

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

3030 Private
Edward George Dale

26th Battalion



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26th Batt. A.I.F.

Dale, E.G. Pte. No. 3030.

D/W. Oct. 38/17. Det. D/B.

He died at the 3rd Canadian C.C.S. at Poperinche. Being a great mate of his I made inquiries and got official information to this effect. As there is a cemetery close by, no doubt he was buried in it. He came from Brisbane, Queensland.

Description. Height 5-7. Complexion Dark. Build Slight.

Witness. Squires, T.O. Pte. No. 3638. "D" Coy 26th Batt.

Taken at
No. 3.C. Depot
Hurdcott
27-1-18.
S.W.

S. Whitmee,
No. 4.C. Depot.
Hurdcott.

OB

26th Battn.
A.I.F.

Dale.
Pte. E. ³⁰³⁰ 3030

"Died of Wounds"

No.3030 Pte.Dale died in this hospital from wound of right leg
28.10.17. He was buried in Lyssenthoek Cemetery Map Location
Sheet 27. Square L22 D6.3.Plot 22 X Grave 8 B.

Letter from:-

The O.C.

3rd Can.C.C.S. 3

12.2.18.

London.

15.2.18.

B.

Not out as

S.Y.

A.I.E. 26.

D/W. 28.10.17.

DALE E.G. 3030.

He was wounded at Passchendaele on 27th.Oct.
and D/W. in No. 3 Can.CCS. on 28th.Oct. No records
of burial. He belonged to B.C.C.

SA.

Cert. from En. records. by:

Sgt.L.F. Lovett. 1001. HQ.

Etaples.
5.3.18.

B

Ans
The letter from G.C.C.S. has been sent to you
Type with heading E.G. Dale.

26th Batt.
A.I.F.

DALE
E.G. 3030

"Died of Wounds 28-10-17"

At Zonnebeke Ridge, he had only just got into the support line, when he was hit by shell, leg blown off. I was close to him at the time. He was a friend of mine. Bill Watts carried him out.

Informant. Cunningham. 3470
Ward 35,
HAREFIELD.

D.P.Dickson
London
5-7-18
J.E.A.

B.

Note:-

Written Pte.Watts 4-7-18

26th Battn.
A.I.F.

DALE,
E.G. . 3036.

"Died of Wounds 26-10-17"

Re the above named soldier. I am only too pleased to be able to give you all the information I can concerning him, as he was a great pal of mine, and no one was more surprised to hear of his death than me. We were nearly always together, in camp in Queensland, in Blighty, we work together, we both came back together, and it was the first night in the trenches after our spell in England that he got wounded. We had hardly taken cover when a shell came our way and killed two and wounded three, about 11.30 o'clock on the night of the 27th October 1917. I was by his side and got some volunteers to help me carry him out, we carried him nearly two miles and I saw him Dressed. He was then in great spirits - we were laughing and talking together for about half an hour when I had to go back to the line. I did not think his wounds so serious. He had a large wound just over the right knee - his leg was broken badly, but he did not seem to be in much pain. I found out later (as I did not hear from him) that he died the next day at the 3rd Canadian C.C.S. between Ypres and Mont des Cats and was buried there, I have not been able to see his grave as when we came out, we left that District and have not been back since but all men buried at a C.C.S. are buried with Honours and are registered. I am enclosing a photo I took out of the Queensland which will prove his identity and I may say I would be only too pleased to give any other information concerning them him that I know as when I lost Teddy, I lost a good mate.

London.
25-7-18.

Letter from:- W.J.Watts.
A.I.F. FRANCE.

B.

Ack by letter (and) Photo returned (cut from paper)
19/11/18 draft

From 3159 Pte W. Roberts
R. Company
26th Battn
A.F.
France.

12/7/18

3030 E.G. Date

S. 26th Batt
D/H 28.10.17
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To Miss Ashton

In answer to yours of the 10th re Pte G.
Date I am only able to be able to give you
all the information I can concerning him, as he
was a great pal of mine, and no one was more
surprised to hear of his death than me, we were
nearly always together, in camp in France and in Blighty
the week together we will come back together, and I
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in England that he got wounded, we had hardly taken
over when a shell came our way and killed two and
wounded three, at about 11 o'clock on the night of
the 27th Oct 1917 I was by his side and got some
wool wipers to help me carry him out, we carried him
nearly two miles and I saw him through, he was then
in great spirits we were laughing and talking
together for about half an hour when I had to go
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later (as I did not hear from him) that he died
the next day at the 3rd Canadian Casualty C.S.
between Ypres and Monte St. Peters and was
buried there. I have not been able to see
his grave as when we came out we left that
district and have not been back since but
all men buried at a C.S. are buried with honour
and are registered. I am enclosing a photo I
took out of the Queen's Hamlet which will prove
his identity, and I may say I would be only
too pleased to give you any other information
concerning him that I know, as when I lost
Tally I lost a good mate.

I am yours faithfully

A. J. Hall



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7.2.18.

Telegraphic Address:
QUESTMAN, LONDON.

3030. P.C. E.G. Dale. 26th Batt. A.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above who died in your Hospital on 28.10.17. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

With apologies for troubling you.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Ker a Deakin.

SECRETARY.

NOTE. We have been informed by various C.O's and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience. Unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above, we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

Res. c.

3rd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station
B.I.F.

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Australian Red Cross Society,
London.

No.3030, Pte. Dale, E. J., 26th Battn. Aust.,
Died in this hospital from wound of right leg, 28/10/17.

He was buried in Lyssenthoek Cemetery
Map Location Sheet 27, Square L 22, D6.3, plot 22 X. Grave 8.B.

J.W. Bragan R
L.C. C.M.C.
B.C. 3rd CANADIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION