

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**5455 Corporal  
Gordon Wellesley  
White**

**16th Battalion**



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Havre

18th June, 1917.

16th AUSTRALIANS

WHITE; Opl. G.W. 5458

M.11.4.17.

He was in D Co., 13th platoon. He was in the Machine Gun Section. I saw him killed instantly, hit by a machine gun bullet when attacking on the morning of the 11th April, 1917, daylight. We had reached the German ~~abandoned~~ wires when he was hit. We took the German 1st and 2nd line trenches and then ran out of bombs and had to retire in the afternoon. Our dead and wounded were left behind. I was three men away from him, and am certain that he was killed.

Informant: Pte. J. Oberhansli, 5399  
16th Australians, D Co., M.G.S.,  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

RDM

16th Batt.  
D. Coy  
A.I.F.

WHITE  
Cpl G. W. 5455

"Missing 11. 4. 17"

Refer to Pte W. Jones, 16th Battn D. Coy, 15th Pltn who is in France, and who saw him killed at Bullecourt and can give particulars.

Witness:-

Cpl F. Jeffrey 768  
16th Battn D. Coy 13th Pltn  
3rd A.A. Hospital  
Dartford

W. Oman  
19. 9. 17

P.  
& P.I.

Note written to Pte Jones 20.9.17

16th Battn.  
A.I.F.

WHITE.  
G.W. Cpl. 5455.

"Killed in Action 11-4-17"

Information concerning above can be given by Sgt Thompson of D. Company. 16th Battalion. who was a friend of White's and saw him dead at Bullicourt.

Informant:- King. A.T. Sgt. 1948.  
16th Battn.  
3rd A A.H. DARTFORD.

R.B. Davison.  
London.  
27-1-19.  
J.E.A.

Note:- Written Sgt Thompson 25-1-19.

P &  
P I.

Thompson. Present D Coy.  
Address 16 Balm.  
place.

3308 W. A. Thomson Ref. Aust. Port Melbourne

4650 J. J. Thomson Ref. Aust. Melbourne

7111 H. E. Thomson Illegal Abduction from 6-2-19

7594 J. Thomson. Ref. Balm 9-3-19

5-45-3 J. Thomson. There is no Thompson in 16 Balm.

Cpl G. W. White

16 Balm.

K. H. H. 17.

Report Section

27.3.19.

To G C  
Sgt Thompson  
& Co  
16 Bttn

a. i. f

About

5455 Cpl G. W. White  
16 Bttn  
a. i. f

K. 11. 4. 17

Written 25. 1. 19  
MRS

(18-9-17)

Pt W. JONES

16th Battalion

D Coy  
15th platoon

A I F

B E F

About

5455 Cpl G. W. WHITE

16th Battalion

D. Coy.

A I F

N/11-4-17

B.H. 18-9-17.

5455.  
Letter re. Cpl G.W. White  
16<sup>th</sup> Batta.

10 Pte Thompson.  
returned. Take sent  
H. G. No. Thompson in  
16<sup>th</sup> Batta.

3.4.19.



A.I.F.  
17th Battalion.

STONE.  
S.C.D.

Private.  
4575.

"Wounded."

Officially reported admitted to Devonport Military  
Hospital, England, on 7/10/18, with gun shot wounds to foot and  
hand; our cable of 6/11/18.

6/11/18.

SYDNEY INQUIRY.

16th Bata  
A.I.F

WHITE VI  
Cpl. G.J. 5466

"Missing 11.4.17."

Killed in Action 11.4.17, prev. reported Missing

Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqtrs 13.11.17.

London.  
20.11.17.

P. P.I



4.10.19

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ENQUIRY BUREAU

86, GROSVENOR PLACE  
LONDON, S.W. 1.



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DELIVERABLE  
A. B. P. O.  
RETURN TO SENDER  
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Sgt Thompson  
J. Co  
16th Infantry Battalion  
Australian Imperial Force  
B. E. F.  
NOT WITH 16th AUST. INF. BN. (2/21/1918)

36, Grosvenor Place,

December 3rd, 1917.

Capt. T.C. Fairley,  
48th Battalion, A.I.F.,  
No 1 Command Depot, Sutton Veny,  
Wilts.

re 5455 Cpl. G.J. WHITE, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported "Killed in Action on 11.4.17".

We are making further inquiries in the hope of learning details of his death and will send you any information that we receive.

Regretting the distressing character of this news.

Yours faithfully,

*L.A.W.*

SECRETARY.

Tel: VICTORIA (8576  
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TO BE ADDRESSED TO

"THE SECRETARY."

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36. GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

*Sgt Thompson  
D. Co  
16 Bttn. A.I.F.*

*5455  
Cpl J. D. White 25.1.19  
16 Bttn.  
K.I.A 11.4.17.*

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

*5455 Cpl J. W. White 16 Bttn - A.I.F.  
reported killed 11.4.17*

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

*(Miss) Vera Deakin*

Secretary.

*permits  
letter to be taken d  
take send H.Q. No. Thompson 16<sup>th</sup> Bttn.*