Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3805 Private
Cecil Fawcett

30th Battalion



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A.I.F. 30. FAWCETT, C. 3805.

K. June 17th 1918.

I didn't see L/Cpl.Cecil Fawcett killed instantly by m.g.bullets near Morlancourt about midnight whilst on patrol but I was in the front line and saw the dead body being carried in shortly after by S/B Wyatt and another S/B and I saw Fawcett buried on the following day just behind the support lines.

L/Cpl.Fawcett (we used to call him Cec so I think his name was Cecil) was in B.VII or VIII, was dark, of medium build, about 22 to 3 years.

Inf: Pte.H.C.Hughes. 3379. B.V.
No. 3 Agst.Gen.Hosp.
ABBEVILLE. 20.10.18. HHH

Witness Wyatt
31.10.18

Havre. 25th. October. 1918.

30th. Australians. Fawcett, C. 3805.

K. June. 17/1918. Deta. D/B.

I know L/Corporal Cecil Fawcett. B. 7. I saw his body before it was buried in our front line about 500 yards to the left of the Corbie/Bray Road near Morlancourt on the high ground. He was killed accidently while covering a wiring party. Private. H. Wakeling. B. 7. was killed at the same time and would be buried with Fawcett.

Inf:- Private. R. J. Thompson. 554.
30th. Australians. B. 7.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM. CP.

Havre 4th November 1918.

Australiens. 30. Fawcett C. 3805.

K. 17th June 1918. Det D/B.

He was in B. Coy. He was about 5 feet 10, slim, dark, about 30 years old. The Battn was holding the line at Warlincourt on the Somme front, when Fawcett was killed by a bullet, I was a S/B at the time, and we buried him just behind the front line, about 2000 yards East of Warlincourt. I put up a cross myself. He was buried with another man called Wakeling.

Inf:- Pte E. Lenoir No. 456.
A.I.F. 30. B.
Havre Hospital.

AGH.

PP.

Havre 15th Novr 1918.

Australians. 30. Fawcett C. 3805.

K. 17th June 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well. He came over in the 9th Reinforcement to the 30th, sailing from Sydney on the 24th August 1916 in the 'Anchises'. An uncle of his called Bright, lives at Grafton, Clarence River. He was about 23, medium build. About the 17th June at Morlancourt we were holding the line. At night Fawcett went out with a wiring party when he was hit by a bullet and killed right out. He is buried in the open, about 200 yards off the left hand side of the road as you go from Braye to Corbei.

Inf:- Pte J.F.Spencer No. 3878.
A.I.F. 30. A. III.
Austra. Conv. Depot.

CWSG.

C. S. W.

PP.

30th Battn
A.I.F.

FAWCETT, C
L/Cpl.3805

"KILLED 17-6-18"

He was killed in action by enemy Machine Gun fire on Monday night the 17th June whilst out in No Mans Land. He came over with the 9th Reinforcements of this Battalion leaving Australia on the 24th August 1916 on the "Anchises" A.68 and the Officer in Charge was Lieut. Robinson who is still attached to the Battn. He was a man of medium build with dark complexion. The tip of one thumb was missing and had been caused by an accident in Australia prior to enlisting.

He was tendered as decent a Burial as it was possible at the time - Sgt. Estell being one of the Party. A Service was read over his grave and a Cross bearing his No., Name, Rank, and Date of Death on it. He was buried just behind the Support Lines at Morlancourt whilst the rest of his Company was still in the front line on the Bray-Corbie Road, Morlincourt Sector. He was therefore buried in the field.

He was about 5ft 7 or 8' in height and about 26 years of age I should think. He was of a very aimable disposition, and was both liked and esteemed by one and all, and we all had a good word for poor "Ces" as he was known to us all by that name.

30th Battn.
A.I.F.

FAWCETT.
L/CPL. C.3805

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Hoping the above description will be the means of identification to his relatives, and one and all of his mates join me in extending to hisparents and relatives our deepest sympathy in their late sad bereavement and irreparable loss.

Letter from - Whyatt.Pte.A. 2773 S/B
30th Battn. B.Coy.
France - 7-11-18

London
22-11-18
H.G.

