

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3485 Private
Charles Coad**

57th Battalion



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57th Btn.

Pte. COAD, C.
No. 3485

Killed 19/8/16

"Casualty was destroyed by shell fire on the 19th July² at Fleurbaix. I actually saw him killed. The remains which were found were buried at the rear of the trenches in the Military Cemetery. We were in the trenches at the time it happened".

Private address
Hume Street,
Echuca. East.

Informant:- Pte. B. T. Jansen,
No. 3100, 57th Btn.

M. C. d. Buff

H.A.B.
5/6/17

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

A.I.F. 57th Btn

COAD
C. 3485

"K. in A. 19-8-16"

Killed in Action 19-8-16 - Buried at Rue du Bois Cemetery
by Rev. G.W.B. Stall
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 12-6-17.

London
13-6-17

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28th June 1917

57th AUSTRALIANS

COAD, C. 3488

R. 19th August 1916 Det D/3

Dead was in C. Co., and in either the 9th or 10th Platoon. I think he came from Bondigo. I had known him for about six months in the Battalion. He was about 5'6" in height, medium build, had fair hair, a moustache and was about 41 years of age. He called his "Charlie" and I knew him quite well. I saw his grave about the 19th August, 1916, in the Military Cemetery which is on the Frenelles front, south of Armentieres, close to a house called "Rifle Villa". The Cemetery is about three miles along the road running from Sully towards Armentieres, on the left. There is a cross on the grave with his name, number and battalion. There are a number of men of the same battalion buried there.

In'ocant: Pte. H. R. Willmet 5236
57th Australians C.Co. 11th Pltn
Australian Camp, Rouelles

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57th A.I.F.

C. Coad. 3485.

K. August 19/16. Det. D. & B.

Informant said Charlie Coad was in C. Coy. and his number was in the three thousands. He came over with him from White Hills, Bendigo. At Fromelles on August last he was killed while in the trench by a piece of shrapnell in his side and he was buried at Rifle Villa where informant has seen his grave and cross.

Reference. H. White. 3637. C. Coy.

No. 11 Con Camp Buchy, Nr. Rouen. 29-6-17.

DLF.

*M. Smith
6d.*

57th Battn.
A. I. F.

Coad.
C. 3485.

"Killed 19.8.16."

I saw this man killed on Aug. 19th, 1916 during raid and bombardment at Fleurbaix, Fromelles Front. A fragment of shell entered the right side and penetrated the chest. He only lived about 15 minutes after being wounded. I was with him when he died. He was buried in a little cemetery one mile back from the lines. I saw the grave with wooden cross with name etc on it. He was 5'6" well built, dark, about 46 years. Came from Bendigo, Victoria. Was (I think) a miner.

Witness:-

Cpl. F.A. Felgenhauer 2635.
57th Battn.

A. R. McPhee.

Perham Downs Camp.

London.
6.7.17.

M.

57th Bn.

COAD, C.
Pts. No. 3485

Killed in action 19/8/16.

"I knew Casualty. He came from West Bendigo, called "Charlie". I saw Casualty killed on the 19th August at Fleurbaix. Casualty on an observation post in the trench when a shell exploded on the top of the parapet. Casualty was struck. He was in the next hat to me. I went up and saw him lying dead. The pioneers buried him in the cemetery at Rifle Villa."

Informant:- A.S. F. Cook,
No. 2131, 57th Bn.

Private address
288 Queensbury Street,
North Melbourne.

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H.A.B.
30/7/17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

57th Battn
A.I.F.

COAD
C. 3485

"Killed 19.8.16."

I saw this man killed on Fromelles Front on August 19th/16. A shell fell short and burst near him killing him instantly. No attach was being made at the time. We were holding the line. Our Battn. was relieved shortly after this when I went out, the body was lying in the trench. I do not know where he was buried. He was about 5'6" slight build dark, about 40 years.

Witness:-

A.M. Webster,
4624
C. Coy. 57th Battn.
Perham Down Camp.

A.R. McEhee,
London.
21.8.17.

M.