

Date *3/3/16*
Authority N.Z.A. Div.
18/1209

R. G. Selby Lieut-Col.
C.O., 13th Battalion,
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Bearer No. *3002 Pte Allen D. G. Abooy* 13th Battalion,
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade has leave to proceed from Tel-el-Kebir
to Cairo from 0600 to 2225 on *4/3/16*

No. 98

Regiment 13th BATTALION

PASS

M.E.F.

No. 3002 (Rank) Plt.

(Name) Allen, D. G.

has permission to be absent from his quarters, from

1800 23.4.16 to 2200 24.4.16

for the purpose of proceeding to Cauro

(Station) Amphurum

R. G. Selous

(Date) 23.4.16

Lt.-Col.,
C.O. 13th Bttn. A.I.F.
Commanding

In my little dugout somewhere in France

Dear Mother

8/24/16

Just a few lines to let you know that I am quite well and I hope you are also quite well. I received your welcome letter today and was glad to hear from you and to know that you were quite well also. Miss McMillan at last we have got to the front and are not far away from the German front line. Most of the lads are in the firing line but the platoons in action are out in reserve behind the front line. Our job is guard and fatigue work. As yet we have not had a shot at the beggars but we get plenty of bullets and shells over us. You ought to see us duck when we hear them coming. We are doing some ducking at the present as Fritz is sending a few sharp and high explosives shells in but we are getting quite used to them now. We are going out for a spell in a few days. Time we have been here now ten days and are doing fine. Up till now a couple of the lads have been killed and wounded. One of the men of the 10th has been killed. A.V. 120 has photo in the group which you have. Bob is not yet back with the Battalion but I had a letter from him to say that he is well and that he is somewhere in France. Dear Mother a couple of days ago I was with a fatigue party. We were digging a s.d.g. out behind the firing line. There were six of us and a couple of engineers. We had been working from 6-15 in the morning and at about 11-30 it began to rain and 12 o'clock was knock off time. Well when it began to rain we were beginning to think it was time to buzz off.

so we started to get our things together when old Fritz put a Bomb over
it struck the ground about fifty yards away from us it did not go off
for about a few seconds after landing but when it did go off it through
the mud about a rods you should of seen us brave soldiers do a get as
when one comes over you can bet your sweet life that it is not an ophan
but has a lot of mates to follow so we got back to our little dugouts
and spent a quite afternoon there and had a good sleep we do not get
to much sleep of a night time if our lads are not putting a few shells
into Fritz will he put a few into us and then our lads get a move
on and between the pair of them they make a duce of a row
while they are at it the poor unfortunate infantry have to do a bit
of ducking or lay full length at the bottom of the trench We are having
nice weather over here at present a mixture of sun and sunshine
much better than Egypt I have seen Jim Boyce since I came to
France but have not seen E. Harrell or any of the other boys
Dear Mother the letter I received from you was dated 12th May
I have a letter from you and also one from Bert for Bob as soon
as I see him again With best love

I remain

Your Loving Son
Stephen

9/7/16

Dear Ellen

Just a few lines to let you know that I am quite well and I hope you are also quite well. I received your welcome letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you and to know that you are alright it is the first letter I have received from you while in the trenches. I had one from Bob a few days ago he was quite well at the time of writing. He is now somewhere in France. Mother says in her letter she is sorry for the boys going to France as they will feel the cold she is quite forgetting that the boys including myself felt the heat while in Egypt and also this and was really dying a slow but sure death by staying there and I think that every one of us are glad to leave Egypt to the riggers and chance the cold weather of France we have very long days here it is still light at 10 P.M. and gets light before 3 o'clock in the morning so we do not have many hours of darkness. I would not like to work for a coxey over here if they were anything like the South coasters start before and finish at dark a fellow would have a pretty rough time of it. Dear Ellen Regus was pretty diff being sent up to Dublin from Sydney some of the late reinforcements that came over to Egypt were very diff when they arrived they were sent to a camp out on the desert away from Luxor so all they seen of Egypt was the sand of the desert and the riggers and they are not

worth looking at greasy dirty looking beggars the
women of the well to do lot look alright but you can
only see their ~~eyes~~ eyes as they wear a veil so what is the
good of that anyhow it is good to be out of it and france
will do one although a fellow stands a chance of getting hurt
with lead and iron rations flying about Dear Min if
ever I get to the old dart I will go to places that you
mention in your letter and make enquiries and find out
as much as I can Dear Min I started writing to Mother
last night while I was writing there were shells flying around
now as I am writing to you there are some more flying round
and when I am writing to Mo there will be some more so you will
all be able to say that when this letter was been written there
was lead and iron flying about over in france Dear Min
I have no more news this time so I will close with best
love

I remain

Your Loving Brother
Stephen

Dear Min

I am enclosing a poppy flower which I got
growing in one of the saps

Steve



France 9/7/16

Dear Flo

Turnover

Just a few lines to let you know that I received your welcome letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you we are having a fairly good time here in France but Judging by the row that the guns make and the hum of shells and bullets I am beginning to realise that there is a war on somewhere about here and if they do not stop throwing bits of lead about and small Iron foundries at one another I really think somebody will surely get hurt your letter found me in my little dug out in the trench we are having a good time and have plenty of company especially of a night time there's come and kiss us good night and run about over us just as though we were a public road way here for their especial benefit to play with while a guard one night I spent a bit of the time away trying to Bayonet them but could not get any of them they were too quick for me also to cunning I have not received the parcel that you sent yet I will let you know as soon as I get it Bob is not back yet but will be with the Batt in a couple of weeks time I had a letter from him a few days ago and he said that he is with the first Batch to reinforce so I hope to see him

10/7/16

Dear Flo

I have just received a letter from Bob dated 2/7/16. He is quite well and said that he was writing home the same day before I left Egypt. I had some letters for him and one of the lads from the Batt was being sent to the camp where Bob was so I gave him the letters to give to Bob and in his note he mentioned that he received them.

good luck
Steve

Very truly
Yours to all
Friends

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within the next week or so. Everything in the garden is lovely or at least I hope so now I must close as news is scarce and I know you will read Mother's and also Minnie's note.

