

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**1914 Private
Arthur George Inseal**

22nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 22nd Btn

INSEAL(HQ)
Arthur 1914
A.G.

Arthur Jones



"M. 5-8-16"

Killed in action ⁵6-8-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 24-1-18.

OFF.M. & P.I.

London
28-1-18

22nd Australian Imperial Force.

Arthur George
Inseal, A. 1914.
B Coy.

M 5.8.16.

Informant states that "Inseal was about 2 yards from me when he was hit right through the head by a machine gun and killed on the spot. He had only joined us about a month before. He was a short man and hump-backed."

Reference:-- Pte. Ide Albert, 1080,
22nd Australian Imperial Force. D Coy. 14 pltn.,
Beaufort War Hospital, Beaufort,
Bristol.

Home address:-- Kyabram, Victoria,
Australia.

Nov. 29th.
Proctor.

France.

A. I. F. 22.

INSEAL, A. 1914.

Arthur George

M/August 5th. 1916.

Pte. Mazon (spelling), now up the line, of
D. XVI, told me he saw Inseal killed in Assembly trench
at Pozieres in August. I knew Inseal and made enquiries
for him.

Reference: Pte. W. Forbes, 4106, D. I.O.S.,
L.Gun School.

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14.12.16.
PHE.

Written Pte Mazon 21.17.

A.I.F. 22.

INSEAL A.C. 1914.

K. 5.8.16.

Arthur Jago

I saw him fall in the charge at Pozieres on Ho Kan's
Land, but do not know what became of him afterwards as
I had to go on.

FJE.

Reference: Sgt. A.B. Edgington. 813. D.XIV.
2 A.D.B.D.

Staples.
13.1.17.

A.I.F. 22.

INSEAL, A.C. 1914.

K. August. 5. 1916.

Arthur Jago

He was killed outright just in front of me at
Moquet Farm on August 4th. I was following him up
in the same wave. He was killed by Machine Gun fire.
His body had to be left there, as he went on ⁱⁿ the
charge. He belonged to XIV Pl, D.Co.

Reference: Pte W. Howden, 4463, D.Co.
No 2 A.D.B.D.
Staples. 18.1.17.

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Jan. 26th 1917

AUSTRALIANS 22

INSEAL A.S. 1914

8. Aug. 5/16

Arthur J. J. J.

Inseal was killed in action at Pozieres alongside me on the 4th Aug. He was hit by machine gun fire in the open. He fell beside me but I do not know whether he was picked up. He held the ground. He was short, stout, fair hair, clean shaven, about 28. He went to Australia from England some years ago.

Informant Lt. J. J. Connor 875

22nd A.I.F. D Co. 14th pltn.

Dock Rest Camp

H.Z.D.H.

For [unclear] [unclear]

11/11 P.1

22nd Australian Imperial Force.

Inseal, Pts. A.G., 1914,

M. Aug. 5th. 1916. *Arthur George*

"I saw Inseal on Aug. 4th lying in No Mans Land killed with a bullet through his brain. I knew him well. He had been sick at Gallipoli and gone back home and then joined up with us in Egypt and came to France with us. He came out from Wales to Australia and lived in Sile, Gippsland. It was at Pozieres."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: A short thick set chap.

Informant:-- Pts. J.P. Kennedy, 4148,
22nd Australian Imperial Force, B.Coy.,
1st Eastern General Hospital,
Cambridge.

Home address:-- Trafalgar, Gippsland,
Victoria.

26th Jan.
F.B. Baker.

*Off M. CASH
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22nd Batt.
A.I.F.,

A.G. INSEAL 1914

Arthur George

"Missing 5.8.16"

Saw his dead body on the morning of 5th August between "Hop-off" trench and German first line. Was in same platoon (14) of D Co and was in Broadmeadows. Thomas Thompson (C Co) also saw his body there. I have given in this report before.

Reference:- 2051 J. Wright,
22nd Batt. A.I.F.,
Harefield Hospital,
24.1.17

London
29.1.17
L.P.J.

