

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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4992 Private
Daniel Paul Crowley

25th Battalion



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25th Australian Infantry.

Crowley, Pte. D.P., 4992,
D. Coy.,

M. Nov. 14th. 1916.

Informant states that on a Sunday morning in Nov. outside Passers 1 1/2 miles from "Swiss (reserve trench)". After going over the top, we went forward for about 100 yds. then, as our own objective failed, we had to get into shell holes, till it was dark enough to retire. My shell hole being deeper than Crowley's I beckoned to him to come over but a machine gun bullet struck him through the head, just as he put it up and he was killed instantly. It was his first time in the trenches after being in Hospital."

Eye Witness Yes.

Description Very short, fair hair, very freckled,
about 18, known as "Don" from Queensland.

Informant:-- Pte. C. Brown, 5038,
25th Australian Infantry,
5th Southern General Hospital,

Milton, Portsmouth.
Home address:-- Lower Burdigan,
Ayr Townsville, Queensland, Australia.

18th Jan.
R.C. Hughes.

25th Australian Imperial Force.

Crowley, Pte. D.P. 4992,
D. Coy.,

M. Nov. 14th. 1916.

"I fear there is no doubt whatever that Crowley was killed on Nov. 14th. 1916 in the attack we made on Gird Trench to the left of the Flers. We went over at 7 a.m., it was unsuccessful and we withdrew. We never got near enough to have any prisoners taken. Any man not accounted for that day must have been killed. He must lie on No Mans Land.

Informant:-- Lieut. A.I. Everett,
25th Australian Imperial Force,
1, Moreton Gardens Hospital, S.W.

Home address:-- 97, Gordon Rd.,
Fareham, Hants. England.

17th Jan.

H. Bueford Harcock.

A.I.F.

25.

CROWLEY. D.P. 4992.

M. Nov. 14th. 1918.

I knew him. In the attack on Fiers he was shot in the head by a sniper. I spoke to Pte. Dunston afterwards and he told me that he knew that he was killed as he had seen him killed. He says that he and Crowley were in a shell hile together. Crowley exposed himself and got shot.

Inf: Pte. R.F. Butt. 4983.

1, Con. Camp.

BOULOGNE. 28.2.17.

RAOI.

B.

Written Pte. Dunston 6.3.17

A. I. P. 25.

CROWLEY, D.P. 4992.

M/14th. November 1916.

A mate of mine, Cpl. Drew, told me that he was with Crowley in a shell hole, when he was hit in the head and killed right out. I don't know what became of him afterwards. He was a great friend of mine.

Reference: Stone, 5072.

~~Reinf. Camp.~~

26 Jan. 1917.

Staples.

6.3.17.

HBA.

burial?

Written Cpl Drew 16.3.17

B

25th Batt.
A.I.F.,

D.P. GROWLEY 4992
S.V. CRADDOCK 4998

"Missing 14.11.16"

Refer to Pte Frank Trim, batman to Lieut Briggs of C.Co. who told me both were killed and he may be able to give details. They were also of C.Co.

Reference:- 5028 C.E. Hughes,
25th Batt. A.I.F.,
23.3.17.

Note: Written Pte Frank Trim 4.4.17.

London
12.4.17.
L.P.J.

B
Off.M.

A.I.F 25th Btn

CROWLEY
D.P. 4992

Missing

Killed in Action 14-11-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 17-4-17.

London
19-4-17

B.

25th Battn.
A. I. F.

Crowley.
D. P. 4992.

Craddock. 3
S. V. 4990.

"Killed in Action 14.11.16."

About two men by the name of Craddock and Crowley. I can only say the same as reported. M.G. mates tell me that they were both killed by I don't know as I was not near them at the time. I am sorry I did not answer your letter before but I have not much time but I thought I must answer it, so I take this opportunity. I am sorry I cannot give you any more news about the two men, only that they came over with me from Australia to France and I never seen them again.

Letter from:-

Pte. P. Prim.

25th Battn.

A. I. F.

B. E. F. 31.5.17.

London.
11.6.17.

Off.M.
B.

AUSTRALIAN. 25th Bn.

CROWLEY, D.P. 4992.

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K. 16.11.16. Det. D & B.

I knew Crowley well and he came from Australia together. We first went to Egypt and then came on to France. On the morning of Nov. 14th 1916, he and I went over with our Bn. to hold a trench on the right of Flet's. While doing so, a shell exploded and ~~thru~~ a part hit him in the arm. I helped to give him first aid. He then made his way to a Dressing Station, and while on the road he came under German M.G. Fire, and tried to get cover by dodging from one shell hole to another, and on raising his head at the last place, he was hit right in the forehead and killed instantly. I am unable to say anything about his burial, but Cpl. Gardner of Crowley's Co spent some time in looking for a brother who was killed at the same place and might be able to give some information respecting that matter.

Informant: R. Wyoti, 5091. 25. D Co.
No. 57 General.
Boulogne. 29.9.17.

HH.

Tim Carroll

B.

A.I.P. 25.

K. 14.11.16.

CROWLEY D.P. 4992.

I was the Sgt. in charge of a party of men who went up to Fliers on 10th. March to see if we could find trace of any of our men who had been missing since the Nov. 14th. stunt. I remember the name of D. Crowley well and we buried him in the Gully to the right of the Butte of Warlescourt, not in the cemetery though we formed a kind of one. This was in front of a trench called Mass trench and a cross was erected on which we put his name and number.

Reference: Sgt. R.W.H. Fobble. 2009.A.Co. PHE.
1 Can. Gen. Hpl.

T.C.d

Staples.
5.10.17.

25th.Btn.

CROWLEY. D.P. 4992.

Killed November 14th. 1916.

Don Crowley was killed by a piece of H.E. shell about 5 yards away from me, and he was buried at the same place, Flanders on the Somme. He was small thin faced and dark, about 5' 8" in height, His age would be about 19 or 20.

Informant:- Pte. H. Trew, No. 5082.
25th. Btn.

Private address:- Church Street,
Red Hill, Brisbane, Qld.

H.W. Bryer,
H.M.A.T. Berrima,
2.II.I9.

○ Pte. J. P. Crowley

4992

25 Batt

see under

Pte. S. V. Braddock.

4998.

25 Batt

13-6-17.