So with best Love

I remain
your loving
Brother Steve

RC10181

France

1. 3. 17

Dear Mrs Allen,

As I have been away in England wounded I only received Miss Allen's letter yesterday so please excuse my delay in replying.

I am extremely sorry that I am unable to give you much hope as regards your two sons. On the night of August 14th, the 13th Battalion in conjunction with other regiments made an attack on that famous German stronghold Mouquet Farm. It was one of the most glorious charges in which the Australians have participated as the machine gun fire which they were called upon to face was terrific. Our lads got right across but their losses were very heavy

and as the regiments on our
flanks failed we had to
retire. We brought back a
number of German prisoners
and most of our own
wounded. There was a
faint possibility that your
two sons were taken
prisoners consequently they
were posted as missing
but if you have not yet
received intimation that
they are in German
hands I think you must
make up your mind that
they fell gallantly, while
pushing forward in that
glorious charge. All those
that were left of the
10th Reinforcements (There
are very few now) were
extremely sorry that the
two brothers were gone.
They were well liked by
all ranks and were
good soldiers and willing

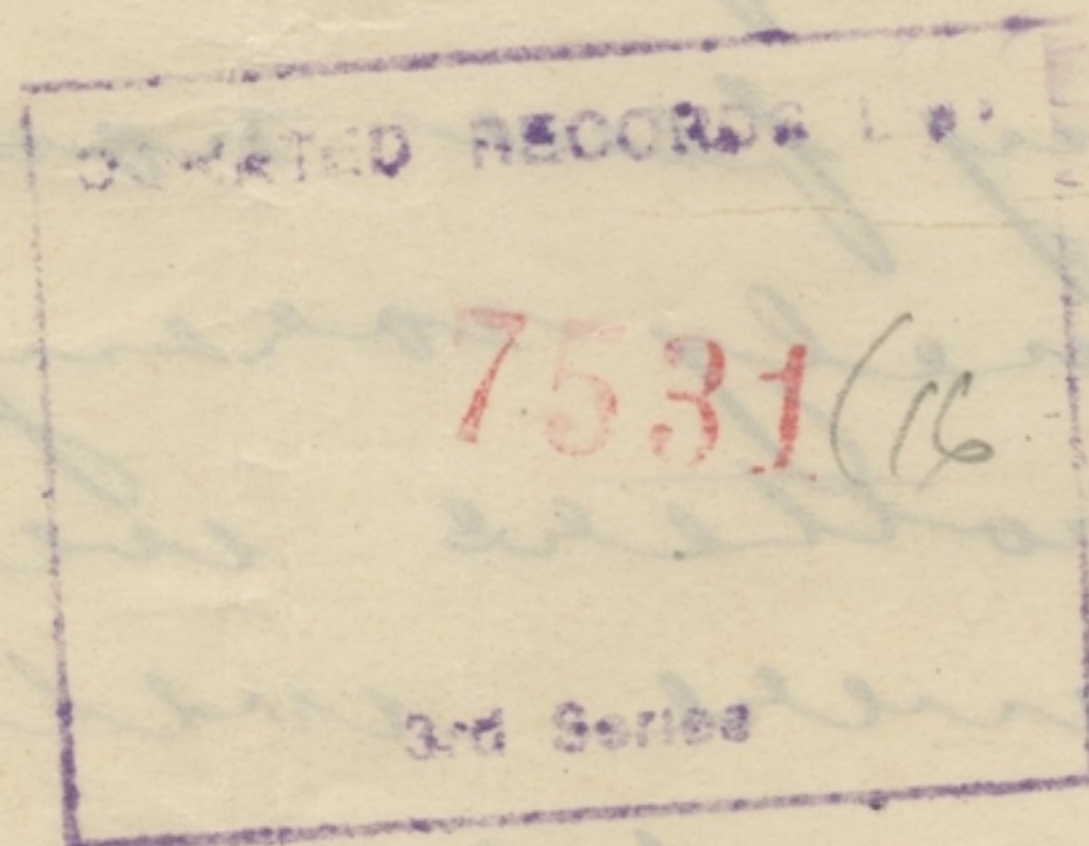
fighters. Although they
have given up their lives
they did their duty nobly
and well. Please accept
my deepest sympathy

Yours very sincerely

J. Wells, Captain

13th Battalion A.I.F.

P.S. Your boys, if killed,
will have been buried
along with a large number
of their Australian comrades
on the field of battle,
near Mouquet farm, which
is about a mile from
Pozières.

