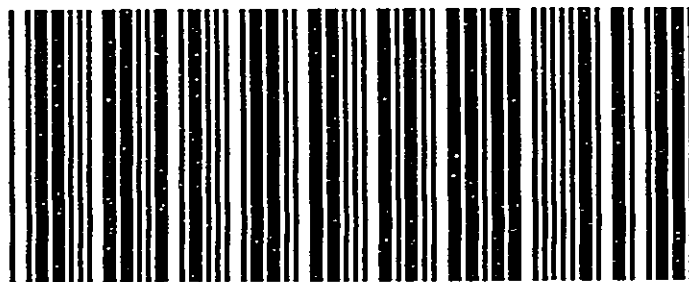


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1872 Lance Corporal
John Herbert Dunn

14th Battalion



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24th Sept 1918.

Australians. 14.

Dunn L/Cpl J.H. No. 1872.

K. 31st May 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well, he came from Victoria. He was tall, well built, and clean shaven. He was a good allround sportsman. We were together at Allonville, near Amiens, in our billet when a stray German shell came over and hit the billet. I was with him in the shed. I was at one end of the shed and he was at the other. The shell fell on the part of the shed where he was, and killed him instantly, with 21 others. I went up the line the next morning, and so know no ~~more~~ more but I think he was buried in the French Cemetery at Allonville.

Inf:- Pte A. W. Tomlinson No. 4622.

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A.I.P. 14 Bat.

Dunn, I/O.J.H. 1672.

W. May 31/18.

We were in billets at Allonville, seven miles from Amiens, when Dunn was killed. At midnight Fritz started shelling us heavily, and we lost 25 men including Dunn who was killed outright; and he was buried in the French Cemetery at Allonville.

Inf. Braddy, L-Corp. A.S. 5979. A Coy.

G.P.G.

Westham Camp

26/3/18

J.F.A.

K. May 31/18. Det. D/B.

At Allonville we were billeted with the motor transport. We were asleep in the dug out when Dunn was killed instantly by a shell, his head being severed from his body. I was in the same billet and saw him afterwards. The German long range guns fired two shells which dropped on the billets and caused over 100 casualties. Dunn was buried in the village cemetery at Allonville and I have seen the grave. 19 bodies were buried together. Each man has a small cross. There are three graves, two with six bodies in each and one with 7. There is one large cross in the centre of each grave with all the names on. Dunn was dark, a sturdy man about 35. I had only known him 6 weeks.

Reference: H.S. Reid, 7556. A Co.
No. 11 Con. Camp Buchy Nr. Rouen. 1.10.18.

JWA.

CD. Sullivan
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M.

14th Battn.
A.I.F.

DUNN
L/Cpl. J.H. 1872

"Killed 31-5-18"

He was in A.Coy. Refer to C/S/M J. Armstrong, A.Coy. 14th Battn., who is now in France, for he saw him killed and was in billet with him at Allenville, when a shell caught building and killed him.

Informant. Clark. Pte. W.A. 2831
A.Coy. 14th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W. Oman
London
1-10-18
J.E.A.

Note:- Written C/S/M Armstrong. 31-9-18.

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Havre,

7th, October 1918.

14th, Australians.

Dann, L/Corporal J. H. 1872

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K, May 31/1918. Det. D/B.

He was killed at Allanville: This was at about 2 a.m. on May 31st or June 1st, two stray shells came over and several were killed: Dann was killed outright: I saw him afterwards, lying dead: The S/Bearer took him away, and he was buried in the Cemetery at Allanville, where all the others were buried: I knew him well: He was tall, and thin faced. I think he was growing a moustache:

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Inf:- Pte, J. R. C. White, No 3478,
14th, Australia. 3,
Australian Corps, Depot.

FSH

RRB

14th Battn.
A.I.F.

DUNN.
J.H. L/Cpl. 1872.

"Killed in Action 31-5-18"

About 2 o'clock in the morning of 31st May 1918. Fritz was shelling when a shell lobbed on A.Coy's billet at Allonville. Dunn was killed outright along with 17 others all with the same shell. I was sleeping about 10 feet away from him at the time. He was buried about 10 o'clock the same morning at Allonville Cemetery along with the other 17 comrades. There was a cross with Battalion Colours put on the graves. I have seen his grave several times. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:- 5ft 9. dark complexion, had previously been wounded in the leg

Home address:-

134 Swanston St.

Geelong East.

Victoria. Aust:

Informant:- Connolly, Art. Ernest. 463. 2nd

(reliable and intelligent)

14th Battn. A.I.F. A.C.

1st S.G. Hpl.

Wynhill Section.

BIRMINGHAM.

M.

Theo Hadley.

London.

15-10

-18.

14th Battn.
A.I.F.

