

WHITE, Frederick Alexander



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Sgt FA White, one of the soldiers
photographed in *The Queensland Pictorial*,
supplement to *The Queenslander*, 1916.
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Qld.

Rank: Acting Corporal/Lance Sergeant

Service Number: 4782

Unit: 25th Battalion, 12th reinforcement

Place of Birth: Caboolture, North Pine, Queensland.

Date of Birth: 29 May 1881

Enlisted at: Rockhampton, Qld on 7 September 1915 aged 32 years 3 months.

Next-of-kin was brother, Francis White, Cleveland, Redland Bay, Brisbane, Queensland.

On enlistment he was 5 ft 11 inches and weighed 13 stone 0 lbs. His chest measurement was 38-40.5 inches. His occupation was police constable at Gladstone Police Station, Queensland. Served 7 years as a member of Qld Mounted Infantry. Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board RMS *Mooltan* on 12 April 1916. Wounded in action France 14 November 1916

GSW right ankle. Transferred to hospital Rouen. Wounded in action 2nd occasion 20 March 1917. GSW Right shoulder. Rejoined unit 31 July 1917.

Killed in action at Morlancourt, 10 June 1918. Buried Beacon Cemetery (Plot IV, Row C, Grave 8) Sailly-Laurette, France. Brother Albert White served in same unit and was killed on the same date at Morlancourt 10 June 1918.)



Brothers Frederick Alexander WHITE and Albert WHITE. Killed at Morlancourt, France 10 June 1918
Photograph: Australian War Memorial Collections

With further reference to your enquiry for
4782 Pte. F.A. WHITE, 25th Battalion, A.I.F. We beg to
inform you we have received the following unofficial
report from 3491 Pte. G.C. Reading of the same Unit
who stated that he saw Pte. White killed instantly
by a machine gun bullet at Morlancourt about 10 p.m.
on 10.6.18. during the attack. Our informant was quite
close to him as they were in the same bombing section.
5831 Stretcher bearer Gray stated that he erected
the cross over Sgt. White's grave and that he was buried
near where he fell at Morlancourt. Pte. Gray also stated
that he was unable to give any particulars about the
death and burial of 4785 Pte. A. White who was killed
at the same time.
We have now closed our enquiries as we do not
expect to obtain any further details but would advise
you should we do so and hope this information will be
of some value to you.

ABOVE: Part of a letter from Red Cross Missing and Wounded File (AWM)

A.I.F. 25th Battn.

WHITE
F.A. 4782

"killed 10/6/18"

I saw Sgt. Fred White C Coy killed instantly by machine gun bullet through the forehead at Morlancourt during the night hop over (near the Wire) about 50/100 yards from the jumping off trench about 10 p.m. - he was in the same bombing section as myself, and was quite close to me - I don't know about burial. I gave particulars of this casualty at Rouen. Sgt. White - about 5ft 10, about 13 stone, well-built, dark, about 30 years.

Informant:- Pte G.C. Reading 3491,
25th Battn., C Coy.

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ABOVE: Witness statement from Red Cross Missing and wounded file (AWM)

Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

Service Record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](#)

Red Cross Missing and Wounded File: [5650680.PDF](#)

Paulette Flint, 2024