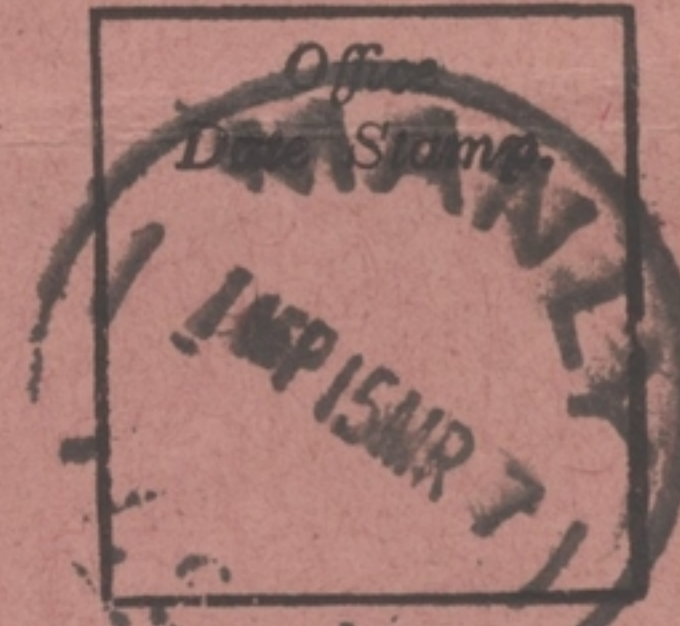


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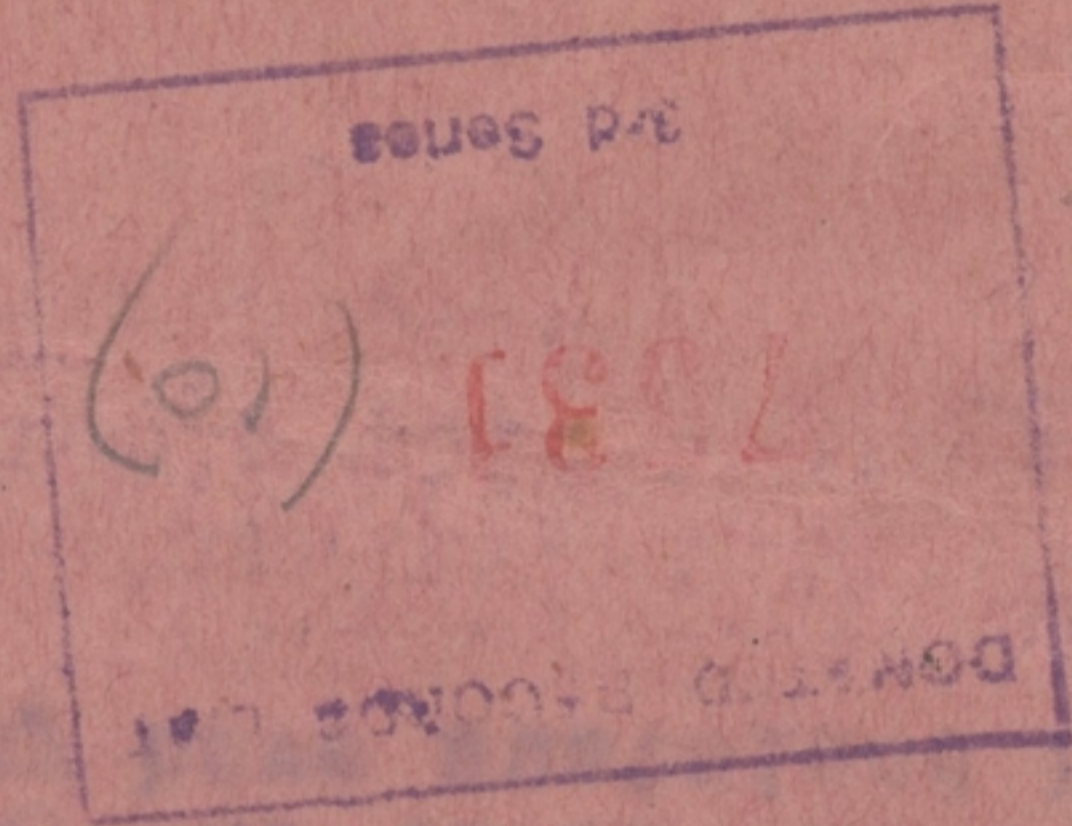
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Victoria Barracks 69 5/5 12 40 RP section 9 5 Rev Elwin Manly	
Br 29 Officially reported that Number (Br 29) 3003 Pte R B Allen 13th Battalion previously reported missing now killed in action 14th August 1916 Please inform Mother Mrs H Allen 63 Pittwater Rd Manly and convey deep regret and sympathy of their Majesties the King and Queen and Commonwealth Government in loss that she and Army have sustained by death soldier reply paid	
Col Luscombe 1 5H	

Received March 15 1917

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In reply please quote

No.....43272.....

ANZAC SECTION, 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.
British Expeditionary Force.
17th March 1917.

MISS F. ALLEN.

"Llanion"

63 Pittwater Road,
Manly, S Y D N E Y.

re 3002 Pte Allen S.C.) 13th Bn.
3003 Pte Allen R.B.)

In reply to your letter dated
19.1.17 regarding the welfare of above named
soldiers (your brothers*) who were reported
Missing on 14.8.16.

It is regretted to have to inform
you that they have now been reported Killed
in Action on that date, but no particulars of
burial have been received.

Should any further particulars be
received, the Secretary for Defence, Melbourne
will be advised accordingly.

Manford Lieut.
Officer/i/c Records.

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE FILE 7143.
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10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. & 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

SATURDAY.
10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.



DALTON HOUSE,

115 PITT STREET,

SYDNEY,

23rd May, 1917.

3002 - Private Stephen C. Allen - 13th Battalion.

