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3035 Lance Corporal
Volo Vincent Adams
Dingle

13th Battalion



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DINOLE L/Cpl.V.V.A.
3035

2.Aug.12/16

He was killed by a shell in our trenches on the 12th Aug. up close to Mouquet Farm. I saw his body buried in a separate grave just behind the line. He had been sitting in a dugout when suddenly his head fell forward and he never spoke a word. He was killed by shrapnel. He was young, medium height clean shaven and came from Lydcombe N.S.W.

Informant Pto.A.G.Fowler 2374

13th A.I.F. A Co.

formerly with II plin. I.G.S.

Rock Rest Camp

H.M.D.H.

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13th Australian Imperial Force

Dingle, L/Cpl. V.V.A. 3035

(X. Aug. 12/15. Dets D & B)

" I met V.V.A.Dingle's brother at Albert the day after V.V.A.Dingle was killed and he informed me about it. He did not say how it happened. It was rumoured that my Informant was killed the day after I saw him, at least Pte. Porteous of the 13th Battalion said so. V.V.A. belonged to A Coy. "

Eye Witness - No.

Description :- 5' 5" dark, clean shaven.

Informant :- L/Cpl. Peter Spence, 3124,
45th Transferred from 13th A I.F
B Coy.

Home address :- 3rd London Gen. Hospt.
Wandsworth London, S. 3.

C/o Horstmann,
High St. Penriths,
N. S. Wales.

Feb. 9/17.
E.A.Woolmer.

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A.I.F. 13.

MIDDLE L/O.V.V.A. 3035

K. 12.8.16.

He was known as Billy and belonged to A.I.I. He was killed at Pozieres on 12th. Aug. His death was believed to be caused by a dart from an aeroplane. We dug down afterwards and found the dart. Sgt. J. Meek, A.I.I. helped to bury his body. Meek is in England in hospital. Meek himself told me all about the casualty that same day.

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Reference: Pte. O.H. Knight. 3079. A.Co.
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Q. 12.8.16. for 12.8.16.
Written Sg. Meek 1.3.17

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13th Australian Imperial Force

Dingle, I/Cpl. V.V.A. 3035.

(K. Aug. 12/16. Dets D & B).

" I knew V.V.A. Dingle and his brother, they were both in my Company, - A company. I was wounded in the same attack at Mouquet Farm in which Dingle and his brother were killed, but on my return, three weeks later -, I made all enquiries. I learnt they had both been killed by shell, the one (I could not ascertain which) killed instantly, the other lived a very short time. I could not find that they had been buried, but the attack was so long, and we were kept so busy, it may have been impossible. "

Eye Witness - No. Several of his men told him -- ?

Description :-

Informant :- Lieut. B. A. Kele,
13th Aus. Imp Force A Coy.
1 Loreton Gardens, Rospt.
London, E. C. 4.

Home address :-
Hunters Hill,
Sydney.

2/3/17.

A. J. Hancock.

13th A.I.F.

Dingle, L/Cpl.V.V.A. 3035
K-2 A A.Co. 2.Pl.

(K. Aug.12/16)

"I saw V.V.A.Dingle's body after the charge, dead, (evidently killed by a shell) - Later it was buried behind the line. I knew the brothers Dingle quite well. They were in the same hut as himself. This was near Houquet Farm, Pozieres, on August 12/16.

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Rather fair and stout, ("Mugget") and Australian term for stout people.

Informant :- Pte. James Smith. 5177.

13th A.I.F. A.Co.2.Pl.
Edmonton Military Hospital,
Hightingale Ward.

Home address: None, both parents drowned in Lusitania. Brothers killed in the War.

March 9.

F.E.Maconachie

13th Battalion A.I.F.

DINGLE
3035 V.V.A. L/Cpl

Killed in Action. 12-8-16

About the 12th August at Mouquet Farm, Informant saw Dingle's body lying in a little gunpit in our front trench. On making enquiries, Informant was told that Dingle had just before been shot by a sniper and died instantly. Later, he was buried in the ordinary way.

Dingle was of fairly stout build, and medium height, young and of dark complexion.

Reference:-- Bentley Pte. A. 1716

F. Ward

No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

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17.4.17.

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13th Battalion A.I.F.

DINGLE L/Cpl. V.V.A. 3035

Killed in Action 12.8.16.

This Dingle and his brother were in A. Company-- he was a Lance-Corporal, and his brother, a Private at the time, but the brother was made a Corporal just afterwards. The Corporal told me, the morning afterwards, that his brother, the Lance-Corporal, had been killed the previous night. This would be on Pozieres Ridge, in the support line I afterwards saw the Lance-Corporal's grave, just behind the trench in the support lines, with his name on a Cross. The brother Corporal, was I believe, all right up to 29.8.16, when I was wounded.

These brothers were each short, dark-- the Lance-Corporal was the thicker set of the two.

Informant:-- Lieut. R.E. Cole

13th Battalion, A. Co.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK. *S* *Ed* *11*

A careful reliable witness.

H.S.O.
21.6.17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

13th Battalion. A.I.F.

DINGLE, V.V.A.
3035 L-Cpl.

Killed in Action 12/8/16.

I knew 2 men called Dingle in A.Co. 11 Platoon of 13th Battalion. They joined up as 9th or 10th Reinforcements. One was a Cpl. and the other a Lance Corporal. The Lance Corporal was shorter than his brother. The Lance Corporal was in a trench with me near Mouquet Farm; we had been ordered to keep down low in the trench whilst our 9.2 guns were in action. The Lance Corporal was sitting on his haunches with his hands round his knees when a piece of shell ricocheted along the trench killing him outright. His body was taken out and buried near the parados and I helped make the cross for his grave. His brother the Corporal was killed the next time we went into Action right of Mouquet Farm at the end of August. I gave this information at Etaples.

Informant: Rolling, H.N. Pts 4238
13th Battalion. A.Co. 11 Platoon,
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.
A reliable witness.

H.S.O.
18/10/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

13th Battalion A.I.F.
A. Company.

DINGLE L/Cpl.B.F.A. 3035

Killed in Action 12.8.16.

I knew Dingle and his brother. He was the elder of the two. He was killed during our first time in -- just over the ridge from Pozieres. It was in the daytime of 12th August. We were in supports at the time and a shell came over. He came from Lidcombe, was short and nuggety, and had a pleasant face. We gave him a burial and made a decent little grave with a Cross over it.

Informant:-- Woodhead, Pte. S. 3143
13th Battalion A.I.F., A. Coy.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

H.S.N.
7.6.17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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