

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

**4568 Private
George Charles Cole**

26th Battalion



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2 6th Bata
AIF

MEMO
Colo
George 4568

T "Wounded"

3.1.17
Killed in Action prev. reported wounded and Missing
Cert. by AIF Hdqtrs 20.12.17.

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London.
22.12.17.

A. I. F. 36.

COLE, G. 4568.

R. May 3rd, 1917.

He was very badly hit in the side with a shell when we were holding the lines at Noreuil about May 3rd. This was towards evening when it was getting dusk and the Boches were shelling us heavily. I did not see him hit but I saw him carried out on a stretcher. He had been bandaged then at the First Aid Post in the front lines. I expect he must have died at Noreuil which was only about 1 kilometre back.

NWH.

Reference:- Cpl. J.F. Feeney. 4406A.

52nd. Bn. C. Coy form. 26.B.

No. 36 Gen. Hp.

Staples
18.8.18.

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A.I.F. 26th Bn

Geo. COLB 4568

"WOUNDED"

No report Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 19-6-17

Wounded - 2nd occasion - 3-5-17
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 10-7-17

No further report
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 18-7-17.

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London
19-7-17

A.I.F. 26th Btn

COLE
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Wounded - 2nd occasion - 3-5-17
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 10-7-17

No further report
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 18-7-17

Missing 3-5-17 - previously reported Wounded
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 12-8-17.

London
17-8-17

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A.I.F. 25th Btn

George COLE
4568

K/A

"H. 3-5-17"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10-10-19.

London
21-10-19

B

France.

A. I. F. 26.

COLE, G. 4568.

M/5th. August 1916.

I knew a man called Cole in A; his name was George; he was an 11th. Reinf. to 26 A.I.F. and his No. would start 44 or 45. He came through the first attack at Pozieres, ending about 6.8.16, and I saw him in Billet after it; also in the Rest Station at Contay, to which he was sent as he had gone sick, and he was there when I left about 6-7 weeks ago. Cole was 5 ft. 7-8; dark hair, medium build, bit of a swagger in his walk and came from Queensland. I only knew one Cole in 26th.

Reference: H. McIntyre, 4591, A.I.,
No. 2 A.D.B.D.

Etaples.
28.10.16.
HSO.

Asking Info to verify 15.12.16

France.

A. I. F. 26.

COLE, G. 4566.

H/5th. August 1916.

I believe he was wounded on August 4th. but he is now with the battn. I saw him last Sunday morning. I think he is in D.Coy. He is a chap of about 20; dark, medium build, and about 5 ft. 6 in height.

Reference: Pte. Kay, 4453, D.Coy.,
No. 18 General.

Staples.
11.11.16.
HBA.

G. H. M.

A.I.F. 26th Battn

G. COLE 4568

Missing 5-8-16

Missing 5-8-16

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 10-9-16

Admitted 1st Southern Gen. Hosp 9-11-16 - gun shot wound right arm.

Cert. by Hospital Index

Previously reported Missing now reported not Missing - with unit
5-8-16 Returned to Unit ex Hospital 1916

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 13-11-16

London
15-11-16

OFF.H.

26th Australian Imperial Force.

Cole, G. 4568.

(M. 5th Aug. 1916).

"I spoke to Cole on 6th Nov. 1916. He was then with the
Battalion Bombers in the trenches near Fiers."

Reference: Cpl. G. Osbourne 1747.
26th Battalion Australian Imperial Force,
The Priory Hospital,
Cheltenham.

Home address: None. Better send to:
Miss Edines,
81, Priory Street,
Colchester.

Nov. 17th 1916.
R.W. Sharp.

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26th Australian Imperial Force. C. Cole. G. 4538,
A Coy. (?)

11 Aug. 5/16.

Informant states that C. Cole had rejoined the unit
and I saw him on 3rd Nov. He was with us on fatigue.

Reference:-- C.P. Fish, 4131,
26th Australian Imperial Force.
Norfolk War Hospital,
Norwich.

Home address:-- 2, Shotts Lower Station Road,
Athywood,
Kent.

Nov. 19th.
Rice.

Q/M.
J. H. unit
C.D.

26th Battn.
A.I.F.,

Cole.
Pte. G. 4568

"Missing 5-8-1916"

"Wounded - discharged to Weymouth 21-11-16.

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 15-12-16.

London
3-1-17

Off. M.

26th Battn.
A.I.F.

Cole
Pte. G. 4568

"Missing 5-8-1916"

Admitted to 1st Southern Gen. Hospt. Birmingham, 9-11-16 wounded,
gunshot wound arm.

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 20-11-16.

London
4-1-17

Off. M.