

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
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Lieutenant
Jack Stanley Brasell

1st Squadron, Australian Flying
Corps



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1st Squad

Flying Corps.

(Jack Stanley) ✓

BRASELL, J.S.
2nd Lieut.

Killed in action 25/6/17.

I spoke to Lieut. Cole now in Egypt with the Australian Flying Corps and he told me that the Turks sent him a message stating that Casualty had been shot through the head in an air duel on about 25th June, 1916, and died within 1 hour in the Turkish Lines into which he fell. They buried him with Military Honors and they also reported that he put up an excellent fight."

Informant:- Lieut. L.E. Dawson,
A.F.C. formerly of the 7th L.H.

Private address
Queen Street,
Mossman,
Sydney.

H.A.B.
25/8/17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

Written by Lt. Cole 21.11.17.

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"I was with Casualty when he was killed 10 miles from Gaza Palestine on the 24th June, 1917. Casualty's plane was shot down. He ran into three Hun Machine in company with two other machines who were with him. He was shot in the head after fighting, but managed to bring his machine properly down into the enemy lines. They enemy sent a message to the effect that Casualty showed a brave fight and was buried with Military Honors."

Informant:- Lieut. J.S. Young,
57th Sgd. A.F.C.

Private address
Nhill,
Victoria.

H.A.B.

28/9/17 AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

1st Squad
Aust. Flying Corps;
A.I.F.

Brasell.
2/Lieut. J.S.

(Jack Stanley)

"Killed in Action 25.6.17"

Lieut. Brasell was one of our very best pilots - He went out on 25.6.17 as one of an escort to reconnaissance, they met a hostile patrol, the other escort machine was slow, Lieut. Brasell was well above the other escort - quite 3,000 ft above them, so alone he engaged the hostile machines, and after a long scrap he was seen to slowly volplane down in a spiral and landed between the lines, and when the Turks reached his machine he was dead, having been shot through the head. Two days later a message was dropped by the German Flying Corps stating that Lieut. Brasell had been buried with full Military honours, the message also conveying their sympathy to our Flying Corp in the loss of such a "gallant pilot" The message also spoke of the splendid fight this officer had put up.

Statement made in our office London on
9.2.18 by Lieut. Cole A.F.S.

London.
11.2.18.

M.

1st Squad
Flying Corps A.F.C.

BRASELL,
2/Lieut. J.S.
(Jack Stanley)

"Killed 25.6.17."

Was in 1st Squad, called "Jack" He was wounded while in combat with a German Aeroplane. He landed his machine in the Turkish lines, and died immediately. It happened at Gaza. An enemy aeroplane flew over our lines and dropped a note saying that Brasell had been killed, and was also buried with Military Honours behind the Turkish lines. I was there at the time.

Informant:- R. Reilly 516,
1st Squad Flying Corps,
Harefield.

W.G.J.

London.
1.5.18.

K.

1st Squadron
A.F.C.

BRASELL
2nd Lieut Jack Stanley

"Details Death and Burial"

Killed in Action 25.6.17.

Cert. By Hdqrs List 4.10.17.

No burial report

Cert. by Hdqrs List. 26.6.19.

No burial to hand.

Cert. by Hdqrs 1.10.19.

London.
3.10.19.

M.

A.I.F. 1st Squad A.F.A.

BRASELL.
Jack Stanley. 2/Lieut.

Killed in Action. 25.6.17.

"In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, I am directed to inform you that a report is held in this Office for 2nd Lieutenant L.S. Brasell, 1st Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, killed in Action on 25th June 1917, and buried by the Turks in the Gaza District, Egypt. The grave site is unknown.

Extract from letter by the Principal Ass. Sec.
Imperial War Graves Commission.
Winchester House.

St. James Square.

London, S.W.1.

14th October 1919.

London.
25.10.19.

M.

MEB/FC.



IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—
"THE SECRETARY"
and the following number quoted:—
50/33787.

WINCHESTER HOUSE,
ST. JAMES'S SQUARE,
LONDON, S.W.1

¹⁴
13th October 1919.

2/ Lt Brasell Jack Stanley
1st Squad A.F.C.
K-A 25-6-17 M₂

2/ Lt Oxenham Gordon Vincent
1st Squad A.F.C.
K-A 27-6-18 S₂

Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, I am directed to inform you that a report is held in this office for 2nd Lieutenant J.S. Brasell, 1st Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, killed in action on 25th June 1917, and buried by the Turks in the Gaza District, Egypt. The grave site is unknown.

No report is held for 2nd Lieutenant G.V. Oxenham, 1st Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, but enquiries are being made and I will communicate with you again shortly.

I am,
Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

Major,
for Principal Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
36, Grosvenor Place,
London, S.W.1.

(21. 11. 17)

Lieut. Cole
Austr. Flying Corps
Egypt - 2.2.7

abt. (brother officer)
2nd Lt. J. S. Brasell
Australian Flying Corps
Egypt

K/A. 25-6-17.

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21. 11. 17.
A. J. B.