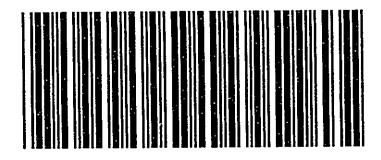
# Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War 1DRL/0428

## 5455 Corporal Gordon Wellesley White

16th Battalion



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18th June, 1917.

15th AUSTRALLANS

WHITE, Opl. 6.W. 5455

#### H.11.4.17.

He was in D Co.: 13th platoon. He was in the Machine Gum Section. I saw him killed instantly; hit by a machine gum bullet when attacking on the morning of the 11th april, 1917, daylight. We had reached the German Streets wires when he was hit. We took the German 1st and Sad line trenches and then ran out of bombs and had to retire in the afternoon. The dead and wounded were left behind. I was three men away from him, and an certain that he was killed.

Informant: Pto. J. Oberhaneli, 5399 16th Australians; D Co., M.G.B., Australian Comp. Rouelles.

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16th Batt.
D. Coy

WHITE: Opl 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...

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& P.l.
Note written to Pte Jones 20.9.17

WHITE. G.W. Cpl. 5455.

### "Killed in Action 11-4-17"

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

Informant:- King.A.T.Sgt. 1948.

16th Battn.

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

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

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A.I.F. 17th Battalion. STONE. C.C.D. Erirato. 4575.

#### "Wounded."

Officially reported admitted to Devemport Military
Respital, Angland, on 7/18/18, with gun/shat wounds to foot and
hand; our cable of 6/11/18.

6/11/18.

SYDNEY INQUIRY.

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#### "Missing 11.4.17."

Killed in Action 11.4.17, prev. reported Missing

Cert. by A. I. F. HdQtrs 15. 11. 17.

P. P.I

London. 20. 11. 17.



36. Grosvenor Place,

December 5rd, 1917.

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

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

Deer Sir.

We regret to inform you that the above soldier the was previously reported Missing is now reported "Killed in Action on 114.17".

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 name.

Yours faithfully,

LAW.

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"THE SECRETARY."

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

WOUNDED AND MISSING - ENQUIRY BUREAU --AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Sqt Thompson F. Co 16 Peter. a. 1.7

36. GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

5/30 2 Dhili 25.1.19

K.JA 11.4.17.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

5455 Cpe q. W. White 16 Bettn - a. 2.7 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 Dealim

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