. H. Q.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

M

N.Z. 2.15.

CWH.

14-2-18

Lt. A. T. Paul.
Signal Sub Section
6 Army F.A.B.
Aust. Imp. Force
Abroad.

Advd
10548 J. W. Squirrell
6 Brigade H. Qrs.
A F A.
O/W 5-8-17

14.2.18.
A.J.B.

IF REPLYING PLEASE QUOTE FILE NO. 678 B.R.C. G...

NEW ZEALAND BRANCH OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS

ENQUIRY BUREAU

FOR MISSING AND WOUNDED

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Please send Enquiries and Information to **Rev. L. HARD, Hon. Sec. Enquiry Bureau, Red Cross Depot, Box 30, Christchurch, New Zealand.**

Regimental Number	10548
Rank	Sapper Squirrell.
Name	Thos. Walter Squirrell
Regiment	6th Aus. Army Brigade Field Artillery A.I.F.
Reinforcement ..	
Enquiry	Full particulars wanted
Particulars known to Enquirer	Reported died of wounds at First Canadian Casualty Clearing Station
Name and Address of Enquirer	ENQUIRY BUREAU FOR MISSING AND WOUNDED
Relation to Soldier ..	

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

36, VICTORIA STREET, GROSVENOR PLACE
LONDON, S.W.1.

14-2-18

No. 10548

Pte Thos Walter Squirrell

64 Field Artillery Brigade

A. I. F

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest possible details of the Wounds, Death and Burial of the above who died in your Hospital on 5-8-17 and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

With apologies for troubling you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY

NOTE We have been informed by various C O 's and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary labour. Whilst you will be expected to acknowledge your reply to the above, we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

To The O.C.

1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station

B. E. F.

D/W

1st CANADIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.
No. A 228
Date.....

AUstralian Red Cross Society,
London.

Spr T.W. Squirrel was admitted to this C.C.S. on August 5th 1917 suffering from Multiple shell wounds of arm, legs, neck and compound fracture of right femur. He died the same evening at 10.50 and was buried in the British Military Cemetery at Adinkerke, Belguim.

A.C.W. Bennett

Major, C.A.M.C.,
19/2/18 O.C. 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station

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6th March 1918.

The Revd. Hard,
Hon:Secretary,
Red Cross Depot,
Box 30
Christchurch,
New Zealand.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your inquiry for - 10548 Pte Thos. Walter Squirrell, 6th F.A.B., A.I.F., who is officially reported to have died of wounds at 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station on 5-8-17, we are forwarding an unofficial report given by - 3501 B.S.M. R.L.Backwell of the same unit. He states - "I was told by Lt.Peat of 6th Bde,Hqrs about the 12th August that, as a signalling officer, he visited a dugout in which he found Pte Squirrell badly wounded by a shell explosion; his two mates being killed. He saw Squirrell sent to a Dressing Station and heard afterwards that he had died there of wounds. This was near Nieuport."

We are quoting the following extract from a letter from the Officer in Command of 1st Canadian C.C.Stn. -

"T.W.Squirrell was admitted to this C.C.S. on August 5th 1917, suffering frommultiple shell wounds of arm, legs, neck

and a compound fracture of the right femur. He died the same evening at 10-50 and was buried in the British Military Cemetery at Adinkerke, Belgium."

Should we receive further particulars of Pte.Squirrell's death and burial, we shall at once advise you,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

LWR

April 13th, 1918

The Rev.L.Ward,
Hon.Sec.New Zealand R.F.Society,
Enquiry Bureau,
Red Cross Depot, Box 30,
Christchurch,
New Zealand.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that in reply to our inquiries about 10548 Gunner Thomas Walter SQUIRRELL - 6th Field Artillery Brigade, late 34th Battalion.A.I.F. - we have received an unofficial report from 5881 Cpl.Harrison, of the same unit. He states that he heard from Sapper Sutherland that on August 5th 1917, at Nieuport, near Brigade H.Q. he was with Squirrell and 1758 Sapper Rogers, when a bomb was dropped on them by an enemy aeroplane, killing Rogers and wounding the others. They were all taken to the dressing station, and Gunner Squirrell is officially reported to have died of wounds at 1st Canadian C.C.Station. Cpl.Harrison has seen the crosses on the graves of Squirrell and Rogers in the C.C.S.Cemetery.

We have now closed our enquiry, but will at once advise you should any further information be received.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) F. St George
Secretary.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
REV. L. HARD, HON. SECRETARY
N.Z. ENQUIRY BUREAU,
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CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.

TELEPHONE No 3977.
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THE NEW ZEALAND BRANCH OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS
AND THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

ENQUIRY BUREAU FOR KILLED & MISSING.

CENTRAL DEPOT,
223 Manchester Street.
CHRISTCHURCH. N.Z.

April 17th 1918.

The Secretary
Wounded & Missing
Enquiry Bureau
Australian Red Cross Society
36. Grosvenor Place.
London S. W. 1

Dear Madam

We are much obliged to you for the two reports you have forwarded to us concerning 10548. Pte. John Walter Squirrell

Yours faithfully,

M. B
In the Absence.

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May 29th 1918

The Secretary
Wounded & Missing
Enquiry Bureau
Australian Red Cross
London.

Re 10548 T. W. Squirrell

Dear Madame

We have received your letter dated apr. 13th 1918 giving us information concerning the above-mentioned Soldier for which we thank you. We have sent the information on the next-of-kin

Yrs truly
Lawrence Hard.