

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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Lieutenant
Hubert Percy Fraser

22nd Battalion



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22nd A.I.F.

Fraser, Lt. H.P.

M. May 3rd/17

Lt. Fraser belonged to A. Coy.. I was with him in a raid when he was badly hit by a bullet which passed clean through his mouth about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 in the morning of the 3rd May/17 about 30 yards from the German line. ^{at a distance of a mile away from our line.} He was conscious immediately after when I spoke to him but I could do nothing for him. He had to be left in a shell hole with no chance of recovery. We had to keep on the move.

Pte. W.N.Barker No 4977 and Pte W.H.Morrison No 2728 were both with the Lt. and got fatally hit at the same time. I cannot claim to be an actual eye witness but I speak from my knowledge of the fact. I do not think any of the bodies were brought in."

Eye Witness:--

Description:--

Informant:--Sgt. Arthur W.Dixon, 4691,

A.Coy, 3rd Pltn. 22nd A.I.F.

Harborne Hall, V.A.D.Hospital,

Birmingham.

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20.7.1917

Geo.Bullock Home address:-- 150, Richardson St. Albert Park, Victoria

Statement made by No. 4891 Sgt Dixon A.W. 22nd Btn

re Lieut Fraser R.P. 22nd Btn
Reported Missing 3.5.17

On the 3rd May 1917 I was with the 22nd Btn in the attack near Bullecourt. About 5 a.m. a party of about 12 of us were in two shell holes about 30 or 40 yds from the then German front line, we were unable to move either forward or the right towards the rest of the Btn from which we were separated by a gap of about 150 yds on account of heavy rifle & machine gun fire. Lt Fraser joined us there he was wounded in both cheeks evidently by a bullet going through I am pretty certain that his jaws were not injured as he could talk as well as us and he also told me that his wound was not much. Shortly after I left the party in an endeavour to get back to the Dressing station as my left arm and shoulder were rendered useless by a bullet wound I had only gone about 20 yds or so when I was hit again in the leg and rolled into a shell hole where I remained all day. During the day I did not see or hear any more of the party I had left. The location so far as I remember was about 200 yds roughly to the right of the village of Bullecourt and about 40 yds from the original German front line which at that part was then firmly held by a strong garrison and three or four machine guns. Cpl F.C.D. Gaffney 22nd Btn who I believe has been reported wounded was with Lt Fraser and the others when I left and may be able to give information.

Dated at Harborage this 19th day of August 1917. (Sgd) A.W. Dixon.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) M.S. Heathcote.

22nd A. I. F.

Lieut. H. P. FRASER
Capt. E. G. HOGARTH

Missing 3.5.17.
Killed 3.5.17. Det. D/B.

At Bullecourt on May 3rd, I was at the farthest point of the advance when it became necessary to retire to prevent being cut off. I saw these 2 Officers in a shell hole together, both wounded. Capt. Hogarth was wounded about the head, his helmet was off and he was lying across Lt. Fraser. I saw some of the fellows go to help them get up and to bring them back with us and I heard the 2 Officers refuse to allow them instructing them instead to hasten about their own safety.

Reference: Pte. H. Richards, 2210,

No. 11 Con. Camp, Buchy, nr. Rouen, 4.8.17.

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22nd Battn
A.I.F. A Co.

Fraser.
H.P. Lieut.

"Missing 3.6.17."

Refer to Pte, Stafford 22nd Battn A. Coy who is now in
Dressage-Hospital in England and who wrote to me telling me that he
was killed.

Witness:-

Pte. W.J. Tripp. 4000
22nd Battn D. Coy.
3rd A.A. Hospital
Dartford.

W. Oman,
London
21.8.17

Note written Pte. Stafford. 1.9.17. P Vic

A.I.F. 22.

FRASER, Lt H.P.

M. May 3rd 1917

Lt Fraser was B. Coy officer, and was missing at Bullecourt on May 3rd. We took the line which was our objective in a night attack, and he was missing an hour or two later. No one would say definitely what had become of him. About 8 weeks ago when we were camped at Bapaume it was read out in orders that Lieut Fraser was a P/W in Germany.

Inf: Pte P. O'Dea 4179. 22.E.
No. 32 Stationary
BOULOGNE. 29.8.17.

P. O'Dea JT

Written by G. G. 17

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Statement made by No. 4179 Pte B'Dea P. 22nd Btn

re Lieut Fraser H.P. 22nd Btn
Missing 3.5.17

Lieut Fraser was reported missing 3.5.17 at Bullecourt but there was no knowledge how the report came about. A few weeks later Capt. Alderson read out to the Battalion at Sapaume that Lieut Fraser was a prisoner of War.

Dated at Denmark Hill this 19th day of September 1917.

(Sgd) P. O'dea

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) A.M. Lowe

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A.I.F. 22.

FRASER, Lt H.P.

M. May 3rd 1917.

He was wounded near the German front line at Bullis court on May 31st and was trying to get back, when he was shot through the head. I was behind him at the time, and saw him fall. His body was not buried then, but may have been by the pattn that relieved us.

Inf: Epl. C.G. Burns. 564. 22.D.XV
No. 2 Army Rest Camp.
BOULOGNE. 31.8.17.

