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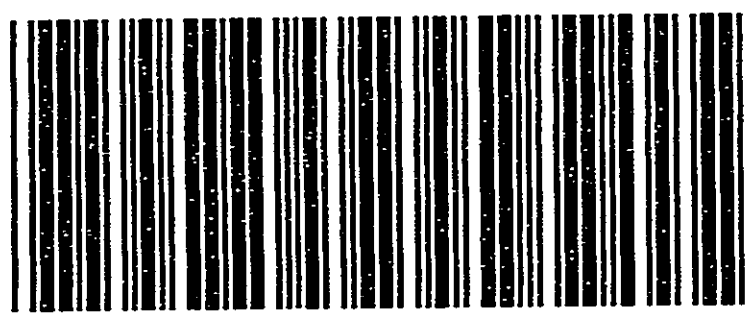
3848 Gunner
John Vincent Fanning

2nd Field Artillery Brigade



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FANNING.
J.V. 3848(H.Q.)
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"Died of Wounds".

Died of Wounds 30-5-18, at 54th General Hpl. Boulogne.

Buried at Wimmereaux Military Cemetery. Grave No2710.
Cert: by A.I.F.Hors 17-6-18.

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FANNING
J.V. 3848.

6th DAC "Died of Wounds 30.3.18."

With reference to your letter on reverse, I attach heretc your original enquiry. I regret this was omitted from my letter on the 13th instant.

Letter from:- O.C.
No.54(London) General Hospital
R.A.M.C. (T)

London
2.12.18.
J.E.A.

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A.I.F. 2nd F.A.B. 6B5

FANNING
J.V. 3848.

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"Died of Wounds 30.8.18."

In reply to your enquiry on reverse, I beg to inform you that the soldier in question was admitted "Gassed" to a Field Ambulance on the 21st March 1918, passed through No.4. Casualty Clearing Station and admitted to his Hospital on the 23rd March 1918. He was in a very bad state on admission and was burnt severely by gas. Everything possible was done for him, but his condition gradually became more serious and he died at 7.30 p.m., on the 30th March 1918. He was buried on the 1st April 1918 at Wimereux Cemetery, the grave number being 2710.

Letter from:- O.C.
54, General Hospital.

London
2.12.18.

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A.I.F. 2nd F.A.B. FANNING
6th Battery. J.V. 3842.
late D.A.C. "Died of Wounds 30.3.18."

I have your letter of the 26th asking for details of death and burial of Pte. J.V. Fanning, 3842, 2nd F.A.B. late 1st D.A.C. His name in the Hospital Lists is J.V. Fanning, and his number should be 3848 (not 3842). He was admitted into Hospital on the 23rd March 1918, from the 44th Casualty Clearing Station, and he died on the 30th March 1918, from Gas. He was buried on the 1st April at Wimmereux Cemetery and his grave number is No.2710. The O.C. of 54 General Hospital wrote to the Secretary, Australian Red Cross on the 13th November giving full particulars.

Letter from:- H. Shannon,
Aust. Red Cross,
A.P.O. 3.
B.E.F.France.

London
3.1.19.

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Name.	Number and Unit.	Inquiry and Remarks.
Fanning Gnr. J.V.	3848 - 2nd F.A.B. late 1st D.A.C.	D. of W. gas 30/3/18, 54th General Hos. Mrs. Maguire GOODNA Q

O.C. Draft April 23

The O.C.

54th General Hospital

B.27.

No 3848 Pte J. V. Fanning

6th Bty A.F.A.

died of wds 30. 3. 18.

MURPHY,
Matthew Thomas 3100

7/59th Batta.
A.I.F.

"WHEREABOUTS"

Well in France 5.3.18.
Cert. by A.A.P. Hqrs 22.4.18.

London.
22.4.18.

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TO Australian Red Cross
36 Grosvenor Place / In SW

Information wanted regarding 3848 Gunner I. V. Fanning 6th Battery Australian Field Artillery reported gassed

Lady Dunrose Glasgow

Lady Primrose,
Redholme,
Dumbreck,
Glasgow.

21st January 1919

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry about 3848 Gnr. J. V. Fanning, 2nd F.A.B., we beg to forward the following report received from one of our searchers in France. It says:-

"Pte Fanning was admitted into 54th General Hospital on the 23rd March 1918, from the 44th Casualty Clearing Station, and he died on the 30th March 1918, from Gas. He was buried on the 1st. April at Wimmereux Cemetery and his grave number is No. 2710."