Dear Madam,

We send you the following report which our agents have sent to us, consisting of a statement made to them by the soldier whose name appears at the foot of the report :-

This is Stephen. I knew him and Robert well and they were both killed in action by the same shell. This was up round Delville Wood. I saw their graves. They came across with me and were very decent fellows.

Reference: Private Macfarlane, 3094,
A. Company, No. 6 General,
Rouen 2.3.17.

RAK.

Yours faithfully,

Luigi Owen

Mrs. H. Allen,
63 Pittwater Road,
MANLY.

13th Battalion, A.I.F.
"A" Co.

{ ALLEN S.C. 3002.
{ ALLEN R.B. 3003.

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Killed in Action - 14-8-16.

A careful, reliable witness.

519 1837
I knew both these men Allen, they were brothers in A.Co. IX Platoon. No.16 Section, with me. One of them left Egypt with me to join the Battalion in France. The other was already in the Battalion when I joined it. They both were short, medium build, one dark, the other not so dark. I only knew these Allens in "A" Co. In August 1916 these Allens, I and about 5 others were going from the front line near Mouquet Farm back to Sausage Gully for rations. This was towards evening, but it was quite light. Whilst going up "Tom's Cut" near the front line a shell came over and exploded on the parapet, killed the 2 Allen brothers who were immediately in front of me in the communication trench and wounded my brother who was just in front of the Allens. It killed both the Allens outright and a man named White. I got my brother away (he was wounded through the arm and leg) and do not know what was done with the Allens' bodies, but feel sure they would be properly buried. I am positive it was the brothers Allen and that they were killed outright.

Informant:- W.J.G. Hale, 5101,
13th Battalion, A.I.F., "A" Co.
No.4 Aust. General Hospital, Randwick. SYDNEY BUREAU

H.S.O.
29-5-17

RC0123

Woodville

Wagga Wagga

16/6/17

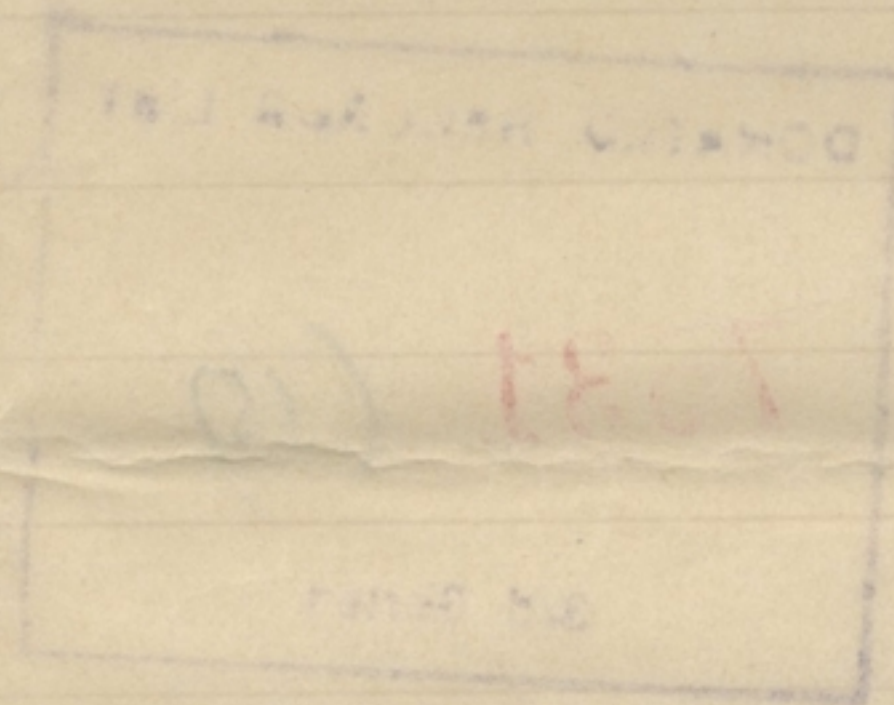
Dear M^{iss} Allen

I received your ever welcome letter yesterday and I thought I would answer it straight away. I was very sorry indeed to think, that I did not receive your letter before I left Sydney. I left for home on the 14th and your letter was wrote on the 11th. I can quite understand how, I never received it, when I gave the reported, the particulars about your Brothers I was at that time stationed at Randwick Hospital. but a few days after, I left and was staying at my friends place at Lindfield. I seen a good lot of your Brothers from the time I meet them, and was not more than five yards off when the shell caught us. Your two poor Brothers were between my Brother & I. When the shell had exploded I knew by the screams that someone had caught it. I could not get through for some time, as I was half silly through the shell. However when I could get through, my brother was seriously wounded and your two Brothers were laying there, they had been shifted, because when I was returning to the front line again I could not see them. My Brother is having a rough time he is still in

Hospital, he cannot walk but gets about on crutches as best he can. I expect he will be home in a few months time. I am pretty well again my hand is not much good to me at present. but I have hopes that in time it will come alright. I will more than likely be in Sydney Wednesday or Thursday, and if I am, with your kind permission I will come and see you. I hope you can understand this scribble

I Remain

Yours Sincerely
Will Hale



5032. Sgt. A. Assenhein

62nd Battalion

Abroad.

28.6.17

Dear Miss Allen.

Received yesterday your

letter dated, Manly, 23.4.17. I must say was very pleased indeed at receiving news from Australia, especially Bob's Sister.

Bob was in Coy Company, who I knew very well. But Stephen I did not know at all.

