

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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4549 Private
Reuben Benjamin
O'Neill

9th Battalion



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9th Battn.
A.I.F.,

O'Neill RB
4549

"Died of wounds Aug. 27th 1916"

Witness states O'Neill was a Sergt. commonly called "legs eleven" on account of his long thin legs and that O'Neill had the thumb and 1st finger shot off left hand. He went to the dressing station and while returning to the trench a shell struck him and killed him. This occurred at Pozieres.

Sergt. Barr of the 9th Battalion would know when O'Neill was buried, witness states at Headquarters.

Reference:- R.F. Mackie. 4535
9th Battn. A.I.F.,
3rd Aux. Aust. Hospt.
Dartford,
21-11-16.

Note. Written Sgt. Barr, 28-11-16.

London
29-11-16.
G.B.H.

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A.I.F. 9th Battn

O'NEILL R.B.
4549

Reported Died 27-8-166

Died of Wounds 27-8-16
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 25-10-16.

London
25-10-16.

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France.

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O'NEILL, 4549.

P.B.

D/W. 27th. August 1916.

His initials are R.B., and he belonged to D.Co. He was wounded at Pozieres about August 20th. and came down to 1 Casualty General Hospital in the Etaples area. He had his leg amputated there, and afterwards died. He is buried in the Etaples cemetery. Pte J.Bennett, D.Co. 9th.Batt.told me he saw the grave.

Reference: Pte.P.R.Ehead, 4280, C.Co.
No. 1 A.D.B.D.

Etaples.
3.11.16.
SA.

Buried 28.8.16. in grave H.174, Etaples Cemetery.
Verified from Cemetery records. SA.

write written material 10.11.16

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9th Australian Imperial Force

O'Neill. ^{R.B.} 4549,
A Company.

(D / W, Aug. 27/16. Det.
D & B).

Informant says " O'Neill died at Pozieres, and was buried at the cemetery about 1 to 2 miles away from Pozieres, at the place where the Military base was. (I could not make out the name of the place, sounded like E'Sapper)

Informant :- Pte. W. G. Voelker, 4611,
9th Aus. Imp Force D Coy.
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth, London, S. E.

Home address :-
Horseferry Road,
Westminster.

5/1/17.
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9th Battn.,
A. I. F.

O'NEILL,
Pte.R.B. 4549.

Died of Wounds.

In regard to your enquiries of the marginally named, Pte. R. B. O'Neill, died in this Hospital at 9.30 p.m. on 27-8-16, result of S.W. back; he was admitted on the 17-8-16 and was well looked after until his death took place; he was buried on the 28-8-16, Grave No. H. 175, in the New Cemetery, Camiers Road, Etaples, France.

Reference:- M.M.Galbraith, A/Matron,
No.1. Canadian General Hospital,
B.E.F. 21-11-16.

London,
27-11-16.

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No.1 Canadian General Hospital.
B. E. F.

November 21st. 1916.

To
Australian Branch,
B.R.C.Society,

D J Wds.

4549,

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9th Battalion,
A. I. F.

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France.

4311

Pte Tuglis,
9th Battalion,
A. I. F.

B. J.
Pte Tuglis, we have no trace of in this Hospital.

M. J. G. G.
Yours Sincerely

M. J. G. G.
A/Matron

No.1 Canadian General Hospital.

November 29th.

Sgt. Barr.
9th. Battn. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sgt. Barr,

We are making inquiries for a Sgt of your battn. 4549, Sgt. ^{R.B.}
O'Neill, 9th. Battn. A.I.F. reported Died of Wounds 27-8-16, and
have been told that you would be able to give us information as
to his death, and place of burial .

We should be most grateful for any details you could give
us concerning Sgt. O'Neill, and would also be glad if you could
add a short personal description of the man, in order that we
may satisfy his relatives that no error has been made.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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L.H.

27th January

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The Commanding Officer,
3rd Field Company,
Australian Engineers.
E. N. F.

Dear Sir,

We have received an inquiry ~~from~~ from our Brisbane Bureau in which No. 457. Sapper R. O. O'Neill, 3rd Field Coy. is reported as severely wounded. Head Quarters report that he was discharged to the Base at Etaples on Sept. 4th and they have no later report for him.

We should be very grateful for any information you can send us about Sapper O'Neill so that we may send out the news to Brisbane and relieve their anxiety.

With many apologies for troubling you.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary.

K.A.W