

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
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**2237 Private
Leslie Redfern**

51st Battalion



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51st Battn.
A.I.F.

REDFERN.
L. 2237

"Missing."

Killed in Action 26.9.17. Previously reported Missing.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 10.5.18.

London.
13.5.18.

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A.I.P.
51st Bn.

REDFERN
Leslie 2237

Killed in Action 26.9.17.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
24.10.19.

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23rd November.1917.

51st AUSTRALIANS

REDFERN, L. 2237

M. Sept. 26th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was a Lewis Gunner. He was in my Platoon. He comes from Bellevue, near Perth, W.A. He was short, dark and about 23 years of age. He was last seen on the morning of Sept. 26th, about 6a.m. He came over with us then in the hop over. I saw him bearing away towards where the Kings Own and Suffolks were; it was very misty, and we were all losing our way till we got fresh directions to bear off to our right. We gained our objective, and held it till relieved 24 hours later. A lot of the 51st Batt. got caught in our own barrage, also Fritz shelled us heavily just as we hopped over. I was acting as reserve stretcher bearer, and we found it impossible to recognise a whole lot of bodies that were lying about.

Informant: Young, G. 3204

51st Australians, D.Co., IV.Pltn.

Australian Camp, Bouclies.

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8th February 1918.

51st A.I.F.

Redfern L. No.2237.

K. 26th Sept 1917. Det D/B.

He was in D. Company. He came from Bellemue, ^{Western} Australia. He was rather stout built. He had the first finger, and I think a second finger missing on his right hand. S/B Hall of the 51st Battn D.Co. (now with the Battn) told me that Redfern was blown to pieces on the 26th September at Zonnebeke.

Inf:- Pte C.G. Priddle No. ²⁴⁶⁷ ~~2466~~.
51st Battn D.Co. XVI Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

G.L.T.

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Written S/B Hall 26.2.18.

51st Battn.
A.I.F.

REDFERN,
L. 2237

"Missing 26.9.17."

I was in the action (Polygon Wood) on Sept. 26/17. We attacked at 6.a.m. L. Redfern 2237, went over to top with us. We gained our objective which was not again covered by the enemy. Redfern was missing after the action. Search parties did not find him. I will write to some of his pals, and let the Searcher know result, but that is all I know at present.

Eye-witness:

Description:- Short, one finger missing, shot from left shoulder, dark, stout, about 23, clean shaven. We called "Reddy". He came from Midland Junction W. Australia.

Informant:- Pte. W.V. Groves, 2169, *intelligent & anxious to help.*
51st Battn, A.I.F.

Home address: Brondesbury Park Military Hospital.
Wokalup,
S.W. Rly, W. Australia.

H. Constable. 11.2.18.

London. 20. 2.18

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C O P Y

Statement made by No. 2165 Pte Groves W.V. 51st Bn

re No. 2257 Pte Redfern L. ⁵¹ East Bn.
Missing 26.9.17.

Concerning Private Redfern, I know nothing only what my mates told me when they came out of the line at about the above date. that he was seen to go over the top and was not seen after. They said they searched for him, but in vain, and I wrote to my mate as I promised but received no answer. I cannot tell you any more about him as I told the gentleman I was not in the line at that date.

Not Correct

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Dated at Brondesbury Park this 6th day of March 1918.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) W.V. Groves.

o/c Brondesbury Park Hospital

(Sgd) H.T. Thomas.

51st Battn.
A.I.F.

REDFERN,
L. 8237

"Missing 26.9.17"

I saw a shell burst in amongst them and killed several, including Crawford and Redfern. They were blown all to pieces and were not buried. At Anzac Farm. He came from W.A.

Informant:- A. Gillett, 244,
51st Battn.,
Anzac Buffet.

W. Alison.

London.
20.2.18.

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C O P Y

Statement made by No. 244 Pte Gillett A. 51st Btn.re No. 2237 Pte Redfern L. 51st Btn.
Missing 25.9.17.

I hereby state that I was near Redfern on the 26th of September when he was blown up about half a mile from where we started off in Anzac Farm and I never saw him after that date. He was in the M.G. Train.

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Dated at Littlemoor this 9th day of March 1918.

(Sgd) A. Gillett.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) M. McCoanochie. *Lieut.*

25/2/18

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