I am sorry indeed that I cannot give you the good news which you are seeking for.

I told the Red Cross people that Bob had been killed, which unfortunately is correct. He was blown up by a shell, he & a lot of others.

P. H. Cheppell who you mention in your letter, I have not seen since January. But if I should come across him I will only be too pleased to give him your address as you desire. I am, (as you will see by the above address) in another unit. I thank

you on behalf of your Brothers Comrades, for your wishes for a Welfare. & I for one who only be too pleased to come & see you if ever I get back again safe & sound

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Also I will write to you again & keep
in touch with you. in case I should hear
more news of interest to you. I trust
you are having the best of health &
I treat your worry & trouble as God makes
them for us. Will be delighted to hear
from you again. I am
Believe me.

Respectfully & Fraternaly

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E.G.

In all communications regimental number,
rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred
to are to be stated.

B.R. Form No. 6.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS
MELBOURNE, 25th September 1917.

DEAR Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 16th inst.,
and enclose herewith, as requested, certificates of reports of death of the late
No. 3003 Private R.B. Allen, 13th Battalion, and No. 3002 Private
S.C. Allen, 13th Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H. Allen,
63 Pittwater Road,
MANLY.

N.S.W.

D.183/3.17.—C.3413.

J. M. LEAN, Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.



No 232 Pte E. C. Fry
Army Tely Corps
Ed. G. of
England
5.2.18.

Dear Miss Allen

Your very welcome letter of 31 Oct has just arrived and I was very pleased to receive it. and I trust this answer will find your mother & self in the best of health.

I am very very sorry to know you have received such cruel news. and deeply sympathise with you in your great loss. May the knowledge that your brothers died doing their most sacred duty. bring your mother &



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self some measure of comfort
rest assured. dear friend
that both are safe at rest
with our beloved master. and
the memories of by gone
happiness will help you
both to bear your great
loss.

I will do my very
best dear friend to give
you some information of
them. and have already
met one man who knew
your elder brother. and
from what he says. he was
very popular with every
one. all he could tell

P.T.C

we only confirm the news you already have. I will do my best to try and get you a photo of their grave.

Yes it is a pleasure to be back in civilization once more. but times are very hard just at the present time. You have every reason to be proud of Australia, which is I believe the finest country in the world. and we can draw some comfort in the knowledge that all our dear ones live in a land of plenty and have no fear of a shortage of food. Here in this country it is terrible. and it is pitiful to see women and children standing for hours in front



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of shops. only to be told that they can get nothing. Many a man & woman in England today goes to work. Hungry. but they tighten their belts and carry on. in such a way as to show they are determined to go in and win at all costs.

As you say. it does appear that some of the people over here have a liking for our Soldiers. for I believe over 8,000 of our boys have been married. For my part Miss Minnie. I think they are easily pleased. and when

P.T.O.



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my time comes. I am jussy
enough to want a little
Australian girl. that is
if there is one who is not
hard to please. Low ever we
cannot complain about the
treatment we have received
for it has been of the best.
I think I am glad
to hear you kept clear of
the conscription issue as
it is a very far reaching
question. One volunteer is
worth a dozen conscripts and
if the voluntary system has
failed. I am of the opinion
that those who are in auth.



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only are to blame. When it is all over. the men who have served will come into their own. if everyone is as staunch a soldiers friend as you appear to be.

You have asked me a very hard question to answer. about the lonely soldier. but I will be as candid as possible about it. Now in England I do believe it is only a farce. as the idea was I believe originated for men who had no relations or friends in Australia. and most of

P.T.O.

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men who came under that heading were natives of this country. Now that they are in their native country. it does sound funny to call them lonely soldiers. doesn't it when as a matter of fact they are better off than the average Australian. But the boys on the Desert are totally different and I am sure the lonely soldier is in fact a reality in that part of the globe. and I can assure you. that your sisters letters will not only be welcome but appreciated. (I hope you will continue to write to me. although I am now in Blighty. for I am not one of the natives of Blighty but a dinky die Australian

I am afraid I have excelled myself in the matter of writing. But that comes of being very interested in the work in hand. Still before closing I must tell you about the latest air-raid which was a very serious affair.

Well it happened last Monday week and there were two attacks on the one night, one early in the evening and the other about midnight. There were terrible scenes. Men women and children rushing & tearing in all directions for shelter. In one crowd alone 17 people were trampled to death. In another place a bomb dropped on top of a building that

was crowded with people. It was totally wrecked and many were buried under the debris. Another bomb dropped on a Soldier's home. Killing his wife & five children. The fear of the London people is pitiful to see. and it is hard to realise that nothing can be done to prevent these raids. Altogether 54 people were killed and over 170 injured. What a God-send it is to us that Australia is so far removed and safe from these murder attacks.

Now I must close and I hope you will forgive me for inflicting this on you. Many thanks for all your kindness and with the best of good

wishes and kindest regards
I will say Good-bye and
remain

Very Sincerely Yours
Charlie Fry.

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B.R.P.F. 37 (a).

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

Melbourne, 12 - 4 - 22

Always state Regimental Number, Rank, Full Name, and Unit of Soldier in your Communications.

Next of Kin should always notify Change of Address to Base Records, Melbourne.

Dear *Madam*.

I am directed to transmit, per separate ^{parcel's} ~~packet~~ post, the Plaque issued by His Majesty's Government as a memorial to those who made the supreme sacrifice in connexion with the war of 1914-1918, which I trust reaches you safely.

