

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**6903 Private
Charles Williams
Waugh**

16th Battalion



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16th Battn.
A.I.F.

WAUGH.
C.W. 6903.

c "Killed in Action 18-9-18"

At ^{le} Verguiner. Near Jeancourt killed at once by shell while we were digging in about 10.a.m. Shell lobbed quite close to him and he was buried near where killed. just below the village in a Hollow. I saw the grave with cross up. just before I left. knew him well. Came from Australia with him.

Informant:- Mc Dowell. 6770.
ANZAC BUFFET.

D.F. Dickson.
London.
145-1-19.
H.G.

P.

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Information about above can be obtained from
Lawrence L/Cpl D.Coy. 16th Battalion, who was Waugh's
particular chum.

R.B.Davison C.F
3rd A.A.H.DARTFORD.

Informant:-

Note:- Written L/Cpl Lawrence 25-1-19.

R.B.Davison.
London.
27-1-19.
J.E.A.

P.

A.I.P. 16th Btn

C.W. WAUGH 6903

W.K. ARDACH 7940

"W.A. 18-9-18"

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Pte. C.W. Waugh who was killed in action on the 18-9-18, as it happen this soldier was my pal so I am able to give you first hand information. After the attack on the enemy position at Le Vanguer on the 18th of Sept, we were consolidating the position when we were subjected to *intermittent* shelling. One of these shells burst close to the half our trench, killing instantly Pte. Waugh later on in the day when things were quieter I/Cpl. Lowman & myself buried our unfortunate pal along with a - 7940 Pte. Ardach W.K. 16th Btn, who had been killed during the afternoon. The next day Capt. (Paire) Harper of this Btn conducted the burial service. A cross was sent up with both soldiers names upon it, and was erected by I/Cpl. Lowman. Capt. Harper informs me that the grave was registered & there were several other soldiers buried round there too. As for the personal description of our pal, I can tell you that he was a short stout built boy, fair hair, full face. All his private belongings such as watch, wallet, belt, disc^{et} all we packed up & are now on their way to Australia for Sgt. Haleberg, a 1914 man of this Btn. As both Lowman & myself knew Waugh's people personally in Australia, naturally we both wrote giving a full account of their son's death. The brother of the deceased soldier now on the water for Australia, was also supplied with full particulars. Informant - 6849 Sgt. L. Lawrence
London A.Coy, 16th Btn A.I.F. P.
11-2-19

J.A.

A.I.P. 16th Btn

WAUGH
C.W. 6903

"W. Sept. 18/18"

Chas W. Waugh killed by a shell while digging in, his mate Lawrence was not hurt. I saw the shell burst about 9 a.m. where Waugh was digging in. I did not see him hit, but saw where the graves were dug alongside the road in front of Levene near Sean Court the about 1 1/2 miles behind the Hindenburg line. The others were buried alongside Waugh. I did not see the bodies put in the grave, I saw a cross being taken for Waugh's grave. Several of the men in the pltn, mentioned that Charles Waugh was killed. Lawrence was transferred from ~~Levene~~ No. 2 to No. 1 Pltn, 16th Btn, as I/Cpl. Waugh was about 20 years of age, fair complexion.

Informant - Pte Patrick Lynch 6891
16th Btn A.Coy. P

J.E.A.

C.B.M.

London

13-2-19.

Note: See report by Sgt. Lawrence.

A.I.F.
16th Bttn.

WAUGH.
C.W. 6903.

Killed in Action 18.9.18.

re Pte.C.7. Waugh. 6903. to hand to day. Should any further enquiries be made regarding him you can tell ~~him~~^{them} that there is no doubt as to him being killed or to his identity for he was my personal friend, and was killed right alongside of me on the morning of the 18th September last. He died in my arms about 5 minutes after being hit by a piece of shell, I myself dug the grave, and buried him. He was buried on the field just in front of Coy Headquarters, so was buried on the field, the service was read over him the same evening. His grave has been registered in the official records, for the official cross was sent up just before we left that position, I also put the cross up on the grave. He was killed while we were digging in, in front of the village of Le Vergaur."

Letter from :- Cpl. Lowman. 6855
16th Bttn. A.I.F.
Florennes. Brussels. 17.2.19.

London.
24.2.19.
D.WB.

P.

6903

204 P.C. 21/3 24.2.16. Bm. K. W. Waugh Florence

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Trusting that this will
be sufficient to remove
any doubt as to whether
he is still alive or dead.

I am

Yours Sincerely
Capt. Lawrence

16th 55

16th Batt

C. F. F.

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To

L/Cpl Looman

16 Btl

a.I.F

about

6903 Pte C.W. Waugh

16 Btl

a.I.F

K/A 18.9.18

Written 11.2.19

MRJ

To

L/Cpl Lawrence

D. Co

16 Batta -

A. I. F

About

6903 Pte C. W. Waugh

16 Batta

A. I. F

K 18.9.18

Written 25.1.19

MRS

7940
W. K. Ardagh
16 Bttn

6903
C. W. Waugh
16 Bttn

Acce. P.C.
10.2.19
8/19
2/13

To the Secretary P.2
Enquiry Bureau

K/A 18.9.18
P.2

Australian Red Cross

1st Lt

In reply to your letter of the 25/11 and re the late Pte C.W. Waugh who was killed in action on the 18.9.18. As it happens this soldier was my pal so I am able to give you first hand information. After the attack on the enemy position at Le. Venger on the 18th of Sept. we were consolidating the position when we were subject to intermittent shelling. One of these shells burst close to the half dug trench killing instantly Pte Waugh. Later on in the day when things were quieter L/cpl Lowman and myself buried our unfortunate pal along with a Pte ⁷⁹⁴⁰ Ardagh. W.K. who had been killed during the afternoon. The next day Capt. (Ponds) Harper of this Bttn later conducted the burial service. A cross was sent up with both soldier names upon it and was erected by L/cpl Lowman. Capt Harper informs me that the grave was registered as there were several other soldiers buried round there too.

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Well I think this is all the information
I can give you hoping it will be sufficient.

Yours Sincerely

G.849. - Sgt. A F Lawrence

A Co 16 Batt

A. J. F.

Francis