Off.M.

22nd Btn.

Arthur George
Pte. INSEAL, A. G.
No. 1914 ✓

Missing 5/8/16

"Casualty was well known to me, called "Arthur". He returned to Australia with enteric fever in 1915, and rejoined us on the 4th July, 1916, at Armentieres, and then went out to the charge at Pozieres on the Ridge on August 4th where I saw his dead body. He was not buried so far as I know, but I think he was bound to have been as the body was easily obtainable."

Private address
Rochester,
Victoria. 0

Informant:- Pte. J. Wright, Military Medal
No. 2051, D. Co. 22nd Btn.

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5/6/17

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

January 3rd 7

No. 1914, A. G. Inscal, 22nd Battalion, A.I.F.,
Missing 5-8-1916.

Arthur 02084
A. G. Inscal, *W.D.*
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Private Harmon
16th Platoon
D. Company
22nd Aust. Inf. Battn
B.E.F.

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Mrs. E. Inseal,
Middleton Cottages,
Belton, Nr Pencombe,
Worcester.

January 30th, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We very much regret to inform you that
No 1914 Pte. ^{Arthur George} ~~A. G. Inseal~~, 22nd Battalion, A.I.F.
is now reported officially as Killed in Action on 5.8.16,
and that this confirms what we had already feared from
the nature of the unofficial evidence sent you.

With our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

W.

SECRETARY.

October 18th, 1917.

Mrs. E. Inseal,
Middleton Cottages,
Felton, Nr Pencombe,
Worcester.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your letter of 16th inst., about your
son No 1914 Pte. ^{Arthur George} ~~A. Inseal~~,
22nd Battalion,
A.I.F.

we regret that we are unable to help you in tracing his
friend No 2051 Pte. M. M. Wright,
22nd Battalion,
A.I.F.

who returned to Australia on 17.5.17, severely wounded and
presumably for his discharge.

Regretting our inability to help you further.

Yours faithfully,

P.O.
SECRETARY.

L.M.

6th February

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Mrs E. Inseal,
Middleton Cottages,
Felton.
near Boncombe.
Worcester.

Dear Madam,

We regret that another unofficial report has come to hand about your son No. 1914. Pte. ^{Arthur George} A.C. Inseal, 22nd Battalion A.I.F. this time from No. 4148. Pte. J. F. Kennedy, who on Jan. 26th. was in No. 1. Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge.

He describes Pte. Inseal as a short thick set man who went from Wales to Australia and lived in Sale, Gippsland. He had been ill at Gallipoli and came to France later. On August 4th. informant saw Pte. Inseal lying dead in No Man's Land with a bullet through his brain. He knew Pte. Inseal well.

We deeply regret to have to send you this information and if any further reports come to hand we shall at once inform you.

In the meantime we can only offer you our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

P.M. for L.A.W.
Secretary.

Oct 17 1917

16.10.17

Middleton Cottages,
Felton,
Mr. Pencombe,
Worcester.

To the Secretary
Australian Red Cross Society,

Dear My Adam.

I am writing to thank you for
your kindness in making enquiries
regarding my son, ~~the A. J. J.~~ ^{the A. J. J.} ~~no 1914~~
~~22nd BATT A. I. J.~~ ^{no 1914} ~~no 2051~~
for you to give me the address of no 2051
The Wright. My My. I should like to hear
from someone who knew my boy after
he went to Australia. I enclose
stamped envelope for reply. Again
thanky you for your kindness.

I am
Yrs faithfully
O.M. for (Mrs) R. J. J. J.

17.1.17

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Middleton Cottages,
Felton,
Mr. Pencombe,
Worcester.

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S.M.
20/1/17

To the British Red Cross,

Sir or Madam,

I understand your Society is kind enough to make enquiries for missing soldiers. I wondered would it be possible to obtain any news of my son. No 1914 Private Arthur ^{Gosse} Gosse 22nd Battⁿ Australian Imperial Force who was serving with the B. I. F. in France reