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**9450 Corporal
George Walden Gray**

11th Field Company Engineers



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A.I.F. 11th Fld. Coy. Engrs.

G.W.

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9450

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11 Eng. AIF.

Gray G W. ex 9450.

D/W Dec 12/17. Dgt. P/B.

We were working at Ploegsteerte at the time and on this occasion we had a day off. Gray want to watch a football match and was killed by a bomb. They got an awful lot of men that day and our Serg. Major was wounded at the sametime. I think Gray was buried at Honarin but am not certain. He came from Queensland and I was told he was a bricklayer.

Inf:- Bond P W. 15692

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Davis 4th February 1918.
11th Aust. Field Coy. Engrs. Gray Cpl G.E. No. 9450.

D/W 12th December 1917. Det D/B.

I knew Gray for 2 years; he was short, slight, freckled face, about 22, was a bricklayer, and worked latterly in Record's Dept, Lands Office, Brisbane. He was killed by an aeroplane bomb, when watching a football match. I was not an eyewitness, but Sapper Dayer of the 11th Field Coy, who was next to him when hit, can give all information. He is in Camp No. 2 at present.

Inf:- Sgt Campbell No. 9505. 11th Fd Coy.
Australian Camp. Bouelles. F.I.

I knew Gray for 2 years; he was short, slight, freckled face, about 22, was a bricklayer, and worked latterly in Record's Dept, Lands Office, Brisbane. I was with Gray when watching a football match near Weathoff Hospital at Messines. An aeroplane bomb fell, and Gray was hit by a piece of shrapnel in the stomach. He died 5 hours after. I saw the Latin cross prepared for his grave, but didn't see it in place. Sgt Bradie of 11th Field Co. could give information of burial. It was in his hands.

Inf:- Sapper W.I. Dayer No. 17592.
11th Aust. Fd Coy. Engineers.
Australian Camp Bouelles. F.I. B

Written Sgt Bradie 22.2.18.

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11th Engrs.
A.I.F.

GRAY,
G.W. 945a

"Died of Wounds 12.12.17."

He was killed by a bomb behind the lines and buried
I think in a military cemetery near Romarin. I know the
chaps went up to bury him. He came from Queensland.

Informant:- Cpl. G. Blaser 9593,
11th Engrs.
Aldwyck.

W Alison.

London
26.2.18.

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11th Engrs.
A.I.F.

GRAY
G.W. 9450

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Gray was killed outright by aerial bomb while watching a football match at Neuve Eglise, having only just rejoined after trench fever. He was buried in cemetery at Neuve Eglise and Cross erected. C. Thompson, the painter of the Coy., and now returned to South Australia, painted his Cross and told me.

Informant. Lyall J. 19588
11th Fld. Coy. Engrs.
Bnt 79
WESTHAM.

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London
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11th Fld. Coy. Engrs.
A.I.F.

Gray.
Geo. Walden 9450

"Died of Wounds 12.12.17."

Concerning 9450 Cpl. G.W. Gray. He died of wounds received from an aeroplane bomb while watching a football match behind the lines. He is buried at Pont d'Achelles Military Cemetery near Hieppe and his comrades have erected a very neat cross over his grave, which will be registered. I cannot quote casualty number as we have no record of same at present but there are no doubts whatever about these particulars for I was with him when wounded, in fact I received a small scratch myself from the same bomb, went to hospital with him, and was at the graveside when he was buried.

Letter from:- 9438 C/S/M H. Brodie
London. France 25.2.18.
21.3.18.

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Note We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

Ack. P.S.
2.9.18.

9450

Gen. WALDEN GRAY

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" 3rd Co Engineers

D/W 12.12.17

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France

26/2/18

Dear Miss Deakin

In answer to your letter asking for particulars concerning 9450 Cpl G.W. Gray I will be pleased to supply any information that is in my power.

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He is buried at Pont d'Achelles Military cemetery near Neufve - his comrades have erected a very neat cross over his grave, which will be registered

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If at any time I can be of service to you concerning casualties in the company I shall be pleased to give you any information which is at the time available.

Hoping this is on the lines of what you are seeking

W 9438 Cpl M. J. Brodie