

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**551 Private  
Frederick Edgar**

**6th Battalion**



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6th Btn.

EDGAR,  
Pte. F. No. 551.

*Fredrick*

Letters have been returned marked "Killed in Action," signed by Lieut. J.T. Tait, who was formerly a Sgt. Mjr. at Broadmeadows, and knew the casualty well.

Walter E. Thorn, No. 602, A. Coy. 6th Btn. who is possibly at Malta doing coast duty, on the 10th October wrote as follows:-

"At Cape Hellas we did an advance of 1,000 yards over a country as flat as a table. As soon as we got to where we had to make the firing line, I passed word along to find out if the casualty was alright, but I got no news of him. I saw the pioneer Sgt. and he told me that he found the casualty dead with a coil of telephone wire over each shoulder, and carrying two signalling lamps, but as somebody had taken the casualty's identification disc, he would not swear that it was he, but all the same, from the description he gave, I think it was."

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*Ans list*

6th Australian Infantry,  
Edgar, F., 551,  
*burnix* H.Q. Signalling Company

(M. May 8th 1915)

Informant states that "Pte J. Linnie 816 of 6th Batt. Signallers told me after our return from Cape Helles to Anzac about May 13th that he had seen Edgar shot dead in charge of May 5th on attack on Krithia. Linnie is now at Paisley, Scotland permanently unfit. Cpl Rowe in pack store Horseferry Road could give Lennie's exact address."

Reference: Pte H.E. Smith, 137,  
6th Australian Infantry,  
H.Q. Signaller,  
Harefield Hospital  
Middlesex.

Home address:  
Knuon Street,  
nr. Fitzroy,  
Melbourne,  
Australia.

London,  
22nd February, 1916. J. Burnett.

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*All this information  
has of course been  
forwarded to  
Horseferry Rd  
M.C.*

Med.

6 A.I.F.

M. 8/5/15:

Edgar, Pte. F.  
551 *Fredrick*

Witness was with Edgar in the charge at Cape Helles early in May. They had a bit of an argument about a telegraph wire that had to be carried. Edgar took the wire a short distance and fell. He did not rise again. Witness was not able to ascertain if he was dead, in the rush. He concluded, however, that he was dead when he saw him fall. He was never seen or heard of again, and could not have been taken prisoner as he fell behind the position held. Edgar was a well-built man. He had red hair and a reddish complexion.

Cpl. F. J. Bristow, 684, A Coy. 58th Battalion,

Tel-el-Kebir

S.A.  
21/3/16

M.

Med.

6 A.I.F.

M. 8/5/15:

Edgar, Sig. F.  
551 *Fredrick*

Pte. H.J. Mealmaker, A Coy. 6th Battalion, was with Edgar when he was killed at Cape Helles early in May. Mealmaker was batman recently to Capt. Johnson, A Coy. 58th Battalion. He is now transferred to the Field Bakery, Tel-el-Kebir.

Ref.: Pte. T. R. Evans, 525, 60th Battalion,

Tel-el-Kebir

S. A.  
23/3/16

*Mealmaker written to 27.3.15<sup>6</sup>* M.

M E D

*Ans. Cir*

6th Australian Imperial Force,  
Edgar Pte. Fred., Signalling Section 551,

*Frederick*

(M. May 8th)

Informant states that on 8th May 1915 at Cape Helles, Sgt.  
now Lt. Oliver, Machine Gun Section, saw Edgar lying dead. Lt.  
Oliver is now in Egypt. He told Informant.

Reference: Cpl. Warren Rowe, 9,  
6th A.I.F., H.Q. Staff,  
3rd London General Hospt.,  
Home address: Wandsworth Road.  
Australian Military Office.

London,  
April 3rd 1916,  
E. Liddell.

*M. 72*

A.I.F. 6th Btn

"EDGAR  
Frederick 551.

"MISSING MAY"

Missing 8.5.15. Capt. Helles Cert. A.I.F. Hdqrs.

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London  
29.9.19

A.I.F. 6th Btn.

EDGAR.  
Frederick. 651.

Killed in Action. 8.5.15.

K. in A. 8.5.15.

Cert by A.I.F. Hdqrs List. 25.8.19.

NAME

UNIT

CHARACTER

CLASS OF SERVICE

ANALYTICAL FILE

London.  
8.10.19.

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