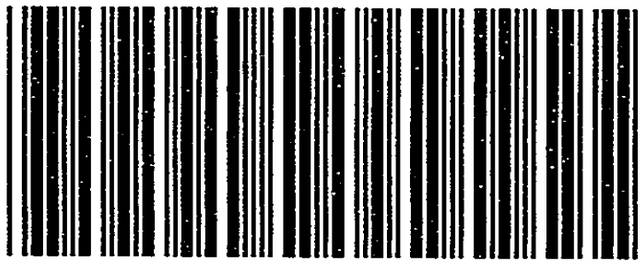
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6572 Private
Stanley Charles Reed

11th Battalion



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11th Battn.
A.I.F.

REED.
S.C. 6572.

"Missing" 21-9-17.

Killed in Action 21-9-17. Previously reported Missing.
Cert: by A.I.F.Hqrs 12-6-18.

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London.
14-6-18.

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A.I.F.,
11th Bdn.

NEED
Stanley Charles 6578

Killed in Action 31.8.18.

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.18

London,
21.10.19.

P & P.I.

Havre 28th Nov. 1917.

11th AUSTRALIANS REED, S.O. 6572

M. 21.9.17.

I knew him well from May, 1916. He was medium height and build, very fair, about 22. He came over in the 21st Reinforcements on the "Suffolk", and was drafted from England. At Ypres, on the morning of the 20th, before the advance, after being under a heavy barrage, I was wounded and walked to the Dressing Station. I found Reed there with his forearm wounded, waiting to be dressed. I was sent down, and did not see Reed again.

Informant: Pte. A. Chappell, 6494
11th Australians, D Co., Batman,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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11th Battn.
A.I.F.

Reed.
S.C. / 6572

"Missing 21.9.17"

He was known as "Stan". Informant made inquiries and was told by several men in the Coy. that Reed had been blown to pieces by a shell at Glencorse Wood on 21.9.17. There was no trace found of him. He was short stoutly built and young. Very good tempered and always had lots of money.

Statement made by:- 7281 Cpl.W.C.Mortimer M.M.
11? 10th Battn.
Calls At London Bureau 21.3.18.
(on leave.)

L.A.W.

London.
26.3.18.

P.
P.I.

11th Battn.
A.I.F.

Reed.
S.C. 6572

"Missing 21.9.17"

I saw his body just outside one of the dug-outs in Polygon Wood on Sept.21st. He was lying on his side having been killed by a shell wound through his back. It was then about 10.30.a.m. and he had obviously been dead a good many hours and was no doubt killed in the attack (between our first and second objective) the day before. I knew him well and am quite sure I recognised him. His number was 6572. I think his name was "Sid". He was about 5'5", clean shaven, pale, stoutish, had brown eyes and was about 21.

Informant:- Pte.S.Stewart 6595
11th Battn. D.Coy.XVI
Dartford.

A.G.Campbell.

London.
18.4.18.

P.
P.I.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON 2562/11/4

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Statement made by No 6595 Pte Stewart S. 11th Bn

re No 6572 Reed S.C. 11th Bn

Missing 21.9.17.

On 21 Sept 1917, at Polygon Wood, France, I was searching for water between the trenches, when I came to find the body of No 6572 Pte Reed S.C. 11th Bn. He had been wounded in the throat, and was quite dead.

Dated at Dartford, Kent.

(SGD) Pte Stewart S.

Statement made and signed before me- -- (SGD) M.Taylor,Major.

8.11.14

To
682 Sgt. A. J. Reed
28th Batt. A.I.F.
Napbury War Hospital

Re. 65-42 Pte S.C. Reed 11th Batt.

M. 21.9.14

Missing draft sent.

NAPSBURY WAR HOSPITAL.

Enquiry Department for Wounded and Missing.

Telephone:
CENTRAL
5536.

Address communications to Official Searcher:
C. M. HUMBLE,
5, St. Pancras Station,
Euston Road, London, N.W. 1.

recd 8.11.17.

