

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5064 Private
Andrew Patrick Cleary**

1st Battalion



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1st Australian Imperial Force.

Oleary, A. 506⁴/₂
Co. Co.

(K. July 21/16)

Informant states that "On July 22. 1916 at Pozieres in a support trench, Pte. Oleary was buried alive owing to the bursting of a shell. His body was not found."

Reference:- L/Cpl. George Wood, 5256
1st A. I. F.
No. 2. Temporary Hospital,
Exeter.

Home address:
Ely House
High Street. Marrickville
Sidney. Australia.

Nov. 22.
Barbara White

1st. Battn.
A.I.F.

Cleary A.,
5044

"Killed in Action 21-7-16".

Witness states that above was killed in action July 21/16 about 4 P.M. so he was informed by men of the Battalion, and buried the same day at Centalmaison, in the support trenches. The grave was marked with a cross with name, number, date etc. on it. Witness adds that a man named Henry, (initials and number not known to him) 1st. Battalion buried Cleary. Cleary came from Coura H.S.W. Henry also came from that place, was wounded on July 22/16. His present whereabouts is unknown to witness.

Reference:- McCabe, D. Private 3422,
1st. Battalion.

Note:- Wrote to Henry 6-11-16

London,
6-11-16
W.L.W.B.

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1st Bn. A.I.F.

CLEARY,

Pte. A. 5064

K. A. 21-7-16

While the Battalion was in support behind central Maison on the 21st July, Cleary was waiting in the "support" trench a shell struck the parapet and buried Cleary and several others.

Informant who was acting Sgt. Major of Cleary's company saw this happen and sent word to the Pioneers to bury Cleary's body. This was done the same night behind the lines at Pozieres.

Cleary was young, medium height and build, auburn complexion.

Reference: Sgt. A. Hodges, 1002,
4th Aust. General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

D.W.
7:11:16.

SYDNEY BUREAU

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1st A. I. F.

Pte. A. CLEARY, 5064

Killed 21.7.16. Details D. & B.

Informant says Cleary was a mate of his. On July 21st on the road between Albert and Pozieres, Cleary was hit in the left shoulder by a shell fragment. He was killed on the spot. A man named Henry Warren and another were killed by the same shell. The bodies were left. We went on.

Reference: Pte. A. King, 51³⁷₄₂, Bombers Sect.

No 6 General, Reuen, 10.11.16.

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1st. A. I. F.

Oleary, A. 5064.
D Coy.

(K. July 21/16.)

Informant states "I saw A Oleary buried in a grave at
Hells Gate, about 400 yards south of La Boisselle."

Reference:-- Pte. A. Yuille, 3536,
1st. A. I. F. Bomb: Sec:
2nd Southern General Hospital,
Southmead, Bristol.

Home address:-- Freezing Works,
Newport, Melbourne.

Rev: 10th
Scott.

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FRANKIE.

A.I.F. 1.

GERARDY, A. 5064.

W. July 21. 1916.

He belonged to IX Pl, G.Co., and was killed at Verdun on July 25th. A shell caught him during the charge and killed him outright. He was alongside Lt. Atkins at the time. I was not far away and saw the casualty. The body had to be left there, as we went on into the charge. I know nothing as to its burial. He came from Miami, N.S.W.

Reference: Sgt. F. Goulding, 5104, G.Co.
26 Gen. Hosp.
Staples. 13.11.1916.

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Cleary - Plt. A. 5064
1st Batt

See under

Collins Plt. W. G. 5065
1st Batt