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30th Battalion, A.I.F. Fawcett C. Pte. No. 3805.

"Killed In Action, 17/6/18."

Informant described Fawcett as about 5 feet 6 inches high, medium in build, aged about 21. He was a Lance-Corporal when killed.

Informant states that they both belonged to "B" Company, No. 7 Platoon. On the 14/6/18, the Battalion went into the front line at Morlancourt and held it till the night of the 16th. On that night a party of half a dozen including Informant and Fawcett, was sent out as a covering party to a wiring party. Fawcett was in charge. The covering party came across a German patrol who approached them without being noticed till they were right on them. The Germans threw a bomb amongst the party, as a result of which, Fawcett and another member of the party were killed outright, and Informant wounded. Informant was alongside Fawcett and fell with him. When Informant was brought in, he was told that Fawcett was dead. He was told by one of the chaps that came to the Clearing Station next day, that some of their mates had buried Fawcett but did not say where.

According to Informant, Fawcett was a very well liked chap.

Informant - Private C. Crosby, No. 2037,
"B" Company, 30th Battalion.
Home Address - Woodstock Street,
Mayfield, Newcastle.

W.E.C.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
SYDNEY.
31/2/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

The Secretary 3805 C. Fawcett
Australian Red Cross Society 30 Bn France 7/11/18
Rec'd 17.5.18

Dear Madam

In reply to yours of the 31/5/18 re enquiries concerning the late Lieut C. Fawcett of this Battalion I am enclosing the following particulars:-

Lieut and Qr C. Fawcett No 3805
of 7th Platoon B Coy 30th Battn

He was killed in action by Enemy Machine gun fire on Monday night the 17th of June whilst out in no mans land. He came over with the 9th Reinforcements of this Battalion leaving Australia on the 24th August 1916 on the Anchises A.68. & the O/C in charge was Lieut Robinson who is still attached to the Battalion. He was a man of medium Build with dark complexion & tip of one thumb was missing & had been caused by an accident in Australia prior to enlisting. He was rendered as decent a Burial as it was possible at the time. Sgt Estell being one of the Party. A Service was read over his grave & a cross bearing his No Name rank & date of death on it. He was buried just behind the Support Lines at Hooleincourt which the rest of his company was still in

The first line on the Brayford Monument
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by one + all + we all had a good word for
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name. Hoping the above description will be
the means of identification to his relatives +
one + all of his mates join me in extending
to his parents + relatives our Deepest Sympathy
in their late sad bereavement + irreparable
loss.

Believe me to be
Yours Truly

2743 Pte J. Whyatt. C.
S. Beau
B. Coy
30th Batt
A. I. F.

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Pte Wyatt

S/B!

30 Battn

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3805 ~~Pte~~ C. Fawcett

30 Battn

a.1.7

K June 17/18

Written 31.10.18

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FRONT B-E-F

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ank	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Casualty.
Pte	26 A.I.F			K. Sept 2/16 Dat 9/13

BY

ank	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Home Address.
Pte	[illegible]	B		Wm Ryan C/o Scots Hotel Winton Queensland

F INFORMANT in first person).

s killed by machine-gun at Peronne on Sept 2/16, in the left of the 1st C. Coy Sqdn.

B5 P.1.

ER THE FOLLOWING :—

t, give name, number, etc., of the man who told him.

rmant says a man was killed, death instantaneous, and was body buried, and if so where?

Instantaneous Cannot say, as it was not safe to go out to bury, but was carried away

here any other man of same in Co. or Battalion?

No

ft, clean shaven 8.35 [illegible] years

Signature of Searcher Lieut. L. Lord

Date of Report Oct 18/16

Mrs Mary Fawcett
Byron Bay
N.S.W.

22.10.18

Pte 3805 Pte C. Fawcett
20th Batt A.I.F.
R.M.C. 14.6.18
Australian Imperial Force

P.S. asking for papers
A.I.F. 1st Div Department
Defence Department
Melbourne

A. I. F.
24th Reinforcements
10th Infantry Battalion.

Lowson, Private
Walter John. No 7263.

