

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

3752 Private  
Frederick Clarence  
Earp

3rd Battalion



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3rd Battn.

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3752

EARP, Y.C.

Sgt

Killed 5/5/17.

Informant stated that Earp was originally posted as missing on 5/5/17 but after enquiries by Lieut. Taylor of the 3rd Battn. it was ascertained that he had been killed and buried by a unit on one of the flanks of the 3rd Battn. line at Bullecourt.

Informant: Greig, A. Pte 2597

3rd Battn.

No.4 Australian General Hospital,  
RANDWICK.

Private address: 119 Terry Street, St. Peters.

W.E.G.

19/1/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU. ✓

S. C. A. ✓

3rd Battn.

○ A.I.F.

Earp,  
F. 3752

W. recently:

Wounded 22-27/3/16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 31/3/16.

Admitted 3rd Southern General Hospital 2/8/16 with gunshot wound  
to left elbow - severe.

Transferred to Normanby Park 11/8/16.

Slight wound to arm, doing well.

Cert. by - O.C. Sheffield General Hosp. 4/9/16.

○ London,  
5/9/16.

A I.F.  
3rd. Battn.

RARP,  
F.C. 3752

"Missing 5;5.17."

Killed in Action 5.5.17. previously reported Missing.  
Cert. by A. I.F Headquarters 3-6-17.

London.  
6.6.17.

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Havre

2nd July 1917

3rd AUSTRALIANS

ZARP, P. C. 3752

K. 5th May 1917 Det. D/B

Zarp was in A. Co., No. 1 Platoon. He was killed in the communication trench in front of Noreuil on May 5th, 1917. Word has come officially from the 5th Battalion to say that they buried him in the communication trench.

Informant: L/Cpl. G. C. Job, 4218  
3rd Australians A.Co. 1st Pltn  
australian Camp, Rouelles

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27  
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19th July, 1917.

3rd AUSTRALIANS

BARP: F.C. 3752

K. 5.5.17. Det. D/B.

He was in A Co., 1st platoon. He was killed at Bullecourt about May 9th, 1917. He was on fatigue at the time. Lieut. Gaylor of the 3rd battalion, A Co., 1st Platoon (in command of,) told me this, and Sarp was buried by the 4th battalion between our 1st line and supports.

Informant: Pte. L.H. Carpenter, 5662  
3rd Australians, A Co., 1st Pltn.,  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

Written L. Taylor 2.8.17 RDM

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3rd Australian Imperial Force

Earp, Pte. F.C. 3752

( K. May 5/17. Dets D & B ).

" I knew a Sgt. Fred Earp 3rd Aus. I. Force and if this is the man referred to, he is not dead. I saw him at Weymouth on the 1st of August. He had been badly wounded and he had recovered and was just off on furlough before being sent back to Australia. "

Eye Witness

Description

Informant :- Pte. John Bower, 5773,  
B Coy. 3rd Aus. I Force,  
War Hospital, Bradford.

Home address  
Lennox Street,  
Mosman Bay,  
Sydney.

12. 8. 17.  
E.C. Jeffery.

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3rd A.I.F.

Earp F.C. 3752.

(K. May 5/17 Det. D/B)

"I was told by Lt. F.W. Taylor (3. A. I) that he had made enquiries for Pte. Earp (3 A. I) and had found out that he had been buried by another unit at Bullecourt. I was not in the attack as I was back in supports at Vaulx."

Eye-witness: No, told by Lt. F.W. Taylor, (3. A. I)

Description: Informant did not know him personally.

Informant: Pte. Arthur Greig 2597,  
3rd A.I.F., A. Coy. III Plt.,  
3rd Southern General Hospt.,  
Oxford.

Home address:  
80 Terry St.,  
St. Peters,  
Sydney.

Aug. 28/17,  
H.M. Pickerd-Cambridge.

*(Handwritten initials)*  
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3rd Battn  
A.I.F.

EARP.  
F.C. 3752

"Killed in Action 5.5.17."

Re 3752 Pte. Earp F.C. Pte. Earp belonged to my platoon which on the night of 6th May formed a fatigue party to the front line at Bullecourt. Earp was a member of the party and was last seen going in the direction of the front line at Babut Midnight. The shelling at the time was very heavy and the platoon had several casualties and on its return Earp was reported "Missing". Sometime after the Battn had been relieved an intimation was received that his body had been buried by the 5th Battn. There is every reason to believe that he was killed somewhere near midnight 6-7th May near the front line trenches at Bullecourt. Whether his grave was marked or whether its location was noted I cannot at present say but I am making further enquiries and will advise you further in due course. As far as I can remember Pte. Earp was about 5'7or8" in height of sturdy build fair hair, and about 26 years of age.

letter from:- Lieut. F. Taylor, 3rd Battn  
A.I.F. France.

London.  
30.8.17.

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3rd Btn.  
A.I.F.

MAJP Clarence  
Frederick Charles 3752.

"Killed in Action 5.5.17"

No trace Germany

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.09.

London.  
16.10.19.

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Purels Strabingham Station  
Programs Lincolnshire  
Albion & Purton-on-Stralper.

Ause. Hosp.

Normanby Park,  
Doncaster.