J DUNN.
T.H. 1872. L/Cpl.

"Killed in Action ³¹26-5-18"

I saw L/Cpl Dunn killed by a shell on May 31st 1918 at Allonville about 20 kilometres behind the lines about 5 miles out of Amiens. He was buried the same day in the Civilian Cemetery at Allonville. At the time of his death he was in a big barn with a lot of others and there were about 120 casualties and he was one of about 18 who were killed instantly. I knew him very well. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:- About 5ft 10. fair, medium build.

Home address:-

196 Doreas Street,

Informant:- Nelson, T. 3440. L/Cpl.

J. Melburne. (very intelligent and anxious to

Victoria. tell all he knew.)

14th Battn. A.I.F.

Norfolk and Norwich Hpl.

NORWICH.

M.

Margaret Nevill.

London.

15-10-18.

J.E.A.

A.I.F. 14th Battn.

DUNN L/Cpl.
J.R. (Jack) 1872

"Killed 31/5/18."

I heard a shell come over about one o'clock A.M., and Lance Corporal Dunn was struck in his billet with about 18 others who were all killed. They were asleep in a barn and the whole thing collapsed. We left the next day but they were buried in the Church Yard in three graves, at Allonville on the Somme. I have since seen the graves, which are marked with crosses and the Battalion Colours. The ground was held. Death was instantaneous.

Informant:- 1698 L/Cpl. G.H. Cottrell, (Reliable)
14th Battn. A. Coy.
Headquarters,
1st Birmingham War Hospital,
Rednal.

Home address:-
Devon,
22, Liverpool Street,
North Fitzroy,
Melbourne. Aust.

R. Clegg.
London
13.11.18.
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M.

14th Btn.

DUNN, J.H.
Pte. No. 1872

Kld. in act. 31.5.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, well built, dark complexion, about 22 years of age. Casualty was in billets at Allenville. I was in the same billets. An H.E. shell exploded on top of our hut killing Casualty instantly. I was 200 yards away at the time the shell exploded, but I saw his body shortly afterwards. He was buried in the French Military Cemetery at Amiens, and a cross was erected over the grave with his name and unit on it."

Informant:- Lieut. S.J. Huse,

Private address
Stawely,
Victoria.

*Wm
cd 3/11*

T.C.F.
29.11.18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

14th Btn.

Dunn, J. H.
pte. 1872.

Killed in action 31/5/16.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 10 ins. well built, dark complexion, known as "Jack". Casualty was in billets at Allonville. I was billeted at the same place and was about 100 yds. from Casualty. An H.E. shell exploded on the top of his billet killing Casualty instantly and L. A. Downey. He was buried at Allonville and I saw them buried."

Informant:- Pte. H. Clark.
No. 4648, 14th Btn.

Private address:-
Eden Hope, P.O.
Victoria.

T.C.F.
24/1/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

14th Btn.

DUNN, J. H.
Pte. 1872.

E. in act. 31/5/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 9 ins. well built, dark complexion, about 27 years of age, known as "Jack". He was a 2nd Rfots. man of the 29th Btn. and embarked on the "Themistocles". Casualty was lying in a billet at Allonville. I was in the same billets. An H.E. shell exploded in the billets killing Casualty instantly and 45 other men. I was 20 yds. away at the time of his death and I saw his body immediately afterwards. The chief cause of death was concussion. He was buried at Allonville Cemetery and a cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- Pte. E. Garlick,
No. 1514 14th Btn.

Private address:-
High Street,
Yea.

T.C.F.
7/2/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

14th Batta.
A.I.F.

REGIMENTAL REPORT

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DOWNBY L.A. 5764
DUNE L/Cpl. J.H. 1872
GREEN A. 231
KENT H.A. 602
LEIGH C.E. 7522
MADIGAN R. 6126
MILLS J.C. 2491
POWELL G.W. 7588
REDDISH G.V. 4877
SMITH A.E. 7080
WITCOMBE J.C. 6612

On this day we were out of the line and in rest at Allonville, near Amiens 8 miles behind the line. A.Coy. was in a barn (Hennessey's Barns) and I was in it, being a S/B attached to the Coy. About 1-30 a.m. a shell hit the barn roof, bringing in the roof and the heavy timber supports, and killed 30 and wounded 90 of our boys. All those killed outright or who died there were buried in Allonville Cemetery, where a Cross was put up with all the names on it. This report covers all men killed on May 31st including in your book, Fowell, (whose body I saw), Downey, (whose body I saw), and Green, Leigh, Whitcombe, Reddish, (S/B), Smith and Madigan, whose names I recognise.

One report sent to Melbourne Informant. Cooper. F.C. 7458 A.Coy.
London 11-10-18 for group. No.2 Con.Camp, ROUEN. 2-9-18