"Dangerously Wounded"
Notification received 25-3-15.

Report nature wounds, progress and location.

Mentioned in our L C C cable dated May 10th 1918

10th May 1918.

ADELAIDE ENQUIRY.

To the Officer in Charge
Australian Red Cross
Victoria Street
Westminster
London. S.W.

Ans 22.10.18

Dear Sir

Would you kindly enquire for & forward to me any particulars available & personal belongings of my son
No 3805 Lieut Clegg Fawcett B Company
30th Batt Australian Imperial Force who was killed in action in France on June 14 1918. Your kindness in doing so will be very much appreciated by a
Mother
Thanking you in anticipation
Yours &c

Mrs Mary Fawcett
Byron Bay
N. S. Wales
Australia

8/8/18

Nov. 27.

Australian Draft.

Mrs. M. Fawcett.
Byron Bay.
New South Wales.

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regarding her son.

3805. Pte C. FAWCETT. 30th Bttn. AIF.

K. in A. 17.6.18.

P.S. Advised her to apply to Kit Store Defence Depart. Melbourne regarding his personal effects.

*Upton, A. H. 3548.	K. Aug. 23/18. Det.D./B.
*Whatling, A. W. 1457.	K. May 9/18. Det.D./B.

3rd BATTALION A.I.F.

*Amoles, A. S. 2770.	K. Aug. 9/18. Det.D./B.
*Barnsley, C. C. 2558.	K. Aug. 23/18. Det.D./B.
*Coleman, E. V. 5003.	K. Aug. 23/18. Det.D. B.
*Collins, J. W. 3020.	D/W. Aug. 25/18. Det.D./B.
*Doherty, P. 7490.	K. Aug. 23/18. Det.D./B.
*Finucane, F. 7241.	K. Aug. 23/18. Det.D. B.
*Hatter, P. J. 7150.	K. Aug. 23/18. Det.D. B.
Kesham, Lieut. M. M.	K. Aug. 23/18. Det.D./B.
*Leriere, H. O. 2361.	K. Aug. 9/18. Det.D./B.
*McGrath, W. 5148.	D/W. Aug. 23/18. Det.D./B.
*Mackie, C. J. 3142.	K. Aug. 23/18. Det.D./B.
*Morrison, J. D. 2045.	K. Aug. 23/18. Det.D. B.
*Morrison, G. 2734.	K. Aug. 23/18. Det.D. B.
*Sanderson, J. J. 0505.	K. Aug. 23/18. Det.D. B.

4th BATTALION A.I.F.

*Bentley, T. 7883.	M. Sept. 11/18.
*Blade, J. 6840.	M. Sept. 11/18.
*Bright, W. 7701	M. Sept. 11/18.
*Collins, J. D. 7269.	M. Sept. 11/18.
*Cock, A. T. 7457.	M. Sept. 11/18.
*Cree, G. W. 7214.	K. Aug. 23/18. Det.D. B.
*Jensen, H. 3141.	M. Sept. 11/18.
*Johnston, M.M., W. S. 109.	M. Sept. 11/18.
*Ludlow, N. 7781.	M. Sept. 11/18.
*McCreanor, F. 3180.	M. Sept. 11/18.
*Mentiplay, C. T. 2236.	M. Sept. 11/18.
*Mercer, A. 0305.	K. Aug. 23/18. Det.D./B.
*Millar, S. H. 7513.	M. Sept. 11/18.

Australian "Red Cross"
acknowledged.
27.11.18.

Victoria St
Westminster
London S.W.

The Officer in Charge

Dear Sir

Will you kindly forward the enclosed letter to Mrs Fawcett No 3805 Pte Fawcett "B" Company 30th Batt A.I.F. who was killed in action in France on June 14th 1918. Would you kindly forward to me any particulars as to where & how he was killed also if I should have his personal effects forwarded to me. Your kindness in doing so will be very much appreciated by a doubly bereaved mother thanking you in anticipation I am

(Mrs) Mary Fawcett
Avon Bay
N.S.W.
Australia

Sept-26th 1918