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 16

Dear Sir,

In reply to your  
letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

I beg to state 3 75 2 Pte  
F. <sup>Earp</sup> 3 B. A. J. F.

has a slight wound  
in the arm, which is

doing very well, & he  
is very well himself.

Yours truly  
(Commandant) J. Sheffield

LOW TAYLOR

8.17

A Co IRL

3 Batt AIF

B EF

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C Joe

3752

F. (EARP)

(EARP)

3 Batt AIF

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K: 3. 5. 17

JMA  
2. 8. 17

Camp

F.M. 21.8.17

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F.C.E.A.R.P.

KA 5517

3 Batt A-IF

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Braun  
11. 2. 17

The following  
Wounded + Missing (English Army)

Dear Madam,

With reference to  
your enquiry on 2nd Inst. I am  
to 3154 P.C. Camp F.C.

The Camp belonged to  
my platoon, which on the night of  
1st Inst. formed a position facing  
the hill about 1000 ft. above  
Camp. It was a perimeter of 100  
yards and was last seen going  
in the direction of the  
line at about midnight.

The platoon at  
this time was very low and the  
platoon had several casualties  
and on its return found  
reported missing.

Some time after the Battalion  
had been relieved, an information  
was received that his body had  
been buried by the 5th Battalion.  
There is every reason to believe  
that he was killed somewhere  
near midnight of Nov. 19, near  
the front line trenches at  
Fuller's Cove.

Whether his grave was  
marked with a cross, or whether  
its location was noted I cannot  
at present say, but I am making  
further inquiries, and will advise  
you further in due course.

As far as I can remember  
the Corp was about 40 years of age,  
of sturdy build, fair complexion,  
5'6" height, 140 lbs. weight,  
I shall be only too pleased to  
be of any further service should  
you be in the matter of

Yours faithfully,  
J. H. H. H.

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21.8.17.

Lieut. F.W.TAYLOR,  
5. Battn. A.I.F. B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you very much for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning:- <sup>2</sup> 3753 F.C. RARP. 3 Battn. A.I.F.

The detailed information you have sent will be of much assistance to us and of value to our enquirers.

We shall be very grateful - for their sake - if you would write us later on should you chance to learn the location of Pte Rarp's grave: as we should then be able to apply to the Graves Registration and Enquiries for a photograph of the grave to be sent to the next of kin.

With repeated thanks,

Yours faithfully,

V. D  
Secretary. *Jh.*

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A.S.  
26.1.18

Station Street,  
Penrith,  
N.S.W.  
Australia.  
22nd November, 1917.

Dear Sirs:

I would be very grateful to you if you could forward me all the information you can obtain regarding the following soldier:-

No. 3752. Sergt. Frederick Clarence ~~Berp~~  
A. Company,  
3rd Battalion,  
Australian Imperial Forces,  
ABROAD.

I received word that he was missing on the 5th May 1917, and later received word that he was killed on that date.

Since then I have received different reports concerning him and can hear nothing definite.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I remain,

Yours truly,

(Miss) V. Broad.



THOSE  
26-1-18

Miss V. Bowd  
Station St  
Permit  
h.s.w.

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Re. 3452 Pte F. C. Varp  
3rd Batt A.I.F.

Recommendation on S.S. 117

Amputation Draft sent

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**FRONT**

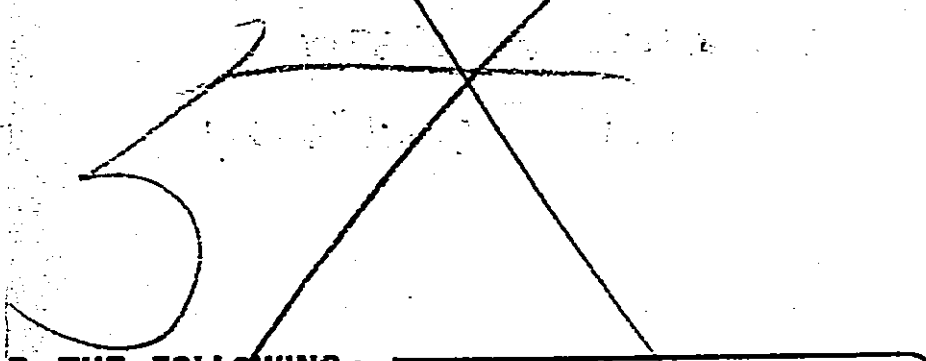
K.D.R. - V. 123

nk	<b>S TO</b>	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Pla- toon	Casualty.
1		1 Aus. Princess	A		R Sept: 20/17
nk	<b>BY</b>	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Pla- toon	Home Address.
2		1 Aus. Princess	A		H/O 5

**INFORMANT**

(a first person).

Back <sup>aged</sup> to so army by a shell, I was  
the time, he died on the way.



**THE FOLLOWING :-**

give name, number, etc.,   the man who told him.	KFCER 221
Informant says a man was killed,   is death instantaneous?   is the body buried, & if so where?	CARLTON HOUSE
Were any other man of same   in Co. or Battalion?	

thin, skin build rather below average height

Signature of Searcher } E. Braidwood  
 Date of Report } Jan: 20<sup>th</sup>/18