Hoping these particulars may be of some comfort to you and with sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

December 31st, 1918.

Lady Primrose.
Redholme.
Dumbreck.
Glasgow.

Dear Madam.

In further reply to your enquiry regarding 3848 Gnr. J.V.FANNING. 2nd Fld. Art. Bde. A.I.F. who died on 30.3.18, we beg to inform you of the following report received from the O.C. of the 54th General Hospital, where Gunner Fanning died. "In reply to your enquiry I beg to inform you that Gnr. Fanning was admitted "Gassed" to a Field Ambulance on the 21st March 1918, passed through No 4 Casualty Clearing Station and admitted to this hospital on the 23rd March 1918. He was in a very bad state on admission and was burnt severely by gas. Everything possible was done for him, but his condition gradually became more serious and he died at 7.30 p.m. on the 30th March1918. He was buried on the 1st April 1918, at Wimereux Cemetery the grave number being 2710."

We are pursuing our enquiries and if further details come to hand we will at once advise you. Once more assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) E. B. McK.

Secretary.

3848 (cd)
J. V. Fanning 6 Bty
27. A. B.
D/W. 30.3.18
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AUSTRALIAN BRANCH. BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
THE COMMISSIONER
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
B.R.C.S.,
A.P.O. 3, B.E.F.

HOTEL CHRISTOL,
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER.

Australian Red Cross
A P O 3
B E F France
Dec 29th 1918

Dear Miss Deakin

I have your letter of the 26th asking for Details of Death & Burial Pte J V Fanning 3842 2nd F.A.B. Lt
His name in the Hospital Records is J V Fanning and his number should be 3848. (not 3842) He was admitted into Hospital on 23.3.18. from the 44. C.C.S. and he died on the 30th 3.18. from Gas - He was Buried on the 1st April at Wimmereux Cemetery and His Grave number is No-2710.
The OC of 54 General Hospital wrote to the Sec Australian Red Cross on the 13th November giving full particulars

Yours Sincerely

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No. 54
(LONDON) GENERAL
HOSPITAL, R.A.M.C. (T.)
No. 681

From :- O.C. 54 General Hospital.
To :- The Secretary, Australian Red X Society,
London.S.W. (1)

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In reply to your enquiry on reverse, I beg to inform you that the soldier in question was admitted "Gassed" to a Field Ambulance on 21/3/18, passed through No.4 C.C.S. and admitted to this Hospital on 23/3/18. He was in a very bad state on admission and was burnt severely by gas.

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Yours faithfully,

J. A. Willett
Capt.RAMC.T.
Registrar.
54 General Hospital.

3848.
J.K. Fanning
2 N.A.B.
D of W. 30.8.18.
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13/11/18.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8576 8577 8578

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SECRETARY."
WOUNDED AND MISSING
— ENQUIRY BUREAU —
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE.
LONDON S.W. 1.

No. 64 (LONDON) GENERAL HOSPITAL, R.A.M.C.
No. 681

8.11-18.

To the O.C.
54th General Hospital.
B.E.F.

38-18 Gnr. J. V. Fanning (2. F.A. Bde. 6th Battery: A.I.F.
(att. 1st D.A.C.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 30-3-18. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

Secretary.

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36, GROSVENOR PLACE
(NEAR VICTORIA STATION),
LONDON, S.W. 1.

The Registrar,
54th General Hospital,
B.E.F.

November 20th, 1918.

Dear Sir.

The enclosed letter reached us without our enquiry letter attached, and we much regret that, as all our filing is done under the name of the soldier enquired about, we are unable to trace This enquiry.

Would it be possible for you to find out the name through your reference number?

With apologies for troubling you a second time.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) V. Deakin

SECRETARY.

per W.O.S.

3848.
J. b. Fanning
2. F.A.B.
D of W. 30.3.18.
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From:- C.C. No: 54 General Hospital.

To:- The Secretary, Australian Red XX Society,
36 Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

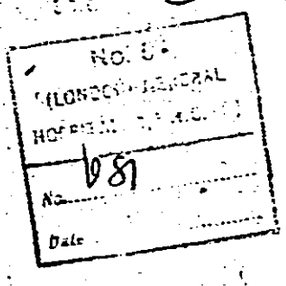
With reference to your letter on reverse. I attach hereto your original enquiry.

