

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3049 Lieutenant
Hugh Featherston
Cannell

Royal Air Force



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R.A.F.

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CONNELL.
Lieut. H.F.

"Died of Wounds 31-10-18"

Regarding the death of the above named officer, but I regret to say that our efforts so far have been unsuccessful.

Our Secretary in Mesopotamia has cabled to us the following message, which although sent off on December 26th, we have only just received.

"Lieut Connell.R.A.F. died of wounds on October 31st. 3rd Echelon. Basra reports burial place unknown. Further enquiries will be made".

Any information we may receive as the result of these enquiries will at once be forwarded to you.

Letter from:- B.R.C.S.
18 Carlton House Terrace. S.W.I.

London.
11-1-19.

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TO - BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

Lieut. H.F. Connell, Royal Air Force. "Mesopotamia Wounded."

"Died of Wounds 31.10.18."

Certified from Royal Air Force Enquiry, Phone 19.11.18.

From A.R.C.S.
36, Grosvenor Place,
S.W.1.

Enquirer:-
A.R.C.S.
National Mutual Buildings,
St. Georges Terrace,
Perth,
W. Australia.

R.A.F.

CANNELL.
Lieut. H.F.

"Wounded Mesopotamia"

Concerning the death of the above named Officer. I am not able to send you the following cable message, dated January 7th, which we have received this morning, from Mesopotamia.

"Lieut Cannell, R.A.F. was shot down on October 29th while attacking hostile infantry. He died of wounds on October 31st, without regaining consciousness, and was buried in the Battlefield Cemetery at Surgat".

We are a little doubtful about the actual spelling of the last word, it having come through in the cable as "Svrgat". We think, however, that the "v" should be a "u".

You probably know that it is advisable that Lieut Cannell's friends should communicate with:-

The Director,
Graves Registration Unit,
Mesopotamia.

asking that his grave may be registered and, if possible, photographed at a later date.

London
21-1-19.

Letter from:- O.C. B.R.C.S. 18 Carlton House Tce.

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Telephone No.: REGENT 6640.
Telegrams: "NATIONALLY. CHARLES."

BRITISH RED CROSS
—AND—
ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

ENQUIRY DEPARTMENT
FOR
WOUNDED AND MISSING,
18 Cariton House Terrace, S.W.1

Please quote Mediterranean Dept.

January 9th. 1919.

Lieut. H. F. Cannell, R.A.F.

Dear Madam,

At the end of November you asked us to obtain details, if possible, regarding the death of the above named officer, but I regret to say that our efforts so far have been unsuccessful.

Our Secretary in Mesopotamia has cabled to us the following message, which although sent off on December 26th. we have only just received:

"Lieut. Cannell, R.A.F. died of wounds on October 31st.
3rd. Echelon, Basra reports burial place unknown.
Further enquiries will be made."

Any information we may receive as the result of these further enquiries will at once be forwarded to you.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. W.

For THE EARL OF LUCAN.

The Australian Red Cross,
36, Grosvenor Place,
S.W.

Lieut H. F. Cannell
R. A. F.

D. G. W. 31.10.18

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ENQUIRY DEPARTMENT
FOR
WOUNDED AND MISSING,

18 Carlton House Terrace, S.W.1

In reply please quote Mediterranean Dept.

January 20th. 1919.

W. A. Murphy
Lieut. H. F. Cannell, R.A.F.

Dear Madam,

With reference to the enquiries we have been making connected with details of the death of the above-named Officer, I am now able to send you the following cable message, dated January 7th., which we have received this morning: *from Mesopotamia* -

"Lieut. Cannell, R.A.F. was shot down on October 29th. while attacking hostile infantry. He died of wounds on October 31st. without regaining consciousness, and was buried in the Battlefield Cemetery at Surgat."

We are a little doubtful about the actual spelling of the last word, it having come through in the cable as "Svrgat". We think, however, that the "v" should be a "u".

You probable know that it is advisable that Lt. Cannell's friends should communicate with:

The Director,
Graves Registration Unit,
Mesopotamia,

asking that his grave may be registered and, if possible, photographed at a later date.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. W.

For THE EARL OF LUCAN.

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society.

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