

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

20118 Driver  
Harold George Bell

11th Field Artillery Brigade



03210028

11th FAB (late 8th FAB  
32nd Battery)  
prev. 118th How. Battery

Bell  
not Bill  
Harold George 20118

"Killed in Action 8.10.17."

Killed in Action 8.10.17. no further report.  
ext. by AIF HdQtrs 9.1.18.

M/K. Father John C. Bell  
Addiscombe  
Seelburg M

London.  
11.1.18.

NO ENQUIRY.

111th How. Bty.  
A.F.A.

Bell.  
Dvr. H.G.

Bell was wounded in Oct. up near Chateau Wood and while trying to dress his wounds another shell killed him outright. I saw this. He was buried at Chateau Wood and a cross erected on which is the map of Australia in brass with his name and particulars engraved on it.

Informant:- Dvr. A.J. Evans E2936  
111th How. Bty.  
Hut 9. Westham.

W.A. Rand

This No Enquiry report possibly refers to -  
Bell - Harold George 20118 - who was cabled from Melbourne as Bill in 111th How. Bty. and was killed 8.10.17 in 11th P.A. Bgds. late 8th P.A. Bgde. prev. 118th How. Bty.  
London. 12.2.18. M.

11th F.A.B.

BELL, H. G.  
Dvr. 20118.

K. in act. 8/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a slight built man, 5 ft. 8 ins. dark complexion, about 22 years of age, known as "Harold". He embarked from Australia with the 6th F.A.B. on the "Medic". Casualty was at Ypres just off the Menin Road taking pack horses with ammunition up to the guns, and while going up was wounded with a piece of shell. He stopped and had his wounds dressed and while doing so another shell landed alongside him killing him instantly. He was buried close to where he fell and there was a cross erected."

Informant:- Pte. T. M. Boyle,  
No. 20065, 11th F.A.B.

Private address:-  
Drysdale,  
N.A.T.  
13/5/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

111th How Batty,  
A.I.F.

BELL,  
H.G. 20118

"Killed 8.10.17. Det.D/B"

Bell was killed at the gun position at Passchendaele by a piece of shell just outside his dugout. I saw him killed instantly. I saw him buried about 800 yards in front of Zillebeke Lake on right of Menin Road. An ordinary cross was erected. A larger one was to be erected. I did not know his Christian name.

Informant:- Sig. W.W. Innes 1939,  
111th How Batty,  
Hut 28,  
Westham.

W.A. Rand.

London.  
12.2.18.

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Hayre.

10th. May. 1918.

11th. A. F. A.

Bell, H. G. 20118.

K. October. 8/1917. Dets. D/B.

I knew Driver Harold George Bell, 11th. Howitzer Battery, he was killed at Ypres instantly by shell on October 8th, 1917. I saw his Grave in a Military Cemetery at Ypres, there is a Cross on it. Driver K. J. Crozier, 11th. Howitzers was with Bell when he was killed and is still with his Unit.

Inf:- Driver. I. B. Hitchens. 21229.  
11th. Brigade. 11th. Howitzers.  
Australian Camp.  
Howellia.

RDM.

*William Crozier*  
23. 3. 18

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11th Bde.  
A.F.A. A.I.F.

BELL  
H.G. 20118

"Killed 8-10-17"

Dvr. Carter, 111th How. Btty., can tell about Bell's death which occurred I believe at Menin Road. His name was Harold Bell and in 111th How. Btty.

Informant. Cornwell J. 16001  
111th How. Btty.,  
Hut 21,  
WESTHAM.

Note:-  
Written Carter 27-5-18

W.A. Rand  
London  
28-5-18

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11th F.A.B. late 118th How Battery.  
A.I.F.

BELL.  
H.G. 20118.

"Killed in Action" 8-10-17.

Re the death of 20118 Dvr H.G. Bell 118th Howitzer Bty A.I.F. who was killed in action on 8-10-17. I was near by at the time when the above named was killed. He was wounded and while dressing the wound another shell killed him instantly. He was buried the following day in the field. There has been a cross put up over his grave with an inscription on it, but I might say it is not in a registered cemetery. As far as I can recollect he was slightly built, fair hair, and blue eyes. The upper set of teeth were projecting slightly above the upper lip and ears were a little larger than that of the ordinary person.

Private Address:- Letter from:- Dvr. C.A. Carter.  
H.G. Bell. A.I.F. FRANCE.  
Hadisect.  
Torquay.  
Geelong.  
Victoria.  
AUSTRALIA.

London.  
20-6-18.

H.

11th F.A.B.

BELL, H. G.  
Dvr. 20116.

Kld in act. 8/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 7 ins. well built, medium complexion, about 29 years of age. Casualty was taking ammunition at Ypres. I was working in the same party but in front of him. An H.E. shell exploded a direct hit on Casualty killing him instantly. He was most severely wounded all over. He was buried four miles from where he was killed between Ypres and Zonnebeke and I saw his grave. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- Pte. H. Korotcoff,  
No. 2063. 11th F.A.B.

Private address:-  
Port Douglas,  
North Queensland.  
T.C.F.  
17/1/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

11th F.A.B.

Bell, H.G.  
Dvr. No. 20118

Kld. in act. 8.10.17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man about 5' 8", slimly built, dark complexion, known as Bell. Casualty was taking ammunition up to the battery position at Passchendaele when he was hit by H.E. shell in the abdomen killing him instantly. I did not see Casualty killed but I saw his body lying on the Menin Road. He was buried alongside of the Menin Road, but I did not see his grave."

Informant:- J. Corbett  
No. 2425  
Caulfield Hospital.

S.V.P.  
11.7.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

11th Howitzer Battery.

Bell,  
H.G., 20118

K/A. 8/10/17

I knew casualty, he was a well built man, 5'6" in height, dark complexion, about 21 years of age. Casualty was at Hornecourt in forward gun positions when a high explosive shell landed into the position killing casualty instantly. I was at the Wagon Lines at the time and saw his body when he was brought down. He was buried at Freshencourt Cemetery. There was a cross erected over his grave, with his name, number and unit on it.

Informant:- 2439, Lavell, J.R.

Private Address:- East Bairnsdale.

N.A.T.  
29/8/19

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

23.5.18.

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Driver H. J. Crozier -

111. Howitzer Betty

A. F. A.

About 20118.

H. G. Bell

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11. A. F. A.

M. 8-10-17.

hshcl.  
23.5.18

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Driver Carter

111. Howitzer Betty

11. A. F. A.

About

K

20118. H. G. Bell

111. Howitzer Betty

11. A. F. A.

M. 8-10-17.

hshcl.  
27.5.18

John R  
14.6.18  
M3

20118 H.G. BELL  
11 FAB Lt Col 9 FAB  
32 BATT  
Pres-118. How Bty  
K/AS-10-17

France,  
10/6/18.

Re: as of his death

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In reference to your letter regarding the enquiries of the death of 20118 Lt Col H.G. Bell 11th FA Bn 32nd BATT who was killed in action on 8/10/14. I was near by at the time when the above named was killed. He was wounded and while dressing the wound another shell killed him instantly. He was buried the following day in the field. There has been a cross put over his ~~land~~ grave with an inscription on it, but I might say it is not in a registered cemetery. As far as I can recollect he was slight built, fair hair and blue eyes. The upper set of teeth were projecting slightly above the upper lip and ears were a little larger than that of the ordinary person.

His private address is

H.G. Bell  
56 Adiscot,

Dorquay,  
Belong,  
Victoria

Australia

Yours faithfully,  
W. G. Baker