

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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5413 Private
Wallace Stanley
Charles Long

56th Battalion



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Havre.

26th. September. 1918.

56th. Australians.

Long. W. S. C. 5413.

K. April. 17/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was killed by a shell at Villers Brettonneux. I did not see it but I was there when he was brought out and was one of the burial party. He was buried in Aubigny Cemetery and a Cross was put over his Grave with his name and Unit on it. He came from Behmain, Sydney.

Inf:- Private. W. J. McMath. 3181.
56th. Australians. B. 8.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

S.

ORR.

Thos.

GP

58th Battn:

Long, W.S.C. 5413.

K. 17/4/18.

I did not see him killed but I saw Long's grave in a military cemetery between Dapours and Corbie, there was a nice cross on it.

56th Battn:

Peterson, T.H.C. Pte. 5434.

A 14. Dartford. 28/9/18.

R.D.B.

R.D.B.

S.

56th Battn.
A.I.F.

LONG.
W.S.C. 5412.Pte.

"Killed in Action 17-4-16"

Long was killed at Villers Bretonneux on April 17th 1916 and was buried in the Military Cemetery at Aubigny. I have seen his grave. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Has seen grave.

Descriptive:- Medium height, fair, clean shaven.

Home address:-

116 Campbell St. Informant:- Brew.Frederick. H.2729.Pte.

Surrey Hills. (Intelligent)

Sydney.

56th Battn.A.I.F. A.Cc.

J.Watkinson.

Red Cross Hospital.

London.

CHRISTCHURCH.

15-10-18.

M.I.S.

S.

56th Battn. B.Coy. 7th Pltn. ENQUIRY
A.I.F.

56th Battn. D.Coy.
" " " "

- Accident 5412 W.S.C. Young*
- (1) Fair, medium height, the only Long in Coy.
 - (2) The only man of the name in Coy. or Battn.
 - (3) Short, fresh complexion, the only Jagen in Coy., as far as I know, and certainly the only one in 7th Pltn.
 - (4) Came from Bathurst, N.S.W., left Sydney on 14-4-16 by the S.S. "Ceramic". A Salvationist. One other Moran in "Barney" Co.
 - (5) The only Lambert in Pltn., and I think the only one in B.Coy.
 - (6) Was batman to Lt. Spratt who has since D/W. We called him "Skinny", another McGrath in Battn., but not in B.Coy.
 - (7) Tall, fair, only McKeon in Coy.
 - (8) Shortish about 45.
 - (9) A Lewis Car. we called him "Long Michael".

All the above were killed by shellfire near Villers-Bretonneux, and I helped to bury them, to make and put up separate Crosses over their graves in the 14th Aust. Brig. Cemetery, at Aubigny, on several days between April 14/20th 1916..

London A.C.Campbell
4-6-18

Informant. Conter Pte. 1637

56th Battn. Hqs. Pioneer
Richmond Mil. Hpl.

S.

56th Battn.
A.I.F.

LONG
W.S.C. 5413

The "No Enquiry" report about Pte.W.Long - 7th Pltn. -
B.Coy. - 56th Battn., sent to Sydney 4-6-18, evidently
refers to above.

London
19-10-18

S.

56th Battn.
A.I.F.

LONG
W.S.C. 5413

"Killed 17-4-18"

He was in B.Coy. I did not see the casualty, but was
told he was killed on a post outside Villers-Bretonneux, by
a shell, several others being killed with him. I knew him
well, and left Australia with him on the "Ceramic" on 14-4-16.
He came from Burwood, N.S.W. I saw his grave at Aubigny, in
a small Cemetery and grave was marked by a Cross having full
details marked thereon. I cannot refer to anyone.

Informant. Jolly. Pte.H. 5406
B.Coy. 56th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
21-10-18
M.I.S.

S.

56th Batn.,
A.I.F.

LONG
W.S.C., 5415.

"Killed April 17th 1918."

"Came over from Sydney in S.S. Ceramic with him, leaving April 12th 1916. We were in front of Villers Bretonneux, holding the line. Fritz opened out pretty strong about midday April 17th on portion of trench held by B. Coy., 5th Batn. The first shell killed Lieut. Spratt's batman McGrath, a runner Gagen - the next killed Long and Cpl. Fissenden and Pte. Martin. The trench was badly battered. The Coy. Stretcher Bearer went out in day-light, including myself and brought the men in. It was always a hot corner and never before approached in daylight. No casualties in recovering the bodies. At dusk we carried them to the Batn. H.Q., in village of Villers Bretonneux, and from there to Aubigny and buried them alongside a road in a new Cemetery just started.

Informant:- Fred G.E. 6379,
56th Batn., A.I.F.

London,
28-12-18.
M.I.S.

S.

A.I.F.
56th BATTALION,
B Company.

LONG, Private,
W.S.C. - 5413.

"KILLED 17/4/18."

Long was in the same Platoon as I was. I knew him well, and saw him buried in the cemetery at Aubigny, which is just behind Villers Bretonneux where Long was killed.

INFORMANT - W. Rosa - 2466,
56th Battalion.

HOME ADDRESS - 73 Dowling Street,
GLEBE.

B.M.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

30/10/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

56th BATTALION.
B. Company.

Private F. S. S. LONG.
No. 5423.

"Killed in Action 17/4/18."

Long was in B. Company with me he was in 7th. Platoon I was in 5th. Platoon. He was young, about 19/20 medium build, and on the fair side in complexion. I helped to bury him on 20/4/18 at a Military Cemetery at Aubigny. He had been killed at Villers Bretonneux. From his wounds I feel sure he was killed outright. I prepared his body for burial and helped bury him. He had several initials and had his disc on him, which I think was taken by the Parson. He was buried with several of the 14th. Brigade. He was either of the Church of England or the Methodist not a Roman Catholic as we only buried one Roman Catholic at that time. I remember the day of his burial as I was wounded for the 3rd. time at 8 p.m. that night. Corporal Eagle of the Transport was a friend of Long's and said he would write to Long's people.

Informant:- Private R. H. Pretty, 1719,
56th. Battalion, B. Company, 5th. Platoon,
Private address:- Fairfield Road, Fairfield.

H.S.O.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK
10/12/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

J.H.

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