

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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Lieutenant
Frederick Herbert
Doust

13th Battalion



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13th Batt:

Doust, H.C. Lt. F.E.

W & L. 26/9/17.

He was slightly wounded in a stunt in September about the 21st but I am a Head Quarter's runner and I distinctly saw Lt. Doust on the 11th or 12th of October and as we did not go over I cannot understand how he can be missing.

13th Batt:

Wilson, L.C.Pte. 1784.

16 A. Dartford. 20/11/17.

Bates, J.A. 1678 Pte. corroborated the above statement. 16 A. Dartford

H.Q. Steel Mroding. H.Q. 23.11.17.
Written Adit. 28.11.17

S P1

R. D. B.

A.I.F. 13 th Btn

Lieut T. DOUST
E. 1

"WHEREABOUTS"

Wded 26-8-17 - S.W. Scalp

Adm. Cas: Clear: Sty 28-8-17

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 18-9-17

Rejoined 2-9-17

Cert. by Rouen letter 22-9-17.

P.I

London
26-9-17

13th Batt,
A. I. F.

Doust,
Lt. Frederick Herbert

"Missing"

Killed in Action 26.9.17 - Previously reported Wounded &
Missing

Cert, by A. I. F. Headquarters dated 29.11.17

London 7.12.17

S & P.I

13th A.I.F.

Doust 2/Lt. F.H.

~~W. & H.~~ ^{K. A.} Sept. 26/17)

"I saw Lt. Doust with the Batt: at the beginning of October before we went up to Zonnebeke. I cannot say which Coy. he belonged to. He had been wounded at Polygon Wood on Sept. 26th and I remember being surprised to see him back so soon. I did not know Lt. Doust but I knew him and am sure it was he I saw".

Eye-witness: See above.

Description: Fairly tall, dark no moustache, abt. 26 or 27.

Informant: Pte. H. Goatcher 6861,
13th A.I.F., H.Q. Sig.,
Horton Coutny of London War Hospt.,
Epsom.

Home address:
130 Horseferry Rd.,
S.W. 1.

not sent P1.

S. + p1.

20/12/17
H.C. Garcia.

Havre.

3rd January 1918.

13th Australians.

Doust M.C. Lieut. F.H.

K. A.
W/H. 26th September 1917.

We were in supports on the 26th September at Messines. I saw Lieut. Doust in the Trench lying wounded - his batman (I don't know his name) was ~~by~~ looking after him. - I was on a message, I heard nothing further of him. We held the ground. He could not have been taken a prisoner as ~~there~~ *we* were about 500 yards behind our first line.

Inf:- Pte W.J. Jeffries No. 6541.
13th Aust. C.Co. XI Pltn.
Havre Hospital.

HPG.

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P.1

13th Battn.
A.I.F.

Doust. Lieut. F.H.
Borfan. F.H. 2615
Counl. S.A. 2151
Long J.F. 1094

"Killed 26.9.17"

Prev. Rep. Wounded & Missing.

Sgt. Shepherd (M.G.S) and Cpl. Wm. McDonald both of Pltn. 6 B. Coy.
were either with each of the above when killed, or helped to
bury them and can give the details. Please suggest that they
confer with one another before replying.

Informant:- S. Leman 7268

13th Battn. *Ren 6 Pltn B Coy how
a Coy.*
Dartford.

L.P.J.

S. P. 1

London. Note Written Shepherd & McDonald about each all
27.2.18. 4 men 27.2.18.

*P. &
P.I.*

13th Bn.
A.I.F.

DOUST
Lt. F.H. (m.e.)

Wounded and Missing 26.9.17

I am in receipt of your enquiry of 29th ult. regarding Lt. F.H. Doust, M.C. of this unit, particulars are as follows:-

Wounded at Gapaard Neae Massines 27.8.17

Rejoined Unit: 2.9.17

Rewarded Military Cross.

Reported wounded.

26.9.17

No reports from Field Amb. or C.C.S. and he was reported Wounded and Missing 5.11.17

Court of Inquiry found him killed in Action on 26.9.17

Authority Part II Orders 46 of 21.11.17

Informant:- B. Blythman, Lt.

A/Adjutant 13th Bn. A.I.F.

7.12.17

London.
14.1.18

S & P.I.

13th Battn
AIF *1st Coy*

DOUST M.C.
-M.C. Lieut. F.H.