I regret this was omitted from my letter on 13inst:

J.E.R. J. A. Wilcott

Capt: R.A.M.C.T.
Registrar.

25/11/18.



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SECRETARY.

W.S.

OC Draft 8-11-18.

OC.

54. General Hospital
B.E.F.

3848 Pte. J.V. Fanning.
12 Field Artillery ~~Battery~~ Brigade
B.E.F.

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30-3-18.

HOSPITAL Horton War Hospital Epsom

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Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Ran
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NOTE. In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

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Reports should always be written very clearly in ink, or typewritten.

TELEPHONE: 1BROX 574.

REDHOLME,
DUMBRECK,
GLASGOW.

21st.June. 1918.

Dear Miss Deakin,

Very many thanks for your letter of the 20th. inst. I have sent it on the Fiancee of the late Gunner J.V.Fanning, 3845. A.F.A. & I know that she will be most grateful of any further particulars.

Again thanking you for your kind thoughtfulness in this case.

Yours very faithfully

Muriel Symons

20th June, 1918.

Lady Primrose,
Redholme,
Dumbreck,
Glasgow.

Dear Madam,

We beg to inform you that we are certified by A.I.F. Head Quarters that 3848 (not 3842) Gunner J.V.Fanning, 6th Infantry Battalion, A.F.A. died of wounds on March 30th at the 54th General Hospital B.E.F. and was buried at Wimereux Military Cemetery, grave No. 2710. We wrote to the O.C. of the Hospital for particulars of his death and burial on April 25rd but have received no answer.

We are now writing to the Chaplain, and hope we may be more successful, when we will at once inform you of any particulars we may receive.

Yours faithfully,
(Miss)
Secretary.

F. S. G.

O.C. Draft. 19.6.18.

The Chaplain
54th General Hospital. B.E.F.

3848 (late 3842) Gunner J.V. Fanning.
6th Battery A.F.A.

D. of W. 30.3.18.

AUSTRALIAN SECTION.

45th Battalion A.I.F.—contd.

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*Dawson, H. C. 2720.
Fearish, J. T. 3580.
Fernandez, J. 1789.
Hawkins, A. C. 4794.
Lee, W. 2447.
McDonnell, W. H. 4[illegible]
McLean, Lieut. J. L.
Martin, R. W. 1655.
Morrison, G. H. 166[illegible]
*Myles, J. K. 2875.
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Parkes, S. 2220.
Pearce, W. 3112.
Pearson, L. 1750.
*Phillips, F. J. 1036.
*Post, J. F. 3428.
*Robbie, N. W. T. 24[illegible]
Power, W. E. 3884.
Robin, F. 3436.
Schwebel, H. J. 2984
*Seers, G. E. J. 3225.
Smith, E. J. 2828.
*Terras, Lieut. J. S.
Thelan, W. F. 2735.
Thorp, F. J. 2246.
*Wade, M.M. V.C.
Walker, A. 2255.
Walsh, L. A. 3468.
Warren, E. E. 5207.
Webber, G. J. 2745.
*Wells, A. D. 4328.

Lady Primrose,
Redholme,
Dumbreck,
GLASGOW.

24th April, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We write in confirmation of our wire of April 23rd to the effect that - 3848 Gnr. J.V. FANNING, 6th Battery, A.F.A.- died of wounds at the 54th General Hospital, B.E.F. on 30-3-18.

We have written to the O.C. for full details of his death and burial and as soon as further information is received we shall advise you.

Regretting that this news is so distressing.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) LAW

SECRETARY.

TELEPHONE:
IBROX 574.

REDHOLME,
DUMBRECK,
GLASGOW.

26th. April. 1918.

'Australian Branch:British Red Cross Society.'

The Secretary.

Dear Madam,

I have to thank you very much for your letter,& telegram re. 3848.Gnr.J.V.Fanning.6th.Battery.A.F.A.& shall be glad to hear further whenever that is possible. The Young Lady to whom he was engaged to be married lives in this locality so I shall be glad to be able to tell her any details that she may wish.

Thanking you again for your trouble in this case

Yours faithfully

Muriel Primrose.

Miss Vera Deakin.