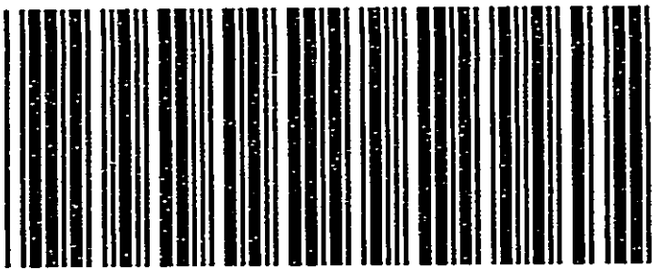
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4775 Private
Albert Ernest Fawcett

5th Pioneer Battalion



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5th Pioneer Battn.
E. Coy.
A.I.F.

PAWCETT.
A.E. 4775.

"Died of Wounds 1.10.17."

I did not see the casualty, and I cannot refer to anyone for actual details, but I saw his grave in the cemetery at Dickebusche, which was marked with a cross bearing his number name and unit. It appears that he was caught by an aerial bomb at Popperinge, and was very seriously wounded. He was taken away to the dressing station in an unconscious condition, where he died soon after admission. Casualty happened at night time.

Informant:- Pte. L.P. Fleming, 3103 A.
5th Pioneer Battn.
3 A.A.H.
Dartford.

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London.
3.2.18.

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AUST PIONEERS. 5. FAWCETT, A.E. 4775.

D/W Oct 1st 1917. Dets.

I knew a man called Fawcett who was in the same section and platoon as myself and he was the only man called Fawcett in the 5th Pioneers. He comes from Sydney. He was about 5ft 6, inclined to be dark, with hair turning grey and a little over 40. He used to have a moustache but shaved it off afterwards. I heard he had been very dangerously wounded by a bomb about the 1st Oct on the Menin Road near Hell Fire Corner. I was told by Pte Wm Bell and Pte Joe Allingham who were mates of Fawcett's and who ~~were~~ were in his section, that they had seen his body laid out for burial. Fawcett was I believe, buried alongside of the D/S. I have seen his grave and it has a cross over it.

Inf: Pte F.Nelson. 1909. 6 section. VI pltn.
No. 3 Can Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 29.1.18. AGL

letter returned from Allingham marked "Hospital" Duplicate #1. 20.3.18.
Written Pte Bell & Allingham 20.2.18.

5th Pioneers.
A.I.F.

FAWCETT,
A.E. 4775

"Died of Wounds 1.10.17."

Fawcett was wounded back from Ypres, in his billets and taken to C.C.S. at Dickebusche and is buried at the cemetery at Dickebusche.

Informant:- J.R.Spencer, 2938
5th Pioneers,
Hut 21,
Westham.

W.A.Rend.

London.
5.3.18.

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5th Pion.Battn.
late 1st Battn.
A.I.F.

Fawcett.
A.E 4775

"Died of Wounds 1.10.17"

Re No.4775 Pte.A.E.Fawcett. I knew Pte.Fawcett, both of us were in the same section, he was wounded on Sunday evening Sept.30th by a bomb, during an air raid over our camp and died next morning in hospital near Dickebusch and was buried in a military cemetery just behind the hospital. We erected a cross to his memory before leaving that front. I don't know the number of the grave but G.R.U. could supply that information. He was a thick set man of about 5'6" dark hair and moustache, turned grey, age about 38 but looked older, he has lived in Paddington and Leichhardt Sydney, also spent some time gold mining in West Australia.

Letter from:- Pte.W.Bell
5th Pion.Battn.
France 27.2.18.

London.
13.3.18.

