Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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Lieutenant
Roy Anslow

53rd Battalion



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53rd Battn.
A.I.F.

ANSLOW.
Lieut R.

"Killed in Actica 1-9-16"

He was in D.Ccmpeny. Refer to Ite Jchnstcne. W.M. "D"Ccy. 53rd Battalicn. now in France. fcr he was with him when he was killed near Perconne at which time there were several others killed alsc by the same shell, which landed in tremch beside them. I saw his grave at place cf casualty cn tho field and grave was marked by crcss having full details matked thereon.

Inicrmant:- L/Cpl Brammall.F.1875.
B.Ccy. 53rd Btn.
3rd A.A.H.DARTFORD.

W.Cman.
London.
11-11-18.
H.G.

S.

[redacted]

53rd Btn.,
A.I.F.

ANSLOW,
Lieut.

"Killed in action - 1-9-16."

"He was in D.Coy, 15th Platoon. He was 5'7" tall and about 30 years old. He was a fine Officer and was well liked by his men. Near St.Quentin on Sept. 1st 1918 at about 3 p.m. we were attacking when a big shell buried Lieut. Anslow and eight others. They were killed outright. I do not know the names of the others. I saw them dead but Lieut. Anslow was the only one I recognised. I know nothing of burial. No reference.

Informant:- F.C.Goodwin, 5388,
53rd Batn., D.Coy.,
15th Platoon.,
A.I.F. Dartford.

W.H.K.,
London,
9-11-18.
H.G.

S.

53rd Battn.
A.I.F.

ANSLOW
Lieut. R.

"KILLED -1-9-18"

He was in D.Coy. I knew him well. He was about 5"7' fair, and about 30 years. In front of St. Dennis on the Peronne front on Sept.1/18 at 4 p.m. he was leading his men into action when he was killed instantly by a shell. I saw him dead. He was a fine officer and was popular with the men. I know nothing of his burial.

Refer to W.M.Scott. 53rd Battn.A.Coy. 4th Pltn.

Informant - Crane.Pte.R.J. 402
53rd Battn.A.Coy.3rd.Pltn.
DARTFORD.

W
~~W.~~M.K.
London
28-10-18
H.G.

S.

[redacted]

Havre. 22nd. October. 1918.

53rd. Australians. Anslow, Lieut. R.
Davies, Lieut. L.
Mathers, T. 3502.

K. September. 1/1918. Date. D/B.

I saw their names on a large Cross made by the Battalion and erected on the field near where they fell on September. 1st. 1918. It is within a quarter of a mile of Peronne. I could point it out.

Inf:- Private. J. Scott. 5453.
53rd. Australians. A. 4.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDN. CP.

53rd Battn: Anslow, Lt. R.

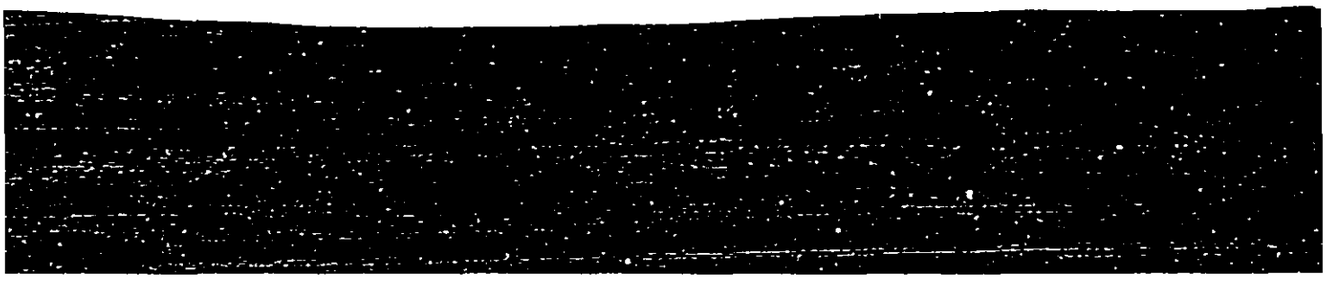
A. 3/3/1.

I saw [illegible] killed instantly near Serre. He had a cross o[illegible] on his chest. [illegible] were killed.

53rd B[illegible]: [illegible] Coy.

A 11- [illegible] 1/1/16.

R.....



Havre.

30th. October. 1916.

53rd. Australians.

Anslow, Lieut. R.

R. September. 1/1916. Detc. D/5.

In B. 10 in Command. I saw him killed instantly at Serre by shell on September 1st. 1916. about noon. He was partly buried by the shell and I helped to cover the body with earth. There were eight men of the same platoon killed by the next shell and buried with him at the spot where they were killed.

Inf:- Private J. Carlisle. 2393.
5 rd. Australians. D. 15.
Australian Camp.
Havelincourt.

RDH.

CP.

53rd Battn: Barlow, Lt. R.

K. 1/9/19.

I did not see him killed by a shell while we were advancing at Peronne but I saw his grave with a cross on it just behind a bank to the right of Peronne. Six/others were buried at the same time and place, all being killed by/the same shell, among them being Sgt. Taylor, L/Cpl. Upton, all of D. Company.

