

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**6651 Private
William Clarence Curry**

19th Battalion



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19th Battn. B.Coy.
A.I.F.

Curry.
W.C. 6651

"Killed 7.10.17"

Refer to Pte.D.Hammond A.Coy. 19th Battn. who is now in France he saw him killed at Ypres and can give full particulars.

Witness:-

Pte.H.Dawson 6660
19th Battn. B.Coy.
3rd A.A.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
23.1.18.

Note Written Hammond 16.1.18.

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19th Battn.
A.I.F.

Curry.
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Convoy.
H.C. 5330

I had a letter (not produced) from Pte.D.Hammond 19th Battn. A.Coy. (now with Coy) in which he stated he was with these when they were killed up at Ypres - but he gave no particulars of burial.

Informant:- H.Dawkins 6665

W.A.Rand

19th Battn. A.Coy.
Hut 11 Westham.

London.
2.2.18.

Hammond written 16-1-18

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19th A. I. F.

Curry, W.C. 6651.

(K. Oct. 7th/17. Det. D & B)

"Curry, C.Coy. was killed instantly on Zonnebeke ridge, in the daylight, by a piece of shell in the brain. I saw him buried by our own fellows close to the trench. W. Ashby, A.Coy was his best chum, and will know most."

Eye-witness:

Description: From Burwood, N.S.W.

Informant: A.I. Gillson, 6595,
19th A.I.F., 1. Coy.
Bethnal Green Military Hospital,
London, N.E.

Home address:
Peter St.,
Lidcombe,
N.S.W.

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26th February 1918.
F.H. Bathurst.

Written Pte Ashby 12.3.18.

19th Battalion.
A.I.F.

CURRY.
Pte. W.C. No. 6651.

"Killed in action 7.10.17."

Curry was apprenticed with me at "Coupland and Waddell", 17 Day Street, City, before we enlisted. He left Australia with No. 6650, W. Ashby as a 19th Reinforcements to the 19th Battalion. Ashby wrote to me whilst we were in England wounded about the middle of October 1917, telling me that Bill Curry had been killed outright - he was hit in the head by a "dud" shell at Passchendaele. Ashby did not see it happen but as he was a very reliable chap I feel sure he made certain of what he wrote me as we were all pals. Ashby has probably rejoined the Battalion. Curry's initials were W.C. and he lived at 38, The Avenue, Strathfield. I shall call on Curry's people as soon as I can.

Informant: Pte. H.B. Hamblen, No. 598.
5th Machine Gun Company, Section 1.

A careful reliable witness.

Home address: 112 Holborough Street, Croydon.

H.S.O.
26.2.18.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

See also Pte Ashby.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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A.I.F. 19.

CURRY, W.O. 6651.

K. Oct 7th 1917. Dets.

He was killed outright by shell in the next dugout to me. Pte W.Thorne, 2847, B.VII, was with him in the same dugout, and is still with the Battn. It was reported at Hqrs and they would know about burial. It occurred at Zonnebeke Ridge, when we were holding the line. He was eight months with us, tall, thin, fair, blue eyes, clean shaven. In B.VII.

Inf: L/Cpl.C.J.Andrews. 732. B.VII.
Coppins Billetw,
BOULOGNE. 4.3.18.

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Written Pte. Thorne 12.3.18

19th Battn.
A.I.F.

Curry.
W.C. 6651

"Killed in Action 7.10.17"

re Pte.W.C.Curry 6651. He was killed on the 7th Oct. 1917 and buried on the spot, not in a cemetery. He was buried about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile past a place named Zonnebeke, on the first ridge going to Passchendaele. I know the exact spot, because I helped to bury him and know it is the one you want because I enlisted with him, and I have written to his parents all details.

London.
27.3.18.

Letter from:- W.Ashby 6650 *A. Coy. 19 Bn.*
France 17.3.18.

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Havre

20th April 1918.

19th A.I.F.

Curry A.C. No. 6651.

A. 7th Octr 1917. Sgt M/D.

Curry was killed at Passchendaele being hit through the face. I did not see him, but some of my mates Pte Leahy and Pte W. Thorne (both of the 19th Batta B.Co. VII Atn) told me they buried him. He was killed on the 7th Octr and they buried him that night. They also took his belongings. These two, i.e. Leahy and Thorne are still with the Batta. Curry was tall, dark, very young.

Inf:- Pte H.A. Baylis No. 6359.
19th A.I.F. B.Co. VII Atn.
A.S. 'St. Patrick'.

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W. E. CURRY

19 Bldg

12/A 7-10-17

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W. E. Curry 6650

ob. born. 19th Bldg 6651

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France

17/3/18

To the secretary (enquiry
Bureau)

In reply to letter
making enquiries
about Pte. W. E. Curry
6651 B. Coy. 19th Bldg
ob. 7. He was killed
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named Lonneheke, on
the first ridge
going to Passchendaele.
I know the exact spot,
because I helped to
bury him, & know it
is the one you want, because
I entered with him, & I
have wrote his parents all
details - Yours sincerely (W. E. Curry)