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No. 3 18

Pte WM. BELL

Pte ~~JOE~~ ALLINGHAM

Later returned
to Aus. Pioneers

A. I. F.

Abroad

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4775

Pte A. E. FAWCETT

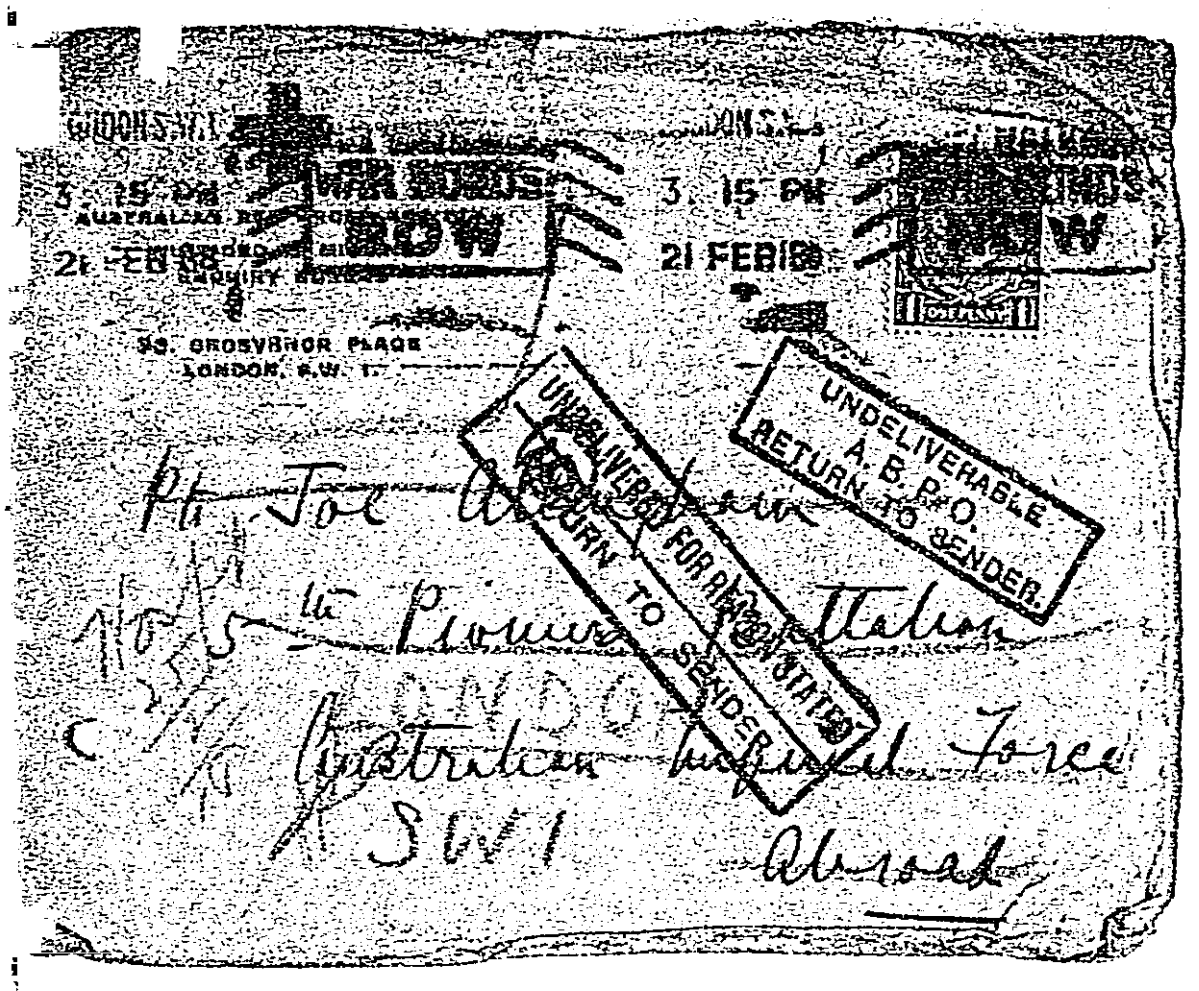
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D/W. 1.10.17.

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

Addr. 8.3.18 4775 A.E. FAWCETT 5 Pioneer Batt. D/W 1-10-17 S France

27-2-18

See W & M. Enq. Bureau

Dear Madam

Your letter of the 21st inst. received, asking for information concerning No. 4775 Pte A. E. Fawcett. 5th Pioneer Batt. died of wounds 1-10-17

I Knew Pte Fawcett, both of us were in the same section, he was wounded on Sunday evening (Sept 30th) by a bomb, during an air raid over the camp & died next morning in hospital near Wieltebusch (Belgium) & was buried in a military cemetery just behind the hospital, we erected a cross to his memory before leaving that front, I dont Know the number of the grave but "Graves registeration" could supply that information.

He was a thick set man of about 5ft 6 ins, dark hair & moustache, turned grey

age about 38 but looked older. He has lived in Paddington & Leichhardt Sydney, also spent some time gold mining in West Australia //

Hoping this information will be of some value to you & your enquiries

Yours faithfully
Pte W. Bell
5th Pioneer Batt
A.I.F

21. 2. 18.

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Pte. Joe Allingham
5th Pioneers Batln. A.I.F.
Abroad

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit

4775 Pte. A. E. Fawcett 5th Pioneers A.I.F.
D/W. 1-10-17

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 Pte. A. E. Fawcett but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldier's 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.

Yours faithfully,

No trace A.I.W. 20.3.18

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY.

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identificationof the soldier about whom you are writing.