53rd Battn: Laing, J.C.L. 1697.

A 11. Dartford. 16/10/19.

R.D.S.

53rd Battn
A.I.F.

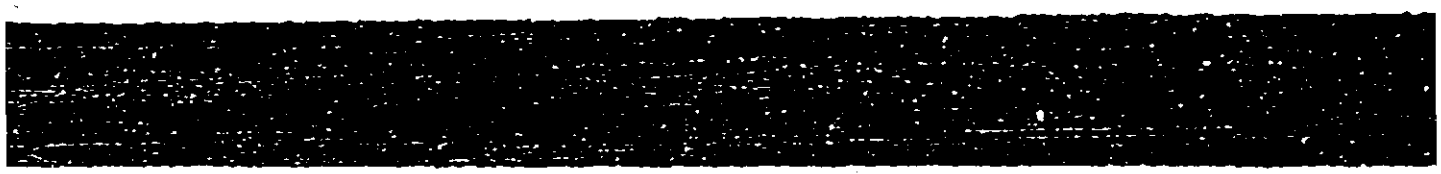
ANSLOW.
Lieut. Roy

"WOUNDED"

Admitted [illegible] - Gassed.
Depot. by Med. Officer.

London.
[illegible].

S.I.



A.I.F. 53rd Btn

ANSLOW
Lieut Roy

"WOUNDED"

Gassed, eyes, progressing well, walking.
Certd. by Med Visitor 20-5-16 - 3rd Ldn Gen.Hpl
Wandsworth.

S & P.I.

London
22-5-16

[redacted]

Andrew Reid

Pc. 294 [illegible]

2327 E. 5th Avenue.
[illegible]

A [illegible] Depot

Dalton Park

[illegible]

[illegible]

Information obtained locally (if any) or from letters.

Enquiry included in W.S.H. Cable — No. 39 of Jan. 31 - 1916

Enquiry included in Deferred Cable — No. of

Name and Address of Enquirer — Mrs Phoebe Good
P.O. Inglewood
W.A.

Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree. — Sister

State if Next-of-Kin. — On cards

Henry Greig Secretary.
Perth.

20.5.18

Lt R. Anstiss
53 Bttn

See under
Lt B.H. Champion
1 Bttn

Havre 28th Octr 1918.

Australians. 55. Anslow Lieut R.

E. 1st Septr 1918. Ref B/3.

On the 1st Septr we were between Mont St Quentin and Peronne, and in the early morning we attacked, and got to our objective We dug a post there and Mr. Anslow and Mr. Davies were in the post when they were hit by a shell, and both died in a few minutes. Mr. Anslow's body was buried in the open about 300 yards to the left of Peronne French Cemetery where I saw the grave.

Inf:- /Cpl [illegible]Debt 26. 5479.
[illegible].I.F. 33. [illegible]R.
Austrn. Conv. Depot.

CWSG.

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53rd Battn.
A.I.F.

AINSLOW
Lieut. R.

"KILLED 1-9-18"

He was a very popular Officer in L.Coy. Height 5"8 Dark, thin, and 27 years of age. A real good fellow and a game soldier. At Peronne on Sept. 1/18 at 7 a.m. just after the H/L. He was killed instantly by M.G. bullet in the head. I saw him lying dead on the field. I did not attend his burial but I saw his grave later in a Military Cemetery near Somme Bridge. A good Cross had been erected.
The Germans never got those parts again.

Interments - C.W.Harris. 3896
J.A.Higginson. 3[illegible]
[illegible]
53rd Battn.L.Coy.
WILWICH.

A.C.M.H.
London
[illegible]
F.M.F.

Note - These three men gave practically the same statement and produced a photograph of the grave.

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Havre

1st November 1918.

Australians. 53.

Ainslow Lieut. R.

K. 1st September 1918. Det D/s.

He was my platoon officer. About the 1st September we were in front of Peronne. About 11 a.m. Lr. Ainslow was with several of us, and we were on a L.Gun when a shell came, and he was killed outright. He is buried where he fell right in the open, and a large cross was put up with his, and a number of other names on it.

Inf:- Pte [illegible].Johnston No.2728.
A.I.F. 53rd L. Wks.
Australn. Conv. Depot.

C.M.G.

pp.

A.I.F. 53rd Battn. Lieut. R. Anslow.

"Killed 1/4/18"

On the 1st September during our attack at Peronne, Lieut. Anslow was killed outright by shell about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. He was in an outpost at the time with some men - 7 or 8 others killed by same explosion. I was in a post about 60 yards behind him, and saw the shell burst. Was buried where he fell, along with the men who were killed with him; one Cross with the names on. I have seen the Grave; this is near Sugar Factory, near German Military Cemetry, and French Civil Cemetry.

Informant:- 1584, Pte. M. O'Mang
53rd Battn. C. Coy.
12th Platoon.
Barefield.