The King's Message, which is issued with the Plaque, is enclosed herewith.

It is to be noted that the name inscribed on this memorial is that under which the deceased served and died, and no variation to this rule is permissible.

The Plaque, being second-class mail matter, may take a little longer to reach your address. If the delay is excessive would you kindly inquire at your local post office before communicating with this office.

The favour of the early return of the attached receipt form (which can be torn off) would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

J. J. J. J. Major,

Officer i/c Base Records.

Ms 14 Allen.

7 Beach St.

Curb Curb.

via Manly, NSW

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

B.R.P.F. 37 (a).

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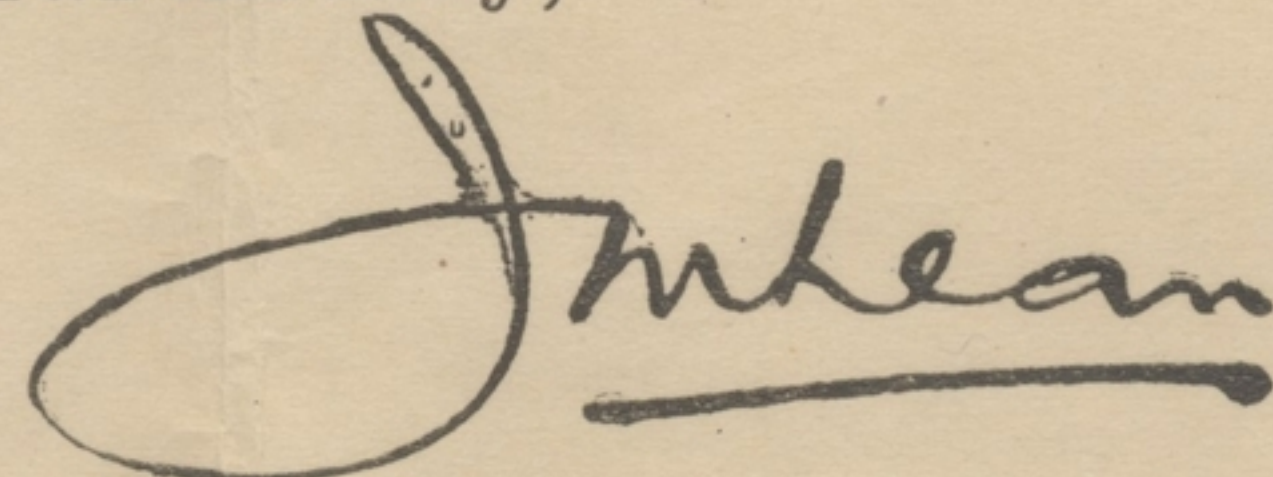
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Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H. Allen,
7, Beach Street,
CURL CURL. N.S.W.

 Major,

Officer i/c Base Records.

