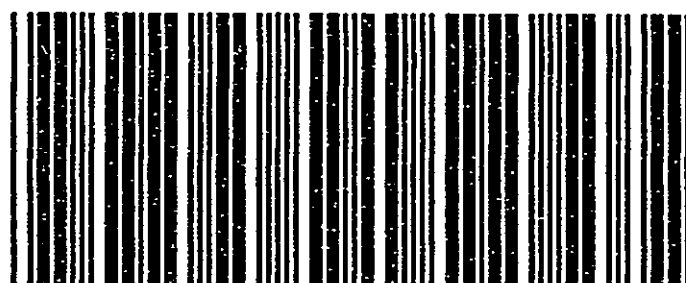


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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334 Corporal
Willoughby George
Bell

16th Battalion



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16 A.I.F.

2-7/5/15
W. 3/7/15:

Bell,
?Corpl. ~~G.W.~~ 334.

W S Willoughby George

Witness says that Bell's initials were "W.G." and not "G.W." and that his number was 509; but he says there were two 'Bells' in the Regiment. W.G. Bell was a short, puggety man and was last seen on 3/5/15 at Monash Gully after the charge at Dead Man's Ridge, but is supposed to have gone down to the beach wounded. This Bell was a graduate in science of some University, and came before enlistment, ~~was~~ witness thinks, from Kelgoarlie.

Witness - Sgt. S. B. Smith, No. 300, 18th Battalion, B. Coy.

Tel-el-Kebir

W.F.I.
5/3/15

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16 A.I.F.

W. 2/5/15:

Bell,
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W S Willoughby George

Witness saw a man called Bell, who was in the regiment, was a short, puggety man, and was wounded in the throat about the end of April, 1915. He went away and came back to Anzac and witness thinks he went away again because his throat was troubling him.

Witness - Tindal, Pte. W.L. 565, 16 A.I.F. Headquarters Tel-el-Kebir.

W.F.I.
5/3/15

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Note -

Both Tindal and Sgt. Smith, who spoke of men called Bell are each of them good witnesses, but there is evidently some difficulty in distinguishing between the two men. I, therefore, merely send in Reports for what they are worth.

W.F.I.

16 A.I.F.

W. 2-7/5/15:

Bell,
Corpl. G.H. 334

Willoughby George

Witness states that he knew a man named George Willoughby Bell who was a corporal in the 16th on the Peninsula. He came from Western Australia and was in the original D. Company. This was Major Carter's Company and it was afterwards E. Company. Witness saw this man at 130 Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W. - the Australian Headquarters. This was about 6 weeks ago.

Witness - Cpl. G.H. Martin, 78 B. Company, 16th Battalion.

J.L.K.
2/3/16

London cabled.

M E D .

16 A.I.F.

BELL
Cpl G.H. 334.

W. 2-7/5/15. Unoff. M.

Willoughby George

Witness knew a man named Bell who was a Cpl in the 6th Btn. He came from Adelaide and was a B.A. Witness knows that he took part in the attack on the position known as Dead Man's Ridge on 2/5/15. This was between Poe's Post and Quinn's post. The casualties in the Btn were very heavy in that attack and witness has not seen him since.

Ref:- Sgt. Major Hough,
A Co, 48 A.I.F.
Tel el Kebir Camp.

J.L.K.
14/3/16.

M.

M E D .

16 A.I.F.

BELL
? Cpl ~~S.E.~~ 334.

W. 2-~~2~~5/15. Unoff. N. *W.G. Willoughby George*

Three men were sitting together in a gully at Pope's Hill, behind the trenches. Bell was among the three. Word came for him to go up in the trenches. This was on April 28 (Wednesday). The third man of the group went up with Bell. Witness remained. Later the third man (whose name witness could not remember) told witness Bell had been killed. Witness was sure of his facts and was specially good.

Ref:- Pte T.S. McParlane, 711,
A Co, 16 A.I.F.
Tel el Gebir, Camp.

S.A.
17/3/16.

N.

16th Btn.

BELL,
? Cpl. W.G. No. 334.
Willoughby George

Reported Missing, April.

Informant states that casualty was a friend of his. From information received from his mates, and one Pte. Hitchcock at the Hospital in Western Australia, informant learnt that casualty was killed at Pope's Hill, Anzac, the third day after the Landing.

Ref:- Pte. H. Chamberlain,
No. 420, 16th Btn. A.Co. late C.Co.

Private address,
Walton Street,
Werribee.

19/4/15.

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16 A.I.F.

Bell,
334.

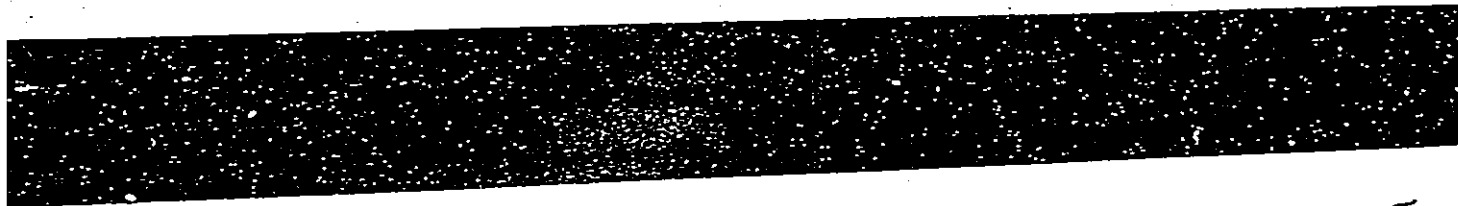
W. 4/6/15:

*W. G.
Willoughby George*

We have no other information than that already furnished.

There is another Bell Horse Ferry Road.

London Cabled.



16th Btn.

BELL, ~~W. G.~~
? Cpl. W. G. No. 334.
Willoughby George

Reported wounded, April.

Informant states casualty was a friend of his, and describes/ him
as 5' 7" in height, fair, clean shaven, about 26 years of age.
Casualty was wounded in the thigh in April, and was sent to Malta to
the Victoria Hospital.

Ref:- Cpl. W. Kennedy,
No. 1186, 16th Btn.

Private address,
Flinders Street, Adelaide, S.A.

H.A.B.
27/7/16.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

16th Bn.
A.I.F.

Bell.
Cpl. Willoughby George. 334.

Brother of above thought to be 509. Bell, 19th Bn. and
attached to A.H. Qrs. London in 1916.

Cannot be traced in H. Qrs. Records.

Cert. by A.I.F.H. Qrs. List 21.8.19.

London
27.8.19.

A.I.F. 16th Btn

Willoughby George

BELL
334

"K/A. 2-5-15"

X/Action 2-5-15 - no burial
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 26-8-19.

London
18-10-19

H

16th Btn.

1 BATT, ~~2~~ G.W.,
Cpt. No. 334.

Informant states casualty belonged to D. Co.. Casualty was 5 ft. 6" in height, medium dark, corpulent, clean shaven, about 35 years of age, an electrician by trade. He came from the mines in Western Australia. He was called "Willoughby".

Casualty landed on the 26th April, 1915, and was killed during the day. He was under Major Carter at Courtney's Pidge. Informant states that his Sgt. Sgt Noble actually buried casualty's body.

Private address

Kununoppin,

Via Lowerin, W.A.

Informant:- I/Cpl. E. F. Kettle,
No. 277, 16th Btn.

H.A.B.
16/10/16

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.