"Killed in Action 26.9.17"

Refer to Sgt. W. Merriel 4th Training Battn Codford England, he saw him killed and can give full details of death and burial.

Witness. PIKE. P.M. W.T. 28.12

13 Bn. A Coy

Codford

W. Oman
London.
19.1.18

Note written Merriel 15.1.18 S & P.I

13th Battn.
A.U.F.

DOUST,
Lt. F.H. M.C.

"Killed 26.9.17."

I saw Lt. Doust hit by a shell at Ypres and carried away on a stretcher. I'm certain he was alive when he was taken away by S/Bs (our own men) I cannot say where he was taken but Hd Qrs would be the nearest. I did not hear where he was buried but pretty sure to have been.

Informant:- W. Williams 2033,
13th Battn. C. Coy,
Hut 20,
Westham.

W.A. Rand.

London
5.3.18.

S
P.I.

13th Battn.
A.I.F.

Doust.
Lieut. B.H.

"Killed in Action 26.9.17"

Re Lieut. F.H. Doust. This gentleman was severely wounded when in charge of a fatigue party at Polygon Wood and the last seen of him he was being carried down to the dressing station by some 15th Battn. Stretcher Bearers. I, or rather we, don't know whether he arrived there. We don't know if the stretcher bearers were killed or not. I have made enquiries about this officer but everything seems a mystery. I knew this officer very well being in the same Company for years.

Letter from:- Sgt. F. Sheppard 3250
13th Battn.
Codford 16.3.18.

London.
20.3.18.

S.
P.I.

13th A.I.F.

Doust Lt. F.H. B Coy.

(K. Sept. 26th 1917)

"Doust was killed in an attack 'hop-over' at Zonnebeke by a high explosive shell and was buried as far as I know in the vicinity of Zonnebeke. First he was slightly wounded in the head, and was being removed in a stretcher to the 1st Aid Post when he and the two stretcher-bearers were killed."

Eye witness: No: but I saw him dead.

Description: Red-headed, young, stout.

Informant: Capt. E. Moseley 13th A.I.F., B Coy.,
3rd London Gen. Hos: Wandsworth.

4.4.18.

W.A. Davis.

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P/d
62/11

13th Battn.
A.I.F.

DCUST,
Lieut. F.H.

"Killed 26.9.17."

Ypres. Going in second time, taking a party of men up to first line. shelling very bad. Killed by shell almost at once. Died very soon after. I saw him killed, and buried in the Cemetery called "Spcil Bank" Padre present. Cross up about 2 days after burial.

Informant:- Waters, 3941,
W 35.

D.P. Dickson.

Harefield.

London.

11.4.16.

S.
H.I

13th. BATTALION A.I.X.

Lieutenant DOUST F.H.

"Killed in Action 26/9/17."

I knew Lieutenant Doust though he was not my Officer. In the morning of the 26th. between 6 and 8 o'clock we were at Passchendaele. We had just finished the objective and were digging a communication trench back to the old trench. I had seen Doust a short time before and seen him several times during the morning and spoke to him on one occasion. I did not see him actually killed but one of my mates came up to me and said "Poor old Lieutenant Doust has been hit" and another chap in my brigade came and told me that one of our Officers was lying dead in a shell hole. He described the man and the description was that of Doust - by this time we were well back, coming out, and I could not go and investigate myself.

Informant:- 5194, C. Trick, C.S.M D.C.M M.H.
13th. Battalion.
Home address:- 4 Lambert Street,
Erskineville.

W.M.J.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital RANDWICK.
24/8/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

15th Battalion, A.I.F.

DOUST F.H. Lieutenant.

"Killed in Action. 26/9/17."

Informant states that on the 26/9/17, the Battalion was in action at Polygon Wood. About 10.30 a.m. Informant was at the 15th Battalion Dressing Station where he saw the Lieutenant lying wounded on a stretcher outside the Dressing Station. He was conscious, and Informant asked him how he was, and received the reply that he was alright. There were too many wounded at that Dressing Station to be attended to, and some had to be taken to another Dressing Station. Apparently the Lieutenant left the 15th Battalion Dressing Station, although nobody seems to have seen him go on his way. Informant questioned some of the lads on the subject, and they could tell him nothing. As the 15th Battalion Dressing Station was intact when Informant saw it later, it is apparent that something happened to the Lieutenant after he left there. Informant thought that he must have been killed by a subsequent shell. He was reported as missing. Informant added that the Lieutenant was a fine officer, in fact one of the best in the Battalion, and was thought a great deal of, by the boys.