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AIRMAIL

Address only on this side

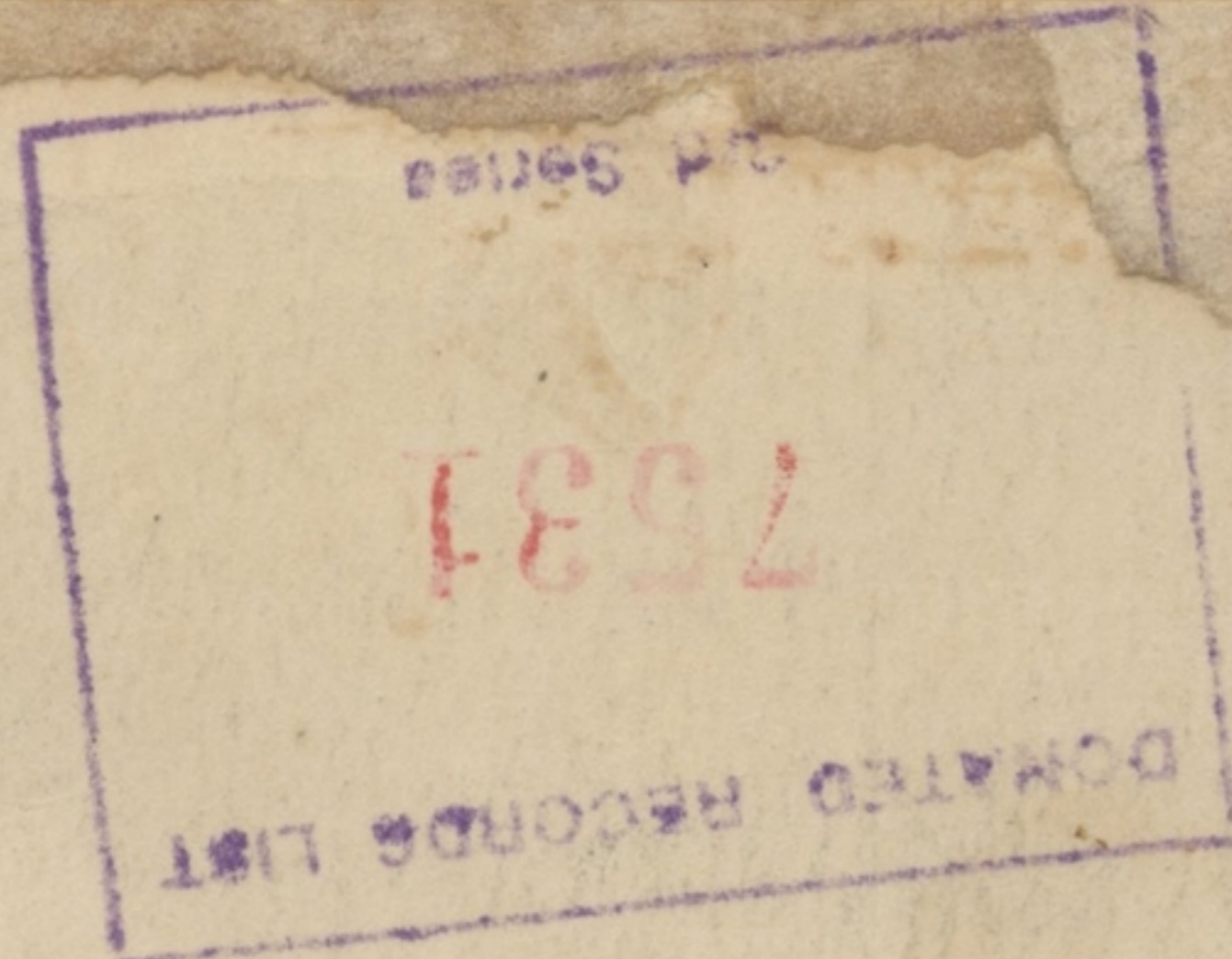


Miss Allan
4 Foster st
Sydney n.s.w

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Best Wishes for Christmas
and the New Year

from *Percy Green To Miss Allan's*

Xmas, 1944

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YOU

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Fair be
thy hopes
and prosperous
thy life.
Shakespeare

CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS

To Minnie
From Steve

There's no time
like the present
to send Good Wishes
to you, and to say
how I am hoping
the future will
reveal nought
but happiness.

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Happy Returns

I send you flowers,
if they could speak
They each would some,
sweet sentence speak,
In which to wish
you joy to-day,
As I the sender,
do alway!

From Bob.
To Minnie

All Kind Thoughts



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I have a sister
she's fairer than the rose
And every sunday
Go to the Army she will go
She likes the Army
I cannot say I do
But I won't offend my
Sister

if you were me would you

I have a younger Sister
And she is such a pearl
The only thing that
I troubles her
her hair it will not curl
she twists and she twirls
And rags and papers tries
And then when it wont
curl it sets
She howls and sobs and
cries

M. ALLEN
MANLY

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All things change around us; day by day
Dear familiar voices die away;
Gentle lives, that used to touch our own,
Pass beyond us, to the land unknown,
And the winding pathway of the years,
Leads us often through a vale of tears

Mr. Allen

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

I join with my grateful people
in sending you this memorial
of a brave life given for others
in the Great War.

George R.S.



HE whom this scroll commemorates
was numbered among those who,
at the call of King and Country, left all
that was dear to them, endured hardness,
faced danger, and finally passed out of
the sight of men by the path of duty
and self-sacrifice, giving up their own
lives that others might live in freedom.
Let those who come after see to it
that his name be not forgotten.

Pte. Stephen Charles Allen
13 Bn. A. I. F.



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Florrie Allen

614 Darling Rd
Balmain

16.2.94

Mumma Allen
" "

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*J. T. Allen
8.8.92*

KILLED IN ACTION.

Official news has been received by Mrs. J. T. Allen, of 63 Pittwater-road, Manly, that her two sons, Privates Robert B. and Stephen C. Allen, of the 10th Reinforcements, 13th Battalion, previously reported missing, have now been reported killed in action on August 14, 1916.

