

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**5770 Lance Corporal  
Ernest Henry George  
Tilley**

**13th Battalion**



**2750609T**

13th Battn.

TILLEY  
E.H.C., 5770

( ) Copy of Death Card

Central Inquiry Office for War losses and graves.

This certifies that we hold a death card from Ref:111, which states that the Australian prisoner of war, Tilley, E.H.C., 5770, 13th Battn. A.I.F., is dead.

Identity disc sent in by Infantry regiment 79 on 30/11/17.

List at Ref:111, No. 16750/W.

Stamp. Central Inquiry Bureau  
Royal Prussian War Office.

Melbourne  
2/3/20.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS RECORD INFORMATION - MELBOURNE

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A.I.F. 13.

TILLEY, E.H.G. 5770.

K4

April 11th 1917.

This was at Bullecourt. He is a P/W. The news came through the Battn and appeared in the Anzac Bulletin about 2 months ago. Description: came from Newcastle, Austr. pork butcher by trade, 5ft 8, nuggety, aged 26, single, very dark, clean shaven.

Inf: Pte H.Ryan. 5753. B,Coy.  
No. 14 General  
BOULOGNE. 20.10.17. WG

Not sent out

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13th batt. A.I.F.

Tilley, E.H.G. L.Cpl. NO.5770.

B.Coy.

Killed April 11th 1917, Det. D.B.

I saw him killed by a shell during the hop over at Bullecourt. He was taken to Lagnicourt and buried by a party. As far as I know there was a cross erected. I knew him well, he came over with the 18th reinf of the batt. He came from N.S.W.

Description. Age 22. Weight. 5-7. Complexion. Dark. Well Built.

Witness. Pte. Parker, F.W. NO.5746. D.Coy. 13th batt.

Taken at  
NO.4.C.D.Hurdcott.  
I4-5-18.  
F.G.H.

S.Whitmee.  
NO.4.Command Depot  
Hurdcott.

S. J. MacC

13th Batn.,  
A.I.F.

TILLEY,  
E.G.H. 5770.

"Killed 11th April, 1917."

in

"Of B. Coy., VIII Pltn. on 11th April he was/bombing party in sap running from Reincourt village to Hindenburg line. We were holding this sap all the morning. Was killed outright by bomb right in front of me, hit badly in head and upper part of body. His body was left in the trench when we were later taken P/W. We had the order from Sgt. Cross to retire along the sap, we fought our way back to our front line, when supply of bombs ran out. Sgt. Cross stayed behind at rear of his men to cover our retreat and was killed.

Tilley was my mate, came from Sydney..

Informant:- Pte. A. Shipway, 5798,  
15th Batn., B. Coy., VIII Plt., P/W.

A.D.G.  
London,  
50-12-18.  
H.G.

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13th Battn.  
A.I.F.

TILLEY.  
E. 5770. (H.G.)

"killed in Action 11-4-17"

I saw him wounded by the same grenade which wounded me as well as Bert Lord. Tolley was badly wounded and lying in a German communication trench in front of Bullecourt. He appeared to be dying. We had to leave him. This was after we had taken the German trenches and about an hour before I was captured.

Informant:- J.H. Salmond. Repat: P/W.  
13th Battn. A.I.F.  
RED CROSS.

L.A.W.  
London.  
3-1-19.

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A.I.F. 13th Batt.

TILLEY  
B. S. A. 6770

KILLED IN ACTION 11/4/1918

At about 10.30 a.m. on 11th April 1918 he was about 6 yards from me in a trench opposite Reincourt when I saw him killed instantly by a German hand grenade. I was taken prisoner myself about 8 hours after and the ground was occupied by the Germans. He was in VII platoon of B Company and was a tall thin man of about 37. He was, as far as I know, the only Tilley in B Company and was a man of religious disposition.

Informant:- Pte J. T. Edmunds 6778,  
13th Batt., A.I.F.,  
B Coy., VII platoon,  
A.C.S.,  
Brockenhurst,  
S.H.Q.

A. G. Campbell  
22/1/19  
London  
23/1/19

*Left arm & leg amputated*

S. 2d  
Signed

13th Batn.  
A.I.T.

TILLEY,  
E.H.G. 5770.

"Killed 11-4-17", Unofficially buried Lagnicourt."

I saw a man called Tilley lying dead, when we were going down the German Communication Trench from the Second German line into Reincourt village. He must have been killed by the heavy bombing in that gap about 11 a.m. He was wounded in the head, and lying on his face. Must have been killed at once. I knew him well and recognised his long field boots, and his clothes. Am quite sure it was Tilley. He was a Y.M.C.A. member, 18 or 19 reinforcements, came from somewhere about Sydney, dark, well built, roughly about 24 or 25. He was B. Coy.

Informant:- Stevenson, A.D. 3912,

13th Batn. B. Coy,

Repatriated Prisoner of War.

London,  
30-1-19.  
M.I.S.  
J.E.A.

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## Land England Totenlisten Nr. 16730

W.