RECEIVED
5 NOV 1917
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

Ans. 8.11.17

Sergeant A. J. Reed. No. 682 28th A.I.F.
now a patient in Napsbury Hospital, having
heard that his Brother Private S. C. Reed
No. 6572. B. Coy., 11th A.A. is Missing
would be glad of information.

Wounded and Missing September 20th,

C. M. Humble

Frank Street,
Boulder City,
West Australia.
2 11 1917

To the Secretary,
British Red Cross & Order of St. John,
18 Charlton House Terrace,
London,
E N G L A N D.

Dear Sir,

Having heard from several sources that you have been successful in locating the whereabouts of missing soldiers I am writing to ask you if you could find out particulars regarding my son, No 6572 Private Stanley Charles Reed, who has been officially reported missing since September the 21st 1917.

I am willing to stand all the necessary expenses, and trusting you will do your best to relieve a mother's anxiety.

I am,

Yours truly,

Mrs. W.J. Reed.

6572.
Private Stanley Charles Reed
"B" Company
11th Battalion

RECEIVED
23 JAN 1918
CANADIAN RED CROSS WAR BOARD

Rec'd 28.1.18

Frank St
Boulder (50)
Western Australia
Nov 3rd 1917

To the Secretary
British Red Cross
London

Dear Sir

Would you be kind enough to institute enquiries through your department to try & find out if our son Stanley Charles Reed is a prisoner of war in Germany. The only advice that we have received from the Base Records Melbourne on Oct 29th was to the effect that our son ~~the~~ No 6572, Private S. C. Reed 11 Battalion, has been reported missing dated 21st September 1917.

Enclosed you will find a P.O.O for 1/- hoping that you will be successful in tracing him & thanking you in anticipation I beg to remain

Yours faithfully
W J R

Mrs. W.J.Reed,
Frank Street, Boulder,
Western Australia.

January 29th, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and Kind donation of 3.11.17, both of which have been forwarded to us from the B.R.C.S. Carlton House Terrace, as we are the only organisation that makes enquiries for Wounded and Missing Australians.

We are enclosing a receipt of the latter for which we are extremely grateful.

With reference to your enquiry for

No 6572 Pte. S.C.REED, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

who is officially reported Missing since 21.9.17, we much regret to inform you that up to the present we have had no word of him as a prisoner of War in Germany. We are doing our utmost to obtain information concerning him and as soon as we succeed we will advise our office in Perth, with which we are in constant communication both by cables and letter. If you will keep in touch with it you will obtain all possible information without the delay that application to England necessarily entails.

Our address is :-
Australian Red Cross Society,
National Mutual Buildings,
St. Georges Terrace, Perth.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

W.T.D. pur W.R.

SECRETARY.

662 Sgt. A.J.Reed,
28th Bttn, A.I.F.,
Hapsbury Hospl,
St. Albans.

January 1st, 1918.

Dear Sgt. Reed,

We are sending you an unofficial report concerning

No6572 Pte. S.C.REED, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

which we have received from a man in his unit No 6494 Pte. A. Chappell, who writes as follows:-

"I knew him well from May 1916. He was medium height and build, very fair about 22. He came over in the 21st rfts in the Suffolk and was drafted from England, At Ypres on the morning of the 20th September before the advance, after being under a heavy barrage. I was wounded and walked to the dressing station. I found Reed there with his forearm wounded waiting to be dressed. I was sent down and did not see him again".

