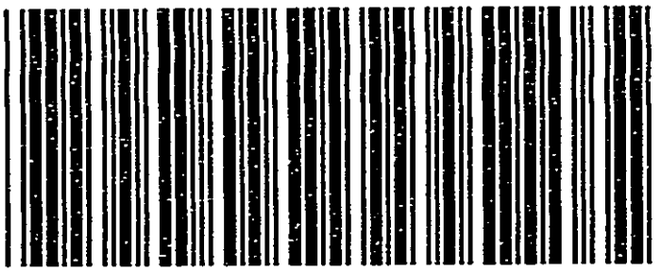
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4330 Private
Matthew Harry Fawcett

2nd Pioneer Battalion



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Havre. 13th. August. 1918.

2nd. Australian Pioneers. Fawcett, H. H. 4330.

D/W. June. 13/1918. Dets., D/B.

I knew a Fawcett in A. Coy; 13th. reinforcement; arrived sometime in April 1918; medium height, fairly dark, clean-shaven, married. I think had a family. He was in a dug out behind mine at Heeley on the 13th. June. A shell dropped in his dug out about 4. a.m. he was buried with it. I helped to dig him out & found him badly wounded. He was carried away & I heard he died of wounds. I think he was buried at the Military Cemetery at Heeley but have not seen the Grave.

N.W.

Inf:- L. E. Davison. 2204.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

M
P

WHB.

CP.

Havre 14th August 1918.

Australian Pioneers 8. Fawcett M.H. 4330.

D/# 13th June 1918. Dot D/B.

I know him not too well, he had only been with us for a month. He came from Bunbury and had been a plumber. He was about 45, greyish hair. On the 13th June we were at Heilly. Fawcett and another were asleep in their dugout when a shell hit it. Fawcett was very badly hit. I bandaged him up and helped take him to the D/Station at Heilly. He was afterwards died while being taken to Queenca, and is buried in the Cemetery there.

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Inf:- Cpl B..Thorpe No. 817.
Aust. Pioneers. 2. A.
Australian Cont. Depot.
Rouelles.

N.W.

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CWSG

2nd Pioneer Battn.
A.I.F.

FAWCETT
M.H. 4330

"Died of Wounds 13-6-18"

About this date he was in his dug-out outside Heilly, shell landed on the spot. I saw it happen. He waswounded in body, was unconscious, only said he was cold, and felt better when they put a blanket over him. He was taken to 6th Fld.Amb. dressing station and died in ambulance going to C.C.S. I know nothing of burial. Knew him as Fawc, he had just joined up, married man, was a Victorian, but had been living in W.Australia.

Informant. Hills. Pte.W.H. 3544
2nd Pioneer Battn.,
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London
23-8-18
N.W.

P. & M.

2nd Pioneers.
A.I.F.

FAWCETT.
M.H. 4330.

"Died of Wounds June"

Died at 5th Fld Amb 13-6-18.
Cert: by Hpl Index and A.I.F.Hqrs 12-7-16.

London.
12-7-18.

P

2nd Aust.Pioneers.

FAWCETT.
M.H. 4330.

"Died of Wounds 13-6-18"

Re I have to advise you that the above named soldier died at this Dressing Station on 13th June 1918 with Shell Wounds face, foot, R.Thigh and Frac.L.Thigh (pen.Abdomen)
He was buried at Querrieu Military Cemetery, near Amiens.

Letter from:- O.C.
5th A.Fld Amb.
B.E.F.

London.
8-8-18.
J.E.A.

M

O.C. Draft

O.C.

49th Battn.
A.I.F.

CAVERS. Cpl. F.
1745.

"Killed 6.4.18."

I saw Cavers who was in my D.Coy. hit by machine gun bullet a little before 6 o'clock in the evening at Dernancourt. He was just in front of me (He was in platoon XV). We were just going over at the time. I believe he was conscious because I heard him calling out for S/B's. We couldn't get out till after dark to the wounded as the shelling was terrific- all the S/B's except one were killed. I saw Cavers body about 8 o'clock. I am sure it was him. I knew him very well. He was a stout guggety chap, about 5ft.10 and 12 or 13 Stone Weight, dark complexion, had a shell wound mark on one of his cheeks - he was a boxer and a popular chap in the Coy. There was a burial party put on but I dont know anything about the burial, I was attending to the wounded.

London.
7.6.18.
H.G.

H.E.H.

Informant:- Shaw. Pte. G.H. 3237.
49th Batt. D.Coy. XIV.
SUTTON VENY.

P.I.

4330
M.H. Fawcett
2 Pioneers
DofW 13-6-18
F.A.M.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

To Secretary,
Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau,
Australian Red Cross Society,
36, Grosvenor Place,
LONDON, S.W., 1.

