Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2717 Private
Victor Charles Millard

58th Battalion



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58th Battalion. No 2717 - V.C.Millard.

W+M 22.11.16

"Declared Killed in Action 27/11/16, Somme.

Burial unknown."

Informant:- No 2795 - Sgt. J.A. Stevens,
Late Cr.R.Sgt.
58th Battalion.

Sgt. Scott,
"Tras-os-montes".

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

58th A.I.F., Millard, Sig. V.C., 2717,
C.Coy.,

W.& M. 22.11.16.

"Pte. Burns told me the same night that the casualty occured, that he saw Millard killed by a shell whem marching single file to relieve front line. Pte. Burns was of the same Regt. He is now killed. The shell which killed Millard killed 3 and wounded 7 others."

Eye Witness:
Description:

Informant:-- Pte. R.W.Fuhrstrom, 1701,
58th A.I.F., C.Coy. XI Pltn.,
2nd Southern General Hosp:
Bishops Knoll, Bristol.

Home address:-- c/o Mrs. W. Fuhrstrom,
Main Road P.O.
Via Beaufort, Australia.

19.8.17
C.A.Lister.

58th Batt. A.I.F. MILLARD Sig. V.C. 2717.
"C" Coy.

" W & M Nov. 22nd.,'16. "

" Millard belonged to our Coy. On Nov. 22nd.,'16, we were going up to the front at the right of Fleurs, when Millard dropped out, after reporting to me that he was done up. He was not wounded at the time, and as far as I know, I was the last to see him. I knew him well, as we had been together in the Coy. ever since it had been formed at Tel-el-Kebir. He came from Fitzroy, Melbourne."

Description. Hgt 5ft5. Dark complexion. Slight build.

Witness. Israel N.J. 2589. (Cpl.)
"C" Coy. 58th Batt.

Taken at the 15th Training Battalion.
Hurdcott. S.W.
September 7th.,'17.

S. Whitmee.
No 4 Command Depot.
Codford.

Not sent on

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58th Battn. Coy
A. I. F.

Millard.
Sig.V.C. 2717

"Wounded & Missing 22.11.16"

Re your enquiries about Sig.V.C.Millard. I regret that I am unable to supply any information as at the time of his being reported missing we were attached to separate companies.

Letter from:-
Sig.W.M.Millan
France.
2.10.17.

London.
18.10.17.

M.
P.I.

58th A. I. F., Millard, Sig. V.C. 2717,
C. Company,

W. & M. Nov. 22/16.

Informant states that on Nov. 23rd 1916 outside Flers Victor Millard was killed.

Eye Witness: No, told by Sig. W. Macimllan, 58th Batt: A.I.F. H.Q. shortly after event.

Description: About 5ft.3ins, in height, medium colouring.

Informant:-- Sig. Wilfred Cook, ~~6640~~ 2540,
58th A. I. F.,
5th Southern General Hosp:
Portsmouth.

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P.1.

Home address:-- 136, Maribymons Rd.,
Moonee Ponds, Melbourne.

13.9.17.
F.C.Hughes.

Written Sig. Macmillan 21.9.17

Havre 11th October.1917.

58th AUSTRALIANS
C.Co.

MILLARD, Sig. V.C. 2717

W. & M. Nov. 22nd.1916.

I knew him well; we were in the same signalling section. His initials are number are as stated, and he came from Carlton, Melbourne. Our Platoon were relieving the 60th Batt., in Shine Trench on the Somme, when a shell burst, wounding Millard and some others who left for the Dressing Station. Millard was never seen after that, but some of the other men who went with him were found killed.

Informant: L.Cpl. Robb, W.J. 3438
58th Australians, C.Co., X.Fltn.
Havre Hospital,
Havre.

L. de D.

M.
P.1.
1 extd.

Time Cancel

58th Btn.

MILLARD, V.C.
Pte. No. 2717

Killed in action 22/11/16.

"I saw Casualty wounded , not severely in the face. It was tied up. He came and spoke to me and asked me how I was, and then he left me to walk back to our lines. He was not heard of since. I subsequently heard from a S.B. named Pte. Wade, now in France with the unit, that five of them returning together, including Casualty were destroyed by the same shell whilst returning to the line."