Informant - Private L. L. King, No. 7131,
"B" Company, 13th Battalion.

Home Address - 130 Belmont Street,
Alexandria.

No. 1 Australian General Hospital,
SYDNEY.

23/12/18

SYDNEY BUREAU.

V

POWELL P.H. Lieutenant.

"Killed In Action, 25/9/17."

Informant states that on the 25/9/17, the Battalion was in action at ... So far as informant could remember, the Lieutenant was in ... of the bombers, who were on fatigue in the afternoon, carrying up, ... which time the Lieutenant was hit by a shell fragment. Informant ... him hit, but saw him soon afterwards on the spot where he fell. ... near a pill-box on the Menin Road. Captain Kellaway and informant ... his wounds. He was unconscious. Orders were given for him to be ... the 4th Field Ambulance stretcher-bearers, but informant left ... this was done.

Informant added that the Lieutenant was a very well liked officer.

Informant - Private C. H. Heathfield, No. 168,
13th Battalion.
Home address - 43 Bent Street,
North Sydney.

Armed Information Bureau,
SYDNEY.

S. Tr. Col. Suff.
P. 1

SYDNEY BUREAU.

See Council

November 29th, 1917.

The Adjutant,
13th Australian Inf. Bttn,
A.I.F., B.F.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by cable from our Sydney Bureau, to make enquiries about Lieut. F.R. DOUST, of your battalion, who is officially reported Wounded and Missing 26.9.17.

We have received two apparently reliable unofficial reports stating that Lieut. Doust, was slightly wounded on 21st Sept., but was with the unit on 11th October.

We can get no confirmation of this at Head Quarters here, and would be much obliged if you could tell us if you have any news of Lieut. Doust after 20th September, also whether he has been awarded the Military Cross and not.

With apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

A. S.

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To the Secretary,

W. & M. Enquiry Bureau.

Austrian Red Cross Society

54 Victoria St. London S.W.1.

I am in receipt of your inquiry of
29th ult. regarding Lieut. F. H. Doust. M.C. of this unit.
particulars are as follows:-

Wounded at Yperland near Messines 27. 8. 17.

Rejoined unit. 2. 9. 17

Rewarded Military Cross.

Reported Wounded 26. 9. 17.

no reports from Field Amb. or C. G. S. and
he was reported W. & M. 5. 11. 17.

Court of Enquiry found him K. I. Action
on 26. 4. 17 Authority Part II Order 46 of 28. 11. 17.

Lt. F. DOUST - 13136

W & M 26. 9. 17.

S.P. 15

ack.
14. 12. 17

France
3. 12. 17.

Dear Miss Deacon.

One of the officers
in my battalion has lost his brother
who has been posted missing & wounded
on September 26th. His name is,

find
Lieut. F. H. Doust. M.C.
13th Battalion. A.I.F.

Knowing what a "Great-heart"
you are to the boys in this direction
I feel sure I can enlist your
sympathy in this enquiry.

My address is still "B Coy," 30th Regt.
I heard Capt Symes has been
wounded. I trust not badly.

Will you extend Christmas Greetings
to Mrs Symes & Miss Symes &
accept some for yourself.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely,

Robert. Williams.

December 17th, 1917.

Lieut. Robert Williams,
B. Coy, 50th Aust. Inf. Bttn
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry for

Lieut. F. H. DOWSE, M.C.,
12th Battalion, A.I.F.

We regret to inform you that he is officially reported
Killed in Action 28.9.17. He had only rejoined his
unit on 2.9.17.

We have no further particulars, but should we hear
of any will at once send them on to you.

Assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY,

L.B.

January 23rd, 1918.

Lieut. Robert Williams,
B. Co., 30th Infantry Bttn.,
Australian Imperial Force,
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have received an Unofficial report of the death
of Lieut. F. E. DOUSE, 13th Battalion, A. I. F.

The Adjutant of the 13th Bttn. gives the following record
of Lt. Douse. "Wounded at Gapaard near Messines 27.8.17.
Rejoined unit 2.9.17. Awarded Military Cross. Reported
wounded 26.9.17. No reports from Field Ambulance or
Casualty Clearing Station, and he was reported Wounded and
Missing. Court of enquiry found him killed in Action on
26.9.17."