A.D.3.
18/10/18.
London
1/11/18.
TRA.

S.P.I



A.I.F. 53rd Btn. ANSLOW
Lieut Roy

"WOUNDED"

Eyes are quite alright now. Where affected by progress is very satisfactory indeed.

Cert. by letter-free,-Sister in charge 'phone 21-5-18

S & B.I.

London
21-5-18

1st Casualty.

A.I.F. 53

K. Sept. 1st 1918.

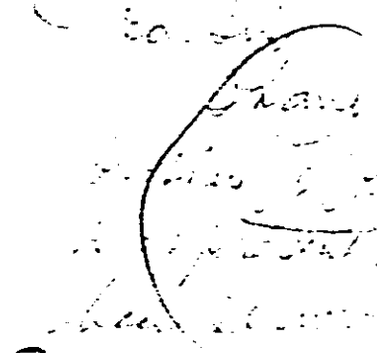
ANSLOW, Lieut.R.
DAVIES, Lieut.L.
LITTLETON, J.B. 2487.
ISMAY, J. 3511A.
ROSE, W.J. 3170.
SOWTER, P.E. 3499.

I didn't see above, who were all members of D.Co (Lt. Anslow was XVI pltn but I don't know platoons of others, Rose was a Cpl.) killed by shell fire about Mont St Quentin as I was wounded three or four days before but I have seen their graves and a memorial cross whichwas erected with about 60 names which included above. I am sure the names of Little and S.E. (not P.E.) Sowter were includdd.

Inf: Pte.A.E.Stonestreet. 2488. 53.D.XVI.
No. 3 Aust Gen Hosp.
ABBEVILLE. 20.10.18.

HKH

P.C. 29.4.12.



2327 Pte. Guy W. Anslow,
1st Machine Gun Coy, Aust.
Machine Gun Coy, Belton Park,
GRANTHAM.

May 23rd, 1918.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry about -

Lieut. ROY ANSLOW, 53rd Battalion, A.I.F.

We are glad to inform you that he is certified by our Red Cross Visitor at the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, S.W. 18, on May 20th, 1918, to be progressing well and walking. His eyes were affected by the gas poisoning, they have now completely recovered and the Sister in Charge of his ward says that his condition is very satisfactory. With good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) F. Fry.

SECRETARY.

October 3rd, 1918.

2327 Pte.G.W.Anslow.
Australian Machine Gun Depot.
Parkhouse. Salisbury.

Dear Sir.

With reference to your enquiry of 29th ult, for Lt. ROY ANSLOW. 53rd Battalion. A.I.F. - We deeply regret to inform you that he is officially reported to have been Killed in Action on 1-9-18.

We are doing our utmost to obtain particulars of his death and burial and will advise you as soon as we succeed.

Regretting we should have to forward such sad news and assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

Secretary.

2397 Pte Guy W. Arnslow
~~A.M.G.~~ Australian Machine Gun Depot
Park House
Salisbury.

Dear Sir In further reference to your enquiry for details of the death & burial of Lieut: Roy Arnslow 5th Batt: A.I.F. we beg to inform you that we have received several unofficial reports from men of his unit 1584 Pte W. Oman stating that on Sept. 14th about 4 P.M. Lieut Arnslow was killed outright by a shell during the attack at Mouquet Farm & 4 other men were all at the same post & the same shell killed them all.

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HOSPITAL Netley, medical

INFORMAT

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl. No.	R
	Johnston	S.P.	17118	

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SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl. No.	R
Matthews	T P	31084	

STATEMENT

(to be taken

NOTE. *In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.*

I saw [redacted] Johnston
wounded and request
Padre Jones (5th Brigade)
know details. I saw him
on this frame, he was

PLEASE ALSO ANSW

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? yes	2. If no of
3. Was the ground held or lost? held	4. If In wa the
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	6. Was na
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. head 6 ft, dark.	

8. *Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence*

They were all buried near
Where they fell, & the cross
erected over the grave ~~both~~
with their names etc: on.
& it is near the Sugar Factory
& near the German Military
& French civil Cemeteries
2728 Pte: W. M. Johnson, & 1647
Sergt: J. Laing confirm this
report, & 2873 Sergt: T. J. McGrath
Stating that he had seen
Lieut Anderson's grave in a
small cemetery near Fontaine.
We are now closing our enquiries
as we feel it is unlikely
that we should obtain
further particulars
should we do so, we will
advise you at once
again assuring you of our sincere sympathy

[redacted]

HOSPITAL 3rd London General

INFORMATI

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	R
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	SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	R
	Burke	A. E.		

STATEMENT (to be taken

NOTE. In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

J
Saw this man on Aug 8/18
He was driving and bringing
gun when a shell (4.2 gun)
his horse and he was killed
Both His body was ta
I do not know where he w

PLEASE ALSO ANSWE

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6. Was th name

7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nicknames. marks, scars, etc.

8. *Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence* Reliable

Reports should always be written very clearly in ink, or typewritten.

Lieut. Roy Anslow
53 Bn
A.A. 1-9-15.

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