4330 Pte. M.H.FAWCETT - 2nd Aus Pioneers.

Reference to your letter of 15th ulto. I have to advise that the abovenamed soldier died at this Dressing Station on 13th June 1918 with Shell Wounds face, foot, R.Thigh and Frac. L.Thigh (pen. Abdomen).

He was buried at QUERRIEU Military Cemetery, near AMIENS.

Lt. Col.
2/8/1918. O/c 5th. Australian Fld. Amblce.

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To

Pt Trivoroper B.
2nd Pioneer Battn
A.I.F.

Absent

4330 Pt. M.H. Fawcett
2nd Pioneer Battn
A.I.F.

D/W June 13/18

Written 8.8.18

WWF.

ot Cpl. I. F.

all } S. Smith S. Smith No. 3.1.19

of Casualty as in list Killed Mard 4/18 Dec 7/18

Date

March 4th 1918

defending the line ~~the above~~ S. Smith C

as stated to Lieut Hicks. 34/C

The above officer Cowd

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6 AUG 1918
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

address. Was it light or dark at the time ?

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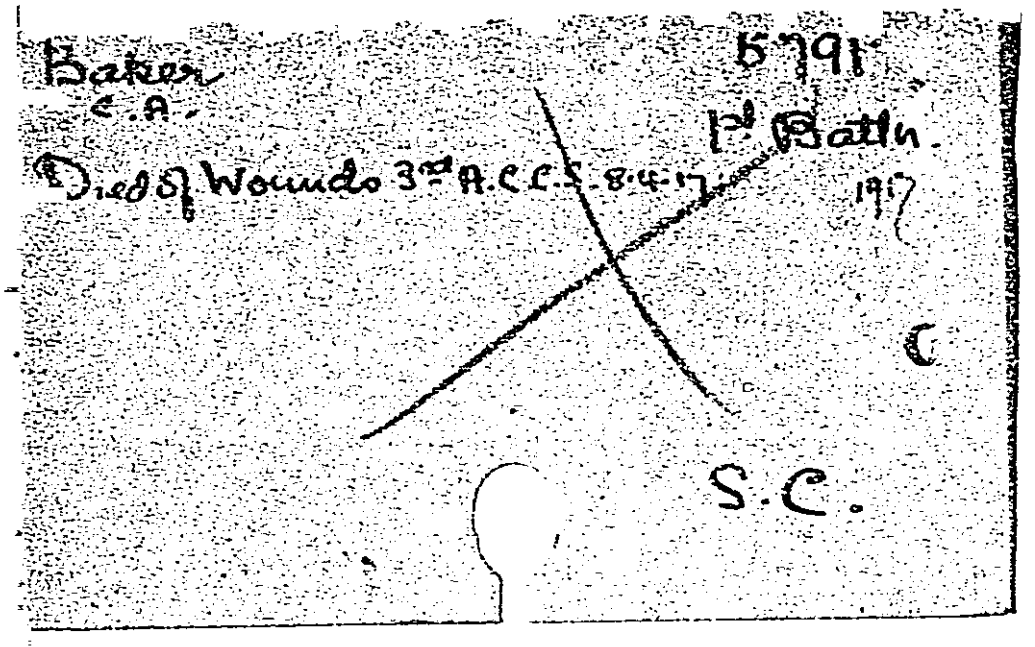
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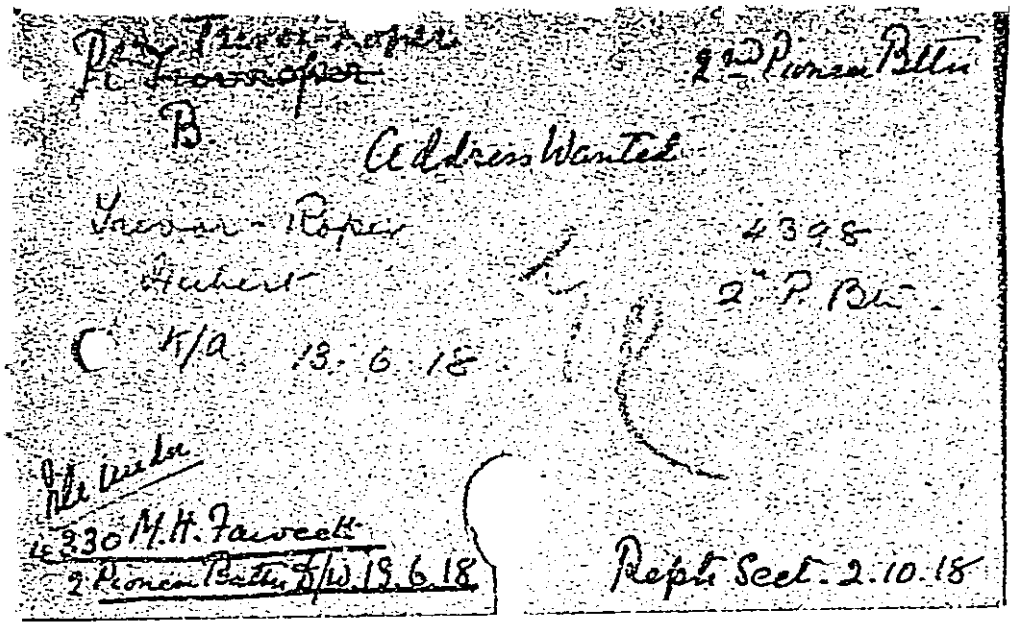
Informant's full Name and No. Sergt. Brondbent Joseph 1957

Regiment 34/C. A.I.F.