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22nd Battn.
A. I. F.

Fraser.
Lieut. H. P.

"Missing 3.5.17"

In reply to your letter re Lieut. H. P. Fraser of this Battalion I regret to inform you that this Officer is still posted as Missing. Should any further information come to hand regarding him same will immediately be forwarded to you.

Letter from:-
The Adjutant.
22nd Battalion
9.9.17.

London.
19.9.17.

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V.
.P.I.

Havre

1st October.1917.

22nd AUSTRALIANS

FRASER, Lieut. H.P.

M. May 3rd.1917.

He was in A. Company and temporary in command. It has been reported in ~~the~~ Battalion Orders since May 3rd, 1917, that the Lieut. was killed in action at Bullocourt. Pt. Adcock of A. Co., IV. Pltn., was with the Lieut. at Rifle Farm when he was killed.

Informant: Pt. G.A. Serial 5875
22nd Australians, A.Co., IV. Pltn.
Australian Camp, Nouvelles.

RDM.

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Not written Pt Adcock
9-10-17

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Havre

26th Oct. 1917.

22nd AUSTRALIANS

FRASER, Lt. H.P.

M. 3.5.17.

He was in C Co. I knew him. He was tall and rather dark. I saw him killed by a shell after we had gone over and were digging in at Bullecourt on the 3rd May. He was buried that night where he was killed. The shelling was so heavy we could do nothing but just cover him up, and nothing was put on the grave to mark it.

Informant: Pte. E.L. Plum, 5076
22nd Australians, A Co., 2nd Btu.,
No. 2 Gen. (Casino) Havre.

NOTES This informant gave reports about several other men. He was anxious to give information, but I am not inclined to place much reliance on the reports. He was in a nervous condition. GIP

Only 1 for P. + 1 for Vic

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Victoria
3/11/17
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22nd A.I.F.

Fraser, Lt.H.P.

M. May 3/17.

" I know that Lt.Fraser was last seen in a shell-hole in between the enemy's 1st & 2nd. wire at Bullecourt. He was shot through the face, and believed killed."

Eyewitness:-

Description:-

Informant:- 2nd.Lt.P.G.Chalmers,
22nd A.I.F.
3rd. London Hosp., C 10 W/worth.

31/10/17.
A.E.Long.

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Statement made by No.-2/Lt Chalmers P.G. 22nd Btn.

re Lieut Fraser H.P. 22nd Btn.

N.A. Fraser missing 3.5.17

On the morning of May 3rd 1917, I saw Lieut Fraser lying in a shell hole in between the first and second enemy wire at Bullecourt. He was then wounded through the jaw. As my duties took me farther forward I know nothing further of him.

not read over

P.G. Chalmers

Dated at Longbridge Deverell this 10th day of January 1918.

(Sgd) P.G. Chalmers.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) J.E. Fraser
Lieut.
33rd Batta

22nd Bn
A.I.F. Coy.

FRASER
E.P. Lieut.

"Missing 5.5.17."

I saw him wounded at Bullecourt. He was sniped through the head. He was lying in a shell hole quite unconscious, the last I saw of him, that was about 5 o'clock in the morning. We held the ground but I cannot give any further particulars of him, and I cannot refer to anyone.

Witness:-

Pte. W. Gham, 4706
22nd Bn B. Coy., 6th Pltn.
3rd A.A. Hospital.
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
5.11.17.

P.I. V. P.

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Statement made by P.O. 4706 Pte GRAHAM W. 22nd Bn

re Lieut FRASER H.P. 22nd Bn
Missing 3.5.17

On the morning of the 3.5.17, I saw Lieutenant Fraser H.P. in a shell hole adjacent to the one I was in. 'Fraser' then opened up a bombardment and counter attacked. When I emerged from the shell hole I was in and passed over the one Lieutenant Fraser H.P. was in, I could see no sign of Lieutenant Fraser H.P.

Dated at Littlemore this 29th day of November 1917.

(Sgt) W. GRAHAM

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) J.T. WILLIAMS.
Lieut.

O.C. Coy.
20.11.17

4 Dec/17

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L. W. J.*

A.I.F. 22nd Btn

FRASER
Lieut E.P.

"M. 3-5-17"

Killed in action 3-5-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert by A.I.F. Hq rs 24-1-18

London
31-1-18

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30-8-17

Pto STAFFORD

X Co

22 Batt AIF

No 1 (Bombard) Depo
Perham Down
Hants

Dr

Leif H. P. FRASER

22 Batt AIF

M. 3. 5. 17

g.c.m.
30.8.17

22nd Bn. A.F.

Miss V. DEANIN,
Secretary,
Aust. Red Cross Socy., LONDON.

In reply to your letter of 8th Inst re Lieut. H.P. FRASER
of this Battalion, I regret to inform you that this Officer is still
listed as missing.

Should any further information come to hand regarding his
name will immediately be forwarded to you.

c.o.17.

H. P. FRASER

22 Bn. A.F.

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Capt. A.F.C.
22nd Bn. A.F.

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PT ADcock.

11 pltn A. Coy. 22 Batt.

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Lt. H. P. FRASER

22 Batt A J+

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9-10-17.
A. J. B.