

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2365 Private
Alfred Douglas Erwin

18th Battalion



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18th A.I.F.

Erwin A.D., 2365.

(". Aug. 5th 1916)

Informant states that one of his chums at the Somme (he cannot remember his chum's name) told him that P.R. Erickson (2364) and Erwin were killed at the same time. They were close together.

Reference: A.F. Master 2431,
18th A.I.F.,
1st Southern General Hospt.,
Birmingham.

Home address:
65 Lillian Road,
Barnes.

Oct. 5th 1916,
A. Green.

18th A. I. F.

Erwin, A. D. 2365
C.Co.

(M. Aug. 5/16)

"I saw this man killed by a shell."

Reference:- Pte. G. B. Hawke, 2525
18th A.I.F. D.Co. XV Pl.
2nd Southern General Hospital,
Southmead,
Bristol.

Home address:
Grahamstown, Gundagia.
N.S.W. Australia.

Nov. 19.
T. F. Rogers

18th Batt.

C. Co.,
A.I.F.,

A.D.

ERWIN

2365

"Missing: Aug. 6/16"

I saw him killed at the same time as Erickson 2364, 18th Batt. by a
shell at Pozieres. We buried him next to Erickson and we put a
cross on his grave. Was called ~~Si~~oy?

Reference:- 2325 G.D.H. Wk,
18th Batt. C. Co. A.I.F.,
Bartford,
26.2.17.

London
6.3.17.
C.E.E.

S.

A.I.F. 18th Btn

ERWIN
a.D. 2365.

"Missing 5-8-16"

Killed in Action 5-8-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 28-4-17

S.

London
1-4-17.

18th Battalion.

ERWIN. 2365. A.D. Pte.

"Killed in Action 5.8.16".

I knew Erwin, whose nickname was "Tib". We went away from Australia together. I think he was in "B" Coy. A shell burst in the Black Watch Trench near Pozieres - the same shell that killed Erickson and 5 others, killed Erwin outright. The shell dropped right on top of them, and killed them all instantly. That was early in August 1916. We buried Erwin with Erickson, just at the rear of the trench. He was a really good chap. He stood about 5ft 4" and was about 20 years old.

Informant :- 2525, HAWKES, G.B.,
18th Battalion, "D" Company.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

B.M.
26/9/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

*True cause
June 1917. S*