

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

**5529 Private  
Archibald Ahern**

**25th Battalion**



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A. I. F. 25.

AMEW, A. 5529.

*Archibald*

D/S. October 4th, 1917.

He was in A.IV. A thickset man inclined to be fair, 5 ft 7/8, about 32. S/B. H. Mandell, of A.Coy, now up line, told me he helped to carry him out about October 4th at Zonnebeke and that he was badly wounded in stomach and that he died on the way down. I have been with Battn since it was formed in January 1915.

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Reference:- Sgt. F.A.Cowland. G4. A.III (then in IV)  
No. 1 Can. Gen. Hp.

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*William Mandell*  
*27.2.18*  
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14.2.18.

A.I.F. 25th Battn.

Died of Wounds 4/10/17

AHERN  
A. 5529.  
(Archibald)

Ahern was wounded very badly on the left side of the stomach on October 4th 1917 just as we were moving off for the attack at Zonnebeke. I picked him up and placed him in a shell hole and he said "I'm gone". He was alive when I left him and I sent S/Bs to him who subsequently told me he was dead - I cannot say anything as to his burial. 3198 Cpl. H. Mandall now with 25th Battn., A Coy., was the S/B whom I sent over to him and who told me of his death.

Informant:- 3792 Cpl. M.W. Crocks,  
25th Battn., A Coy.,  
Hut 53, Westham.

London  
3/6/18

*Note: S/B Mandall written to 27-2-18  
Letter returned marked 'Hospital'  
write again.* B

A.I.F. 25th Btn

AHERN  
Archibald 5529

"D/Wds 4-10-17"

Died of wounds 4-10-17 at 2nd Anzac M.D. Stn France, Buried  
Brandhoek British Cemetery 2 miles E. of Poperinghe  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 4-6-18;

London  
18-6-18

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25th Battn.  
A.I.F.

AMERSON  
A. 5529

"Died of Wounds 4-10-17"

( Amichild )

He was in A.Coy., and I saw him wounded near Zonnebeke Church, when he was hit by pieces of shell in the body. We were in action at the time and attacking. He was taken back to dressing station when he died. He was unconscious when taken away. I saw him when dead. I did not know him very well, and he came from Queensland. He was sure to be buried, but I did not see his grave, nor can I refer to anyone.

Informant. Beatty. Cpl. J. 6279  
A.Coy. 25th Battn.,  
3rd A.A.H.,  
DARTFORD.

W. Omsa  
London  
22-6-18

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A.I.F. 25th Battn.

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Archibald 5529.

"Died of Wounds 4/10/17"

It is regretted that all records regarding Casualties were sent to the Base Record Office, to whom application should be made for particulars in this case.

Letter from:- O.C.,  
B.D.H.S.  
XXII Corps.

London  
29/6/18.  
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The Secretary,  
Australian Red Cross Society,  
36, Grosvenor Place,  
LONDON. S. W. 1.

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24.6.1918.

*h. S.*

DD.M.C.
XXII CORPS
No.....
Date.....

*J. H. Patton*  
Colonel,  
F.D.M.S.  
XXII Corps.

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36. GROSVENOR PLACE,

LONDON S.W. 1.

O.C.

2<sup>nd</sup> Anzac Medical Dressing Station  
B.F.F.

21.6.18

5529 P.C. Archibald Ahern  
25<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.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 4.10.17 and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As 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.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Vera Deakin

Secretary.

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