

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1920 Private
Gerald Gordon
Campion

10th Battalion



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10th Battn.
A.I.F.

CAMPION,
G.G. 1920

"Died of Wounds 10.10.17."

I saw Campion G.G. being carried out at night to battan D/S just out of Ypres, he was wounded on 8th, I heard by a shell, being badly wounded, receiving multiple wounds. Did not hear where he died or was buried.

Informant:- J.G.Porrirt, 6807,
10 Battn, D.Coy,
Hut 21,
Westham.

W.A.Rand.

London.
6.3.18.

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A.I.F. 10.

D/V. 10.10.17.

CAMPION G.G. 1920.

There were 2 brothers Campion, one was missing about 5 a.m. in the raid in front of Paeschendaele, the other, whom I take to be G.G. Campion, was wounded about 7 p.m. by shell, which wounded him between the eyes, broke his arm and his neck was injured. I saw the casualty happen, being about 30 yards away at the time. I helped to pick him up and took him to the 31st. Bn. Regt. Aid Post, where I left him. He was unconscious from the first. I know both Campions well, the oldest was in XVI Pl. D.Co. I mean the one who was killed. The other was, I think, just transferred to C.Co. I clearly recognised Campion at the Aid Post.

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Reference: Pte. H.A. Bathmont. 2110. D.XVI.
1 Can. gen. Hpl.

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10th Battn.
A.I.F.

G.G. CAMPION.
1920.

"Died of Wounds".

No 1920 Pte Campion.G.G.died at this station on 10-10-17.
from G.S.wounds forearm right and eyes. He is buried in the
Military Cemetery Tyssentock near Poperinghe Belgium.

Letter from:- O.C.

No 10. C.C.S.

B.E.F.

London.
13-6-18.

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Have

25th June 1918.

A.I.F. 10.

Campion G.G. No. 1920.

D/W 10th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

He was in D.Co. XIII Pltn. I knew him fairly well, he was almost an original man. His number would be somewhere about 1900. He was medium height, and build, dark, about 25. On the 10th Octr we were going up to Celtic Wood, to relieve the front line. On the way up I was about 20 yards behind Campion. I heard he was hit and he passed me being carried down to the Field Amb. on a stretcher. This was during the night. S/B Wilkins of the 10th Battn H.Q. who was up with the Battn about 6 weeks ago, was one of the S/Bs carrying Campion down.

Inf. - Pte F.S. McGar No. 2402.
A.I.F. 10. D. XIII.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

HPG.

F.S.M.

Havre.

3rd. May. 1918.

10th. Australians.

Campion, G. G. 1920.

D/7. October. 10/1917. Dets. D/B.

He was in D. Coy, and the 16th. Btn, I know him well; he was a man about 5 feet 3, dark, clean-shaven, about 23. On the 10th. October we were holding the line at Celtic Wood. I was told that Campion was badly wounded and that he died of his wounds. S/Boerer E. L. Wilkins, 10th. A. A. M. C. H.Q. (who I saw about a fortnight ago with the Battalion) told me he helped to bury Campion.

Inf:- Corporal. A. J. Duncan. 3734.
10th. Australians. D. 14.
Australian Camp.
Ronelles.

HFG.

Written S/B Wilkins 17.5.18.

10th Batth.
A.I.F.

CAMPION.
G.G. 1920.

"Died of Wounds" 10-10-17. Hqs. 1917.
Died 10th Casualty Clearing Station.
Cert: by A.I.F. Hqs. 31-5-18.

London.
31-5-18.

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A.I.F. 10th Battn.

CAMPION
G.S. 1920

"Died of Wounds 10/10/17"

Re 1920 Pte. G. G. Campion D Coy., 10th Battn., I belonged to the same Company as Pte. Campion on the night of the 10/10/17, he was severely wounded. Three other bearers and myself attended his wounds and brought him out to the R.A.P., belonging to 31st Battalion A.I.F., he was then attended to by the Medical Officer. I asked whether he had a chance of pulling through. The Medical Officer replied "Not the slightest". I then left the R.A.P. and proceeded back to the Company. I was told the following day that Pte Campion died at the R.A.P., if so, he would be buried at Anzac Ridge which would be termed as buried on the field, probably his grave would not be registered. Description of the above, Height about 5' 4" - dark complexion. Any information concerning lads of D Coy., 10th Battn., who have fallen in Action since December 1916 I may be able to furnish you with as I was a Company Stretcher Bearer for 18 months.

Letter from:- 5242, Pte E. L. Wilkins,
H.Q. Coy., 10th Battn., A.I.F.,
France.

28/8/18.

London
13/8/18

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36. GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

June 17 1918.

The O.C.

*10th Casualty Clearing Station
B. 9. 7*

1920 G. G. Campion 10th B. 9. 7

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 10-10-17. 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

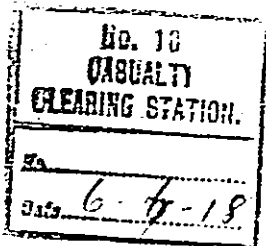
Secretary.

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The Secretary
Australian Red Cross Society
London

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Reference reverse to 1920 Pte Champion 44
died at this Station on 10/10/17 from
G.S. Wounds Forearm & Eyes,
He is buried in the military cemetery
Lyssehoek near Poperinghe Belgium.



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Major Rame
Forde 10 cc

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Dear Madam
18/5/20

1920
G.G. Champion Frame May 23rd
10th Battn
D/W 10-10-17 A
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In reply to yours of May 8th 1920 Pte G.G. Champion D Coy 10th Battalion I belonged to the same company as Pte Champion on the night of the 10/10/17 he was severely wounded myself and three other Bearers attended his wounds and brought him out to the R.A.P. belonging to 31st Battalion A.I.F. he was then attended too by the M.O. I ask whether he had a chance of pulling through the M.O. replied not the slightest. I then left the R.A.P. and proceeded back to the company I was told the following day that Pte Champion died at the R.A.P. if so he would be buried at Anzac Ridge which would be termed as buried in the field probably his grave would not be registered

Description of the Above
Height about 5'4"
Dark complexion

Wishing your Society every success in their good work

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5242
Pte C. J. Williams
10th Batt A.I.F.
H.Q. Coy