Keep your head above water
A New Year's Wish

If you happen to meet on the sea or the street

With an accident once in a while

The only man near will be helpless with fear

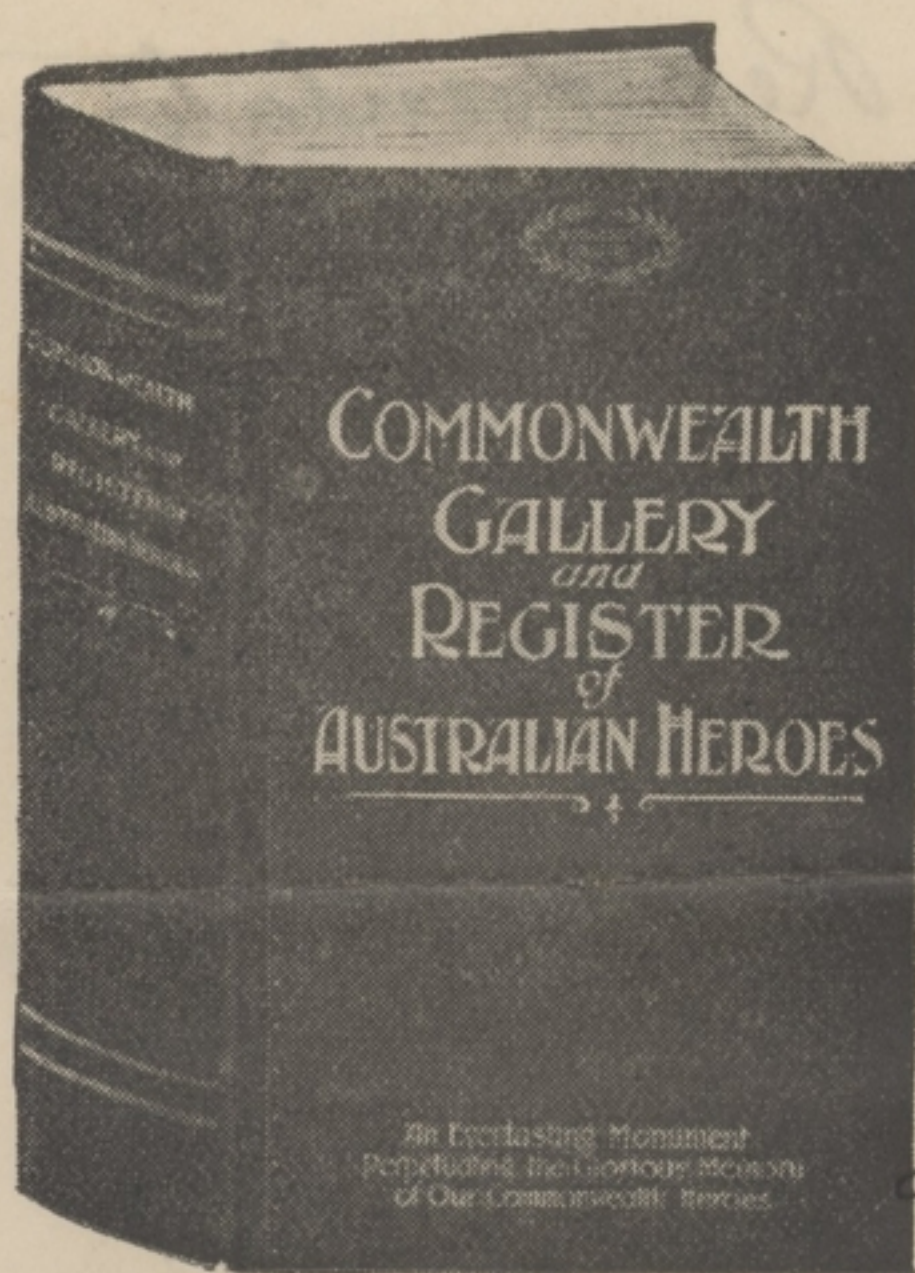
And some girl will be certain to smite

So take my advice and in life as on sea

Keep away from each dangerous quarter

But should you fall in tho' the thoughtless may

May you still keep your head above water



This page may be used for furnishing details of Military or Naval career, etc.

The Brothers Robert & Stephen only sons of Mr & Mrs Allen enlisted at Victoria Barracks, Sydney early in July 1915, & after training left in the Argyllshire on 29th Sept for Egypt with the 10th reinforcement, 13th Battalion, 4th Brigade.

After spending some seven or eight months in Ishmala & Tel-e-Keber camps were moved on to France and then into the firing line and sometime later were reported as missing. From reports received from the Red Cross they report as follows — "The brothers Allen Robert & Stephen Allen were in A. Coy 9th Platoon, No 16 section. In August 1916, W. J. G. Hale 5101 of the 13th Battalion and about 5 others were going from the front-line near Mosquet-Farm, France, back to Sausage Gully for rations and whilst going up Tom's Cut near the front-line a shell came over and exploded on the ~~the~~ parapet, killing both the Allen brothers & Private White who were immediately in front of the communication trench. Private Hales' brother was wounded also — These brothers were missing for seven months — Captain T. Wells writing of this battle for the famous German stronghold states that it was one of the most glorious charges in which the Australians had participated, the machine gun fire which they were called on to face was terrific. The boys got right across, but their losses were heavy, yet in spite of the heavy firing they brought back a large number of German prisoners. The Captain further says they ~~did~~ did their duty nobly & were probably buried with their comrades near Mosquet-Farm, some little distance from Poziers.

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H. S. O'Brien
Representative

Synopsis of Personal Biographical Information

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Name in full

Military or Naval Rank, and Official Number

Where was he born?

If dead, what was the date of his death?

If still alive, what is his age, or the date of his birth?

Where was he educated?

N.B.—All details relative to his Military or Naval career are to be written on the other side of this form.

PARENTS.

What are the full names of the Hero's }
father and mother? }

(If dead, use the words "THE LATE" before the name wherever death has occurred.)

If father or mother be still alive, give }
their full address. }

WIFE.

If Hero married, state the date of the marriage

What was his wife's full name prior to the marriage?

If wife dead, state date of death

What are the full names of the father }
and mother of wife? }

(If dead, use the words "THE LATE" before the name wherever death has occurred.)

Give the address of father and mother }
of wife, if either of them are still alive. }

CHILDREN (IF ANY.)

Please set out the full baptismal or }
Christian name of each of the Hero's }
children. }

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SOLDIER'S WIFE

By Myra Morris

Home he has come from battles far away
Where he has heard Death breathing at his side,
And out-paced Fear like some swift runner who,
Labouring at first, speeds on with easy stride.
Home he has come with coloured tales to tell,
But they remain untold; fencing, he parries
Questions that fall like empty-sounding rain.
"We did our job, no more," he says, and carries
Pride in his careful voice that outlaws pain.

He is a stranger now—a new dark man
Entrenched behind the knowledge in his eyes.
Dangers are thick between us that I could
Not share—hot, tropic seas, relentless skies.
Rivers divide us. Look! I see him walk
Down jungle-depths where writhing roof-trees fashion
Macabre twilights starred with poisonous bloom.
Here was a lad knowing joy and hope and passion—
Now a lost thing stalking and stalked by doom!

Something is there that was not there before.
He is transmuted by experience
Into a different clay; soft-edged is he
As yet, and vulnerable, without defence.
I speak to him—one moment he is there
Then gone away (his haunted eyes all hollow,
His memory linked with old, remembered pain)
Into some fastness where I cannot follow.
He will not be entirely mine again.