6541 Pte. W. J. Jeffries, 13th Bttn., saw Lt. Douse lying
wounded in a trench on Sept. 26th at Messines. His batman
(whose name he doesn't know) was looking after him. Jeffries
heard nothing more of him, but said he could not have been
taken prisoner as it was about 500 yards behind our line.

We are continuing our enquiries and hope to get more
details. Will you assure his people of our sympathy?

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY

3036 Pte. E. Doust,
5th Field Ambulance,
A.A.M.C., 576, George St,
Aberdeen, Scotland.

8th March, 1919.

Lt. Robert Williams,
B.Coy, 30th Infantry Bttn,
Australian Imperial Force,
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

In further answer to your enquiry for details of the
death of Lt. E.H. DOUST, M.C., 10th Battalion, A.I.F. -

We regret to inform you of an unofficial report given by a
man of his unit, when in Trestham Camp, Weymouth, recently.

He stated that he saw Lt. Doust wounded by a shell at Ypres and
carried away by stretcher bearers. He was then alive and
informant has not heard where he died.

We fear that some further casualty must have befallen
Lt. Doust after leaving the line for the Adjutant reports that
he was not admitted to any casualty clearing station.

We regret the indefinite nature of this report and as
soon as further details are obtained we shall advise you.

Yours faithfully,

L.W.
SECRETARY.

16.3.18

Lt F.H. Doust

13 Btl

See under

1094 J. Long

13 Btl

3250 Sgt. F. Sheppard,
13th Battalion, A.I.F.,
Codford, Salisbury Plain.

March 20th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you very much for your answer to our
enquiries concerning - Lieut. F.H. DOUST.)

Slips

X 1094	J. LONG.)	all of 13th Bttn.
✓ 2151	S.A. COULE)	
✓ 2515	F.H. BORMAN,)	

The information and details you have given us regarding these soldiers
will be of very great assistance to us, and of value to our
enquirers. It is very good of you to offer to help us at any
time and we shall certainly avail ourselves of your assistance if
occasion arises.

With all good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

Lt. Robert Williams,
B. Coy, 50th Inf. Bn
A.I.F. B.E.F.

28th March, 1919.

3036 Pte. E. Doust,
5th Field Amb, A.I.F.,
576 George St,
Aberdeen, Scotland.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that we have received another unofficial report respecting Lieut. P.H. DOUST, 13th Battalion, A.I.F. - 3250 Sgt. Sheppard of the same unit reports that he was severely wounded when in charge of a fatigue party at Polygon Wood, and when last seen, he was being carried down to the dressing station by some stretcher bearers. No information of his ever having reached it can be obtained - and it seems most probable that on the way both he and his bearers were killed by a shell. Though this report is very vague, it tends to confirm the official report that he was killed in action but we are still making enquiries, and will at once advise you of any information we may receive for we fully realise your anxiety, with which we sympathise.

Yours faithfully,

F. S. G.
SECRETARY.

Lt.R. Williams,
30th Inf. Bttn,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

26th April, 1918.

3036 Pte.E.Doust,
5th Fld.Amb. A.I.F.,
576, George Street, Aberdeen,
SCOTLAND.

Dear Sir,

We are sending you two further unofficial reports we have received concerning - Lieut. P. J. DOUGLAS, 18th Battalion, A.I.F. - which we have received from men in the same unit, both reports bear slightly conflicting evidence but such as they are we send them to you and trust they may be of some value while we must at the same time remind you of their unofficial nature.

Capt. E. Hossley, who was in the 3rd London General

Hospital, Wandsworth stated as follows:- "Lt. Doust was killed in an attack "hop-over" at Connebekke by a high explosive shell and was buried as far as I know in the vicinity of Connebekke. First he was slightly wounded in the head, and was being removed in a stretcher to the 1st Aid Post when he and the two stretcher bearers were killed."

3941 Pte. Waters, who was interviewed in the 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Earfield, certifies that Lt. Doust was killed at Ypres when taking a party of men up to a fresh line - the shelling was very bad and informant saw him killed and he also saw him buried by a Chaplain in the cemetery called "Spoil Bank" and says that a cross was erected 2 hours after the burial.

We are glad to be able to send you definite proof of your brother's burial and shall continue to send you any further information friend's

we may receive.

Again assuring you of our deep sympathy and with
all good wishes for you yourself.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

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