

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5790 Corporal
John Treggerthen Short**

16th Battalion



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A.I.F. 16th Battn.

SHORT
J.T. 5790.

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"Killed 11.4.17"

Of A. Company. On the 11th April 1917 at Bullcourt between 1st and 2nd Enemy's lines, was killed on the wire in front of 2nd Enemy line. I was lying wounded about 50/60 yards away and saw him fall. His body would be left on the field.

Informant: Pte. F. McDonald, 5758,
16th Battalion A. Coy. P/W
Red Cross.

A.D.G.
London
3.1.19.
H.G.

P.I.

A.I.F. 16th Battn.

SHORT
J.T. 5790.

"Killed 11.4.17."

He was a Corporal. Pte. Richards, 16th Battalion repatriated with me, told me he was killed on the morning of 11.4.17., shot in head and killed at once.

Informant: - 6384, Walker A.
16th Battn. Repat. P/W

H.I.S.
London
4.1.19.

P.I.

16th Batt .
A.I.F.

SHORT.
J.T. 5790.

"Killed in Action 11-4-17"

At Bullfcourt. I saw him killed in our own trenches. He was hit in the head and arms by bullets. I knew him well in civil life. Came from Western Australia. I did not see him buried. His father was Commissioner for railways.

Informant:- Kelly.6280.
ANZAC BUFFET.

D.P.Dickson.
London.
23-1-19.
H.G.

P I.

16th Battn.
A.I.F.

SHORT.
J.T. 5790.

"Killed in Action 11-4-17"

On 11th April 1917 at Bullecourt. he was killed outright by sniper's bullet. shot through the head. This was in the enemy's first line trench. I think I was the only 16th Battalion man with him at the time. I went on afterwards but we came back and were subsequently cut off. Short was a Corporal, was son of Mr. J.T. Short. Commissioner of Railways. Western Australia. I have sent word home to my people to let his parents know.

Informant:- Cpl. G. Bradley. 601.
16th Battn. C. Company. P/W.
RED CROSS.

A.D.G.
London.
7-2-19.
J.E.A.

P I.

A.I.F.

SHORT. J.T. No. 5790

16th BATTALION.

He was a son of the Commissioner of Railways, W. Australia.
Witness and he were both in "D" Company, 13th Platoon.

Witness knew him well and on seeing him after he had been
killed, during the Bullecourt stunt on April 11th 1917, he went
up to him. Witness felt sure he had been killed instantaneously.
We subsequently lost the ground and it is unlikely that his body
would be recovered.

Witness;- 5188, Private E.C. Richards,

Home address;- Tarwongup, Via Williams, W. Australia.

F. de V. Lamb, Major,

H.M.T. "Euripides" 25/3/1919.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

Richards

Inquiry
for.

Cpl. J. Short - 5790.

16th Btn.

X. Bullock - 1917

By

Miss Moore

P. of W. Dept.

Aust. Recd X.

51st A.I.F. 0

McDermott, Lt.
C Coy.

(D/W. Feb. 8/18.)
Dets. D/B.

"I state that Lt. McDermott was killed in the reserve trench line, not in action, by a stray shell near Klein Zillebecke. He had both legs blown off and was quite conscious. He was very cheerful and said "he was coming over to England for 6 months spell". The C. Padre was with him and gave him the Sacrament and he died a few hours later at the Field Ambulance. The doctors told me he had lost so much blood it was hopeless. He would be buried at a local cemetery behind the line, but I cannot say definitely which."

Eyewitness: No. Told by: Maj. Blackwood the C. of B. Padre who was with him first.

Description: "Mac" very dark, medium height, black hair, long, brushed straight back.

Informant: Lt. E. Smith.
51. A.I.F. A Coy.
3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth.

January 10th, 1919.

Miss Moore.
Prisoner of War Dept.
A.R.C.S.
36 Grosvenor Place.
S.W.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your enquiry for 5790 Pte. J.E. SHORT.
16th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have
received an unofficial report from 5758 Pte. J. McDonald
of the same Unit who is a returned prisoner of War from
Germany. He stated that on April 11/17 he was lying
wounded at Bullecourt, and he saw Pte. Short killed in
front of the enemy 2nd line, the casualty occurred about
50 yards from where he lay.

Hoping this information may be of some
assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *V.W.P.*

Secretary.