Name			
Abschrift	T i l l e y , E.H.C.		
Dienstgrad	S.	Uhr. der Erf. Marke	5770
Truppenteil	13 th A.J.F.		
Zeit u. Ort der Gefangenennahme	Verstorben.		
Aufenthaltsort	Erkennungsmarke übersandt vom		
Bemerkungen	Inf. Regt. 79 am 30.11.17.		
Verwundung			
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Aufenthaltsort	Erk.Mrk. übersandt v.		
Bemerkungen			
Verwundung			
Heimatort	J.R.79, am 30.11.17.		

A.I.F. 13th Battn.

TILLEY

L/Cpl. Ernest S.  
Henry George 3770

Killed in action 11/4/17

Translation of German Death Voucher received from Mr. Wilson and  
passed on to A.I.F. Hdrs 21/10/19.

Central Information Bureau.

Berlin N.W.7. 13th Oct. 1919  
Dorotheen Str 48.

It is hereby certified that there is here produced the death card of  
the Ref. III, according to which the Australian Prisoner of War Tilly  
E.H.C., Private, Identity disc 5770, of the 13th A.I.F., died at  
on 29th November 1917.

J.A.  
(Signed) Dr PORT

Stamp of Pruss. War Office,  
Central Information Bureau.

London  
23/10/19

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13th Bn. A.I.F.

TILLEY

E.H.G. - 5770 -

"Killed 11th April 1917".

Tilley E.H.G. 13.A.I.F. disc 5770

Found dead on the Calwer Road.

Reported by Inf. Tgt. 79, 2. Bn. Ref.Nr. 950 on the 29.11.17.

LONDON BUREAU

FINAL GERMAN DEATH LIST

Melbourne 14.10.1920.

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Pt. E. Tilley 5770.  
13 Batt.

see under

Pt. H. Gunter 585686. "

13/8/17.

Film Copy

11.8.17

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5720 Pl. A. Macdonald  
Telephone Box  
Perham Downs  
Andover, Mass

CASE 5770 Pl. E. H. G. Tiller 13<sup>th</sup> Ballin. A.I.F.  
Officially missing  
11. 4-17

AUSTRALIAN SECTION—SIXTY-SEVEN

49th Battalion A.I.F.—contd.

**C.**

B. Collins, M. H. 3796A.  
Craies, C. S. 5064.  
Cronk, A. E. 1629.  
Dawson, J. 3951A.  
Drake, A. S. 6377.

C. Finney, R. W. 3046.  
Foster, J. O. E. 2141.  
Francis, G. B. 1761.  
Freeman, A. 5089.  
Freeman, G. H. 5240.  
Galligan, I. V. 3768.  
Goodwill, W. 1657.

\*Gould, R. S. 3772.  
Hair, R. 3360.  
Hannell, J. W. 2155.  
Harvey, H. J. 1659.  
Hedley, Sergt. J. C. 3783.  
Hunt, F. E. 3785.  
Hunt, R. 3794.  
Irwin, F. C. 2625.  
Jurd, W. A. J. 3068.

D. \*Keene, T. 2685.  
Kenrick, H. S. 1683.  
Kerr, A. C. 1677.  
King, E. 1678.  
Knight, B. F. 2729.  
\*McHugh, J. R. 2209.  
McKay, D. G. 3858.  
Mann, Sergt. W. 2486.  
Mansell, F. 3418.  
Marlin, F. D. 3154.  
Miles, W. A. 1706.  
Muir, W. 3866.  
Murphy, H. L. 691.

\*Northcote, L-Cpl. G. J. 3082.  
O'Neill, Dvr. J. 3489.  
O'Toole, S. 3884.  
Plackett, L. 1768.

Pike, A. G. 3167.  
Polson, Cpl. 7.  
Poulson,  
Rice,

**C.**

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R.

M. Sept. 5/16.  
W. and M. Oct. 6/16.  
W. and M. Sept. 1/16.  
M. Sept. 5/16.  
~~K. Nov. 20/16. Det.D./B.~~

M. Sept. 5/16.  
W. Sept. 3/16.  
M. Sept. 5/16.  
M. Sept. 5/16.  
M. Sept. 5/16.  
W. and M. Sept. 4/16.  
~~M. Sept. 3/16.~~

M. April 3/17.  
W. and M. Sept. 3/16.  
M. Sept. 5/16.  
M. Sept. 5/16.  
W. and M. Sept. 1/16.  
W. Sept. 1/16.  
W. and M. Sept. 3/16.  
W. and M. Sept. 3/16.  
W. and M. Sept. 3/16.

M. April 3/17.  
W. and M. Sept. 4/16.  
~~K. Sept. 3/16. Det.D./B.~~  
W. and M. Sept. 3/16.  
M. Sept. 5/16.

D. Feb. 20/17. Det.D./B.  
M. Sept. 5/16.  
W. and M. Sept. 3/16.  
W. and M. Sept. 3/16.  
~~K. Sept. 3/16. Det.D./B.~~  
W. and M. Sept. 3/16.  
W. and M. Sept. 3/16.

M. Sept. 4/16.  
W. and M. Sept. 3/16.  
~~K. Sept. 5/16. Det.D./B.~~  
~~W. and M. Aug. 14/16.~~  
~~Det.D./B.~~

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JAN 2, 1920

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"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

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