Informant:- Sgt. Mitchell,
No. 2730 58th Btn.

Private address
Stawell,
Victoria.

Trine Cancel Oct. 1917

H.A.B.
3/10/17.

M.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU–MELBOURNE.

58th Battn., C. Coy.,
A.I.F.
(Late 5th - 23rd. Bn.)

MILLARD,
Sig. Victor Chas. 2717.

"Wounded 22-11-16.?"

"No news since".

Wounded on 22-11-16.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters on 24-1-17.

"Wounded Novr-Decr-Jan."

Wounded on 22-11-16.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters on 3-2-17.

Wounded & Missing on 22-11-16.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters on 7-2-17. I.B.151.

M.
P.I.

London,
12-2-17.

58th Australian Imperial Force

Millard, Sig. V. C. 2717
C Coy. 9th Pltn.

(W. Nov. 22/16).

" I was told by a Cpl.in 9th Platoon that a shell was dropped on the Platoon as it was going from the reserves to the front at Flers. several men,including Millard, were killed, and several were wounded. "

Eye Witness - Nil.

Description

Informant ;- Pte. R. Fuhrstrom, 1701,
58th Aus. Imp Force, C 12th Pl.
Graylingwell Hospt.
Chichester.

Home address :-
Mainlead Post Office,
via Beaufort,
Victoria, Australia

March. 3. 17.
W. Beaumont.

A.I.F. 58. MILLARD, Sig. V.C. 2717.

W Nov 22nd 1918.

I knew him. We were at Shine Trench near Le Transloy He was killed just as we were going over the top. A shell came and killed.him. I was there and saw it happen.

Inf: Pte W. Dennis. 3111.
No. 1 C.C.
BOULOGNE. 15.5.17.

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21.9.17.

Sig. W. MacMillan
Hdqtrs.
58. Batn.
A.I.F.

about.

2717
Sig. V.C. Millard
58 Battn
A.I.F.

W. + M. 22.11.16.

TELEGRAMS: "EPICURE WESTCENT LONDON."
TELEPHONE MUSEUM 574,575 (2 LINES)

PALACE HOTEL.

BEDFORD AVENUE,
BLOOMSBURY STREET,
LONDON, W.C.

Re No 2717.

Sig Victor C Millard
C. Coy. 58th Battalion
Canadian Infantry Force.
B. E. F.
France.

Reported wounded Nov 22/16
Have been no further news.
His sister is enquiring.
Mrs M. E. Millard.
Palace Hotel.
Bloomsbury.
Phone
Museum 4050

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29 JAN 1917

Palace Hotel
Bloomsbury St
London W.C.
28.1.17

Secretary
Aust. Red Cross Society
54 Victoria St
Westminster

Sir — A friend called on you last week, leaving particulars & asking your kind help, in tracing my brother.

Having just received a letter back, which I had written my brother on Nov 12/16, I thought

it might be of some
assistance to you in tracing
his whereabouts.
You can quite understand how
worried I am, & would be greatly
obliged if you can hasten to
relieve my anxiety as to where
he may be.
Yours faithfully
H. C. Gillard

Final draft. 24-9-09.

Mr. M. Millard.

Palace Hotel

Bloomsbury.

2717 Millard W.C. 58 Bu

No 2717

Sig V. C. Millard.
C Coy. 58th Batt
15th Inf. Brig A.I.F.

Reported wounded 22/11/17. Since then no further news.
His Sister anxious & can be found
Mrs M. Millard
Phone museum Palace Hotel Bloomsbury
4080.

ack'd
J.E.
10-10-17

2717
Sig V. C. MILLARD
C Coy
58 Balon

France
2/10/17

W/M 22-11-16
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Secretary A & M Enquiry Bureau
B.R.C.S.

Re your enquiries about Sig V. C. Millard I regret that I am unable to supply any information as at the time of his being reported missing we were attached to separate companies

Yours faithfully
Sig A. M. Millan

September 5th, 1917.

