

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**321 Private
Alfred Frederick
Eccles**

3rd Field Ambulance



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A.I.F. 824 Flt. Am.
A.A. 40.

COLES.
Alfred 221.

Killed in Action, 25.4.15.

No burial.
Cert by A.I.F. Hdqrs List. 15.9.19.

NAME

UNIT

COMPANY

CAUSE OF DEATH

London.
15.10.19.

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DEATHS

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Australian List.A.A.M.C.*Alfred*
Eccles Pte.A. 221. (Att.3rd.F.A.) K. 25.4.15.

Witness saw Eccles's grave at Anzac in the cemetery to the left of Walker's Ser, near the Clearing Hospital. Eccles and Hudson were the two first men to be lost by the 3rd.F.A. They were killed immediately after the landing and were buried side by side. Witness saw the graves in Sept.1915, not long after he joined the unit at Anzac.

SA.

Reference: Pte.H.A. Vionot. 6075. 3rd.F.A.
25 Gen.Hosp.
Etaples. 18th.May.1916.

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Australian List.A.A.M.C.*Alfred*
Eccles Pte. A. 221. (att.3rd.F.A.) K. 25.4.15.

Eccles was in C. Section of the 3rd. F.A. It was generally known in the unit that Eccles had been shot through the heart on the day of the landing, near the H.S. H.Q. on the beach at Anzac. Witnesses saw a cross being made and Eccles' name placed on it, preparatory to placing it on his grave. Witness Leonard gave this information to some one in England, who wrote to Eccles' sister in Birmingham. giving her the facts.

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Reference: Pte.A. Clark. 113. 3rd.F.A.) B.Section.
L/Cpl.C.E. Leonard. ")

Ho.2 Div.Aus. Base.
Etaples. 25th.May.1916.

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Australian List.① A.A.M.C.*Alfred*
Eccles Pte.A. 221. (att. 3rd.F.A.) K.25.4.15. Details.

Eccles was shot on the morning of the landing. Witness did not see this but heard about it immediately after it happened. Eccles came from Tasmania. He was a very decent lad. He used to play the piano well and was a great hand at singsong.

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Reference: Pte.R.W. Culph. 141. B.Section. 3rd.F.A.
26 Gen. Hosp.
Staples. 29th.May.1916.

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June 2nd, 1916.

Lady Tullibardine,
B.R.C.S.
Gresham House,
Suliman Pasha, CAIRO. *Egypt.*

Dear Madam,

Alfred
In reply to your enquiry for details of the death and burial of Pte. A. Eccles, A.A.M.C. (attached to the 3rd Field Artillery Brigade) we have been able to obtain several unofficial reports from his comrades, but owing to his death having occurred on the day of the landing at Gallipoli, it is almost impossible to obtain full particulars. It appears that Ptes. Eccles and Hudson were the first men lost by the 3rd Field Artillery Brigade, early in the morning on the 25.4.16. 113 Pte. Clarke states that it was generally known that Pte. Eccles was killed instantaneously by a shot through the heart, near the New Zealand Headquarters on the beach. Both Ptes. Hudson and Eccles were buried side by side in the cemetery, to the left of Walker's Ridge, near the Clearing Hospital.

L/Cpl. C.H. Leonard, and Pte. Clarke saw the graves, and noticed someone making a cross with Pte. Eccles' name placed on it.

Several of the men speak of Private Eccles as being much liked. "He used to play the piano well, and was a great hand

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at sing song."

Trusting these few details will be of a little comfort to
the friends of Private Eccles,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Summer Palace Hotel

Alexandria

Egypt.

Aug. 3-1916

Dear Madam.

I am very sorry that owing to
pressure of work I have been
unable before now to thank you
for your letter of June 3rd, giving
me details as to the death and
burial of M^r. A. ^{Asper} ~~Asper~~, A.A.M.C.
(att'd. to the 3rd Field Artillery, England)

I am much obliged to you for
sending them to me, but I cannot
remember writing to ask you
about this man, & cannot find
any correspondence about
him. If by chance I do write,
sent you the address of his
relatives, w^h. you please write

to them direct, to save time? Or
could you provide the particulars
to some office in Australia which
will have the address. If I
have had it & lost it, I am
very sorry. I have a great many
papers on different subjects
out here, & have no space in
which to keep them, but I have
them all filed & can generally
find any paper I want to
consult & understand it for the trouble
of photographing for the trouble

I am yours,

Yrs. truly

Wm. S. Burdick

54 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.,
15th August, 1916.

/// Victoria 8858.

Lady Tullabardine,

Summer Palace Hotel,

ALEXANDRIA.

Dear Madam,

Thank-you for your letter of 3rd August in regard to
Private A. ^{Reed} Eccles, A.A.M.C. We believe you made the enquiry
by telephone to our Cairo Office, and, therefore, we have no
information which will help you as regards the person for whom
you are making enquiries.

You mention that Private Eccles had enlisted in
Tasmania, so we are sending duplicates of the reports regarding
him to our Hobart Office, as you kindly suggested.

Yours faithfully,

VS

Secretary.

In route to 84 Lota Place
London

Oct 26 1946

Dear Madam -

I write to say that
since leaving Egypt there
at least had leisure to
look through the letters
which had accumulated
on me there, & I have
found the letter received
from ~~the~~ the late Pte.
^{James} Scully (A.A.H.C) mother
asking me to make

engines about him.

Was therefore sent the letter you sent me about him - I am so glad to have found it, though. Hear, late in the day.

Thank you very much for the engines you made.

Yrs. truly
Wm. S. Pullibandine