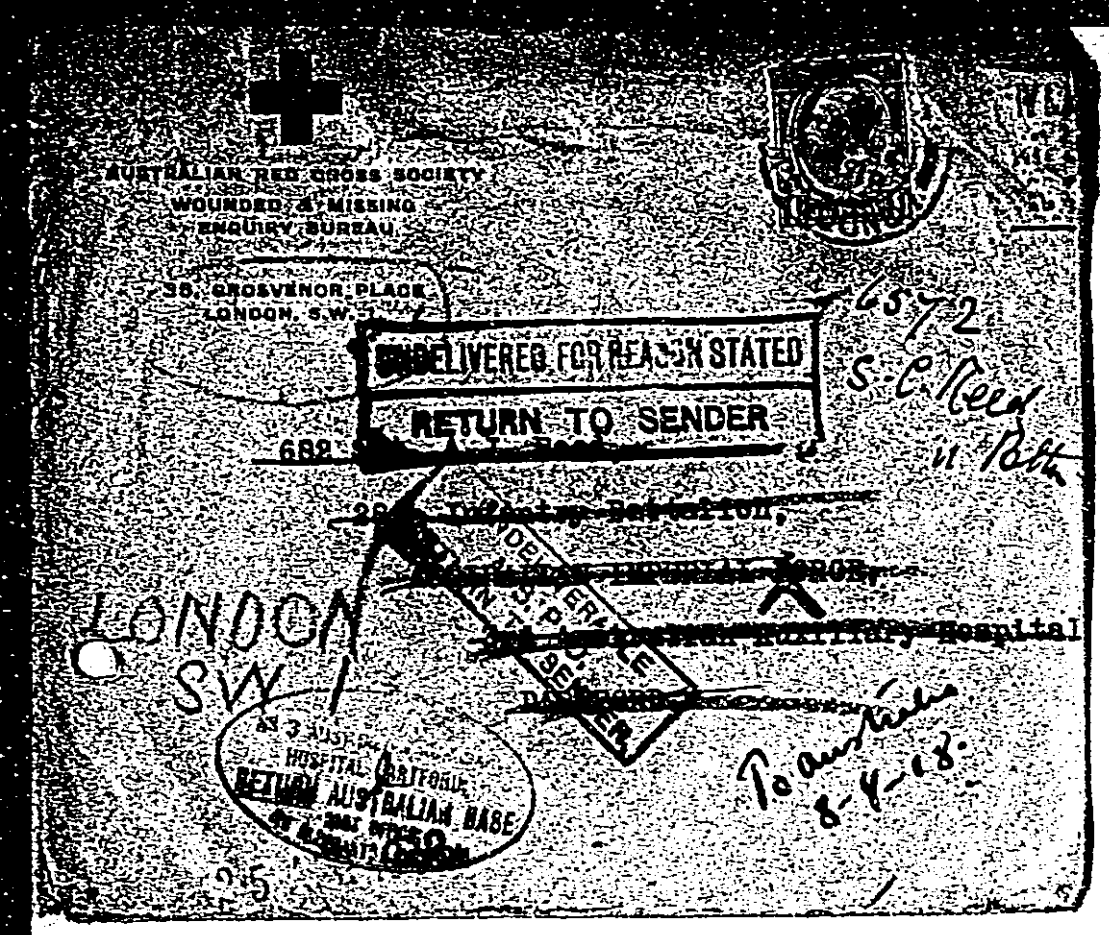
We fear this report is very unsatisfying but such as it is we send it to you and trust it may be of some value.