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2nd Pioneer Bttn
Repts Sect. 2.10.18

2nd Pioneer Battn.
A.I.F.

FAWCETT
M.H. 4330

"Died of Wounds 13-6-18"

He was in A.Coy., and I saw him wounded at Heilly, when he was hit by a H.E. shell and badly knocked on the body. He lived about one hour and was conscious for most of that hour. He was in a dug-out at the time, in company with a Pte.B.Trivoroper and casualty happened early in the morning. I knew him fairly well, and he came from Western Australia, being a plumber in civil life. He was buried in a Cemetery at Heilly. The grave was marked by a Cross bearing full details.

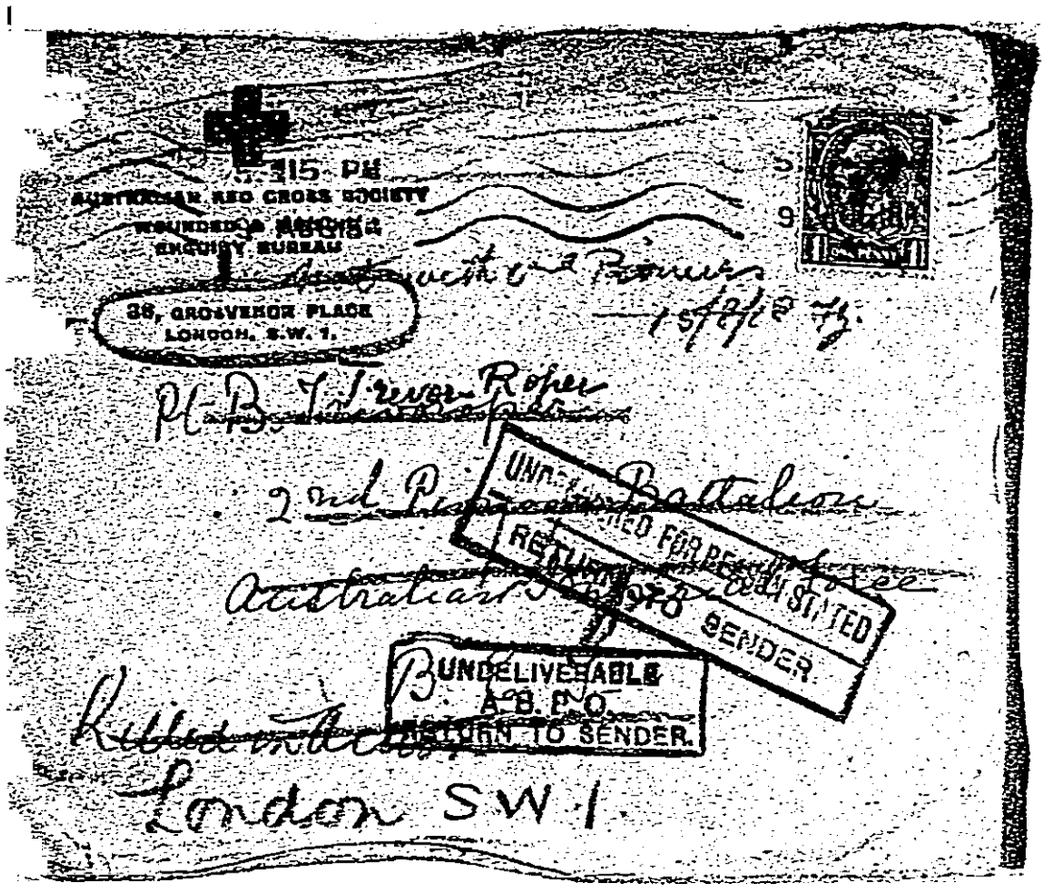
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A.Coy. 2nd Pioneer Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

Note:- Trevor-Roper
Written ~~Trivoroper~~ 8-8-18
Letter returned marked 'not with unit'

W.Cman
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36, GROSVENOR PLACE.
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8.8.18

Pte. B. Trevor Roper
2nd Pioneer Battn
A.I.F

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

432 - Pte M.H. Fawcett - 2nd Pioneer Battn A.I.F. -
Who is reported died of wounds - June 13/18

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

per W.R.F.