Mrs. M.Millard,
Palace Hotel,
Bloomsbury.

Dear Madam,

We are deeply sorry totell you that of another unofficial report received about your brother

No 2717 Signaller V.C.Millard,
58th Battalion,
A.I.F.

which we fear leaves little doubt that he was Killed in Action.

No 1701 Pte. R.W.Fuhrstrom of the same unit, when in the 2nd Southern General Hospital, Bristol stated that he was told by Pte. Burns on the night of 22.11.16 that he had seen your brother killed instantly by a shell when marching in single file to relieve the front line. Pte.Burns has since been killed.

We fear that this report though unofficial must be true for ten months have now elapsed since he was missing and there has been no news of him as a prisoner.

We are continuing our inquiries and as soon as further

news is received you shall be advised.

Assuring you of our very sincere sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

SECRETARY.

May 30th, 1917.

Mrs. H. Millard,
Palace Hotel,
Bloomsbury.

Dear Madam,

We deeply regret to inform you of further unofficial evidence about your brother No. 2717 Signaller V.C.Millard, 58th Battn., A.I.F., informant being No. 3111 Pte W.Dennis, who was in hospital in France when interviewed by our searcher.

He says that he knew your brother very well, and while they were going over the parapet at Shine Trench near Le Transloy, he saw him killed by a shell.

We deeply regret the distressing nature of this report and are making all possible enquiries in the hopes of learning a more detailed account, which we shall forward to you immediately on receipt, as we fully appreciate your great anxiety.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy -

Yours faithfully,

V-D

Secretary.

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3rd April 1917.

Mrs M. Millard,
Palace Hotel.
Bloomsbury.

Dear Madam,

It is with deep regret that we advise you of the receipt of an unofficial report of a sad and distressing nature about your brother No. 2717. Signaller V.C. Millard, 58th Battn. A.I.F.

Informant No. 1701. Pte. R. Fuhrstrom. 58th Battn. who on March 3rd was in the Graylingwell Hospital Chichester was told by a Corporal in the XI. Platoon that a shell exploded among them as they were advancing from the reserves to the front line trenches at Flers, several men, including Signaller Millard, being killed.

We are very sorry to have only this sad information to give you and are making all possible inquiries in the hope of learning fuller details which will throw light on his fate.

With sincere sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

V.B.

Secretary.
A.A.W.

15th February -7.

Mrs M. E. Millard,
Palace Hotel.
Bloemfontein.
O.F.S.

Dear Madam,

We very much regret that we have been unable to obtain any satisfactory or definite news about your brother Sig. Victor Chas. Millard 2717. 58th Battn. A.I.F.

We had an official report that he was wounded on 22.11.16. and then on 7.2.17. Head Quarters reported him wounded & missing. We regret to have to give you such sad and uncertain news and sympathise very sincerely with you in your anxiety.

We shall continue every possible inquiry and immediately any further information comes to hand we shall advise you.

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

Secretary.

February 3rd. 1917

MRS.M.E.MILLARD,
Palace Hotel,
Bloomsbury
W.C.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your enquiry re your brother No. 2717 Sig. Victor C.MILLARD, 58th. Batt.A.I.F. we have taken note of the envelope, which we return, and will do our best to obtain news for you; at present, unfortunately, we can get no information.

Yours faithfully,

for Secretary

November 3rd, 1917.

Mrs. M.Millard,
Palace Hotel,
Bloomsbury St, W.C.

Dear Madam,

In further reply to your enquiry concerning your brother

2717 Sig.Victor C.MILLARD,
58th Battalion,
A.I.F.

we beg to forward an unofficial report which only confirms the other sad news that we have already sent you,

3438 L/Cpl.W.J.Robb, said he knew Millard well as they were in the same signalling section. He says Millard came from Carlton, Melbourne. Their platoon were relieving the 60th Battalion, in Shine trench on the Somme when a shell burst wounding Millard and some others, who left for the dressing station. Millard was never seen after that, but some of the other men who went with him were found killed."

With renewed sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

V.D. per

SECRETARY.