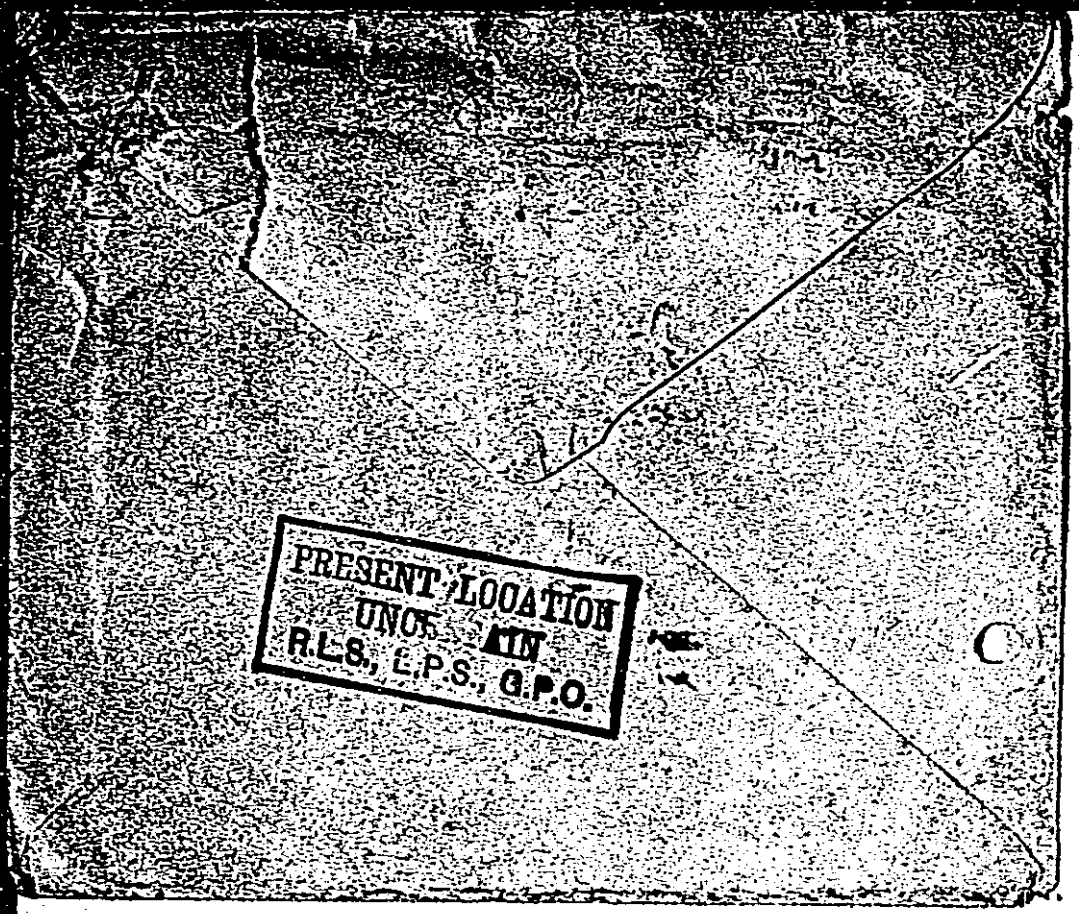
His name is on our Searcher's list and we will continue to send you any further information we may receive.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
WOUNDED & MISSING
ENQUIRY BUREAU
35, GROSVENOR PLACE,
LONDON, S.W.1
UNDELIVERED FOR REASON STATED
RETURN TO SENDER
682
LONDON
S.W.1
HOSPITAL
RETURN AUSTRALIAN BASE
6572
S. O'Neal
11 Batt
To Australia
8-4-18.


PRESENT LOCATION
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R.L.S., L.P.S., G.P.O.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).
~~84, VICTORIA STREET,~~
36, GROSVENOR PLACE, LONDON, S.W. 1.

Telephones:
VICTORIA 8576 8577 8578

Telegraphic Address:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

23rd April, 1918.

682 Sgt.A.J. Reed,
28th Bttn, A.I.F.,
3rd A.A.Hpl, Dartford.

Dear Sgt. Reed,

In further answer to your enquiry for your brother -

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We are pursuing our enquiries and as soon as further details are received we shall advise you although we greatly fear

there is no hope of his being alive.

Hoping you are getting better yourself.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS) Vera Deakin

SECRETARY.

L.B.

28th March, 1918.

682 Sgt. A.J.Reed,
28th Battalion, A.I.F.,
3rd Aust.Aux.Hpl,
DARTFORD.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that in answer to our enquiry respecting your brother - 6572 Pte.S.C. REED, 11th Battalion, A.I.F. - We have received an unofficial report ~~from 7861~~ Cpl.W.C.Mortimer, M.M. of the 10th Batth, who states that he had been told by several men in the coy that Pte. Reed was killed instantaneously. They could give no report of his burial, Cpl.Mortimer described your brother as short, stoutly built, and young, and he adds that he was good tempered and always had a lot of money.

We are continuing enquiries and will advise you of any information we receive, although we greatly fear there can be little hope of his being alive.

With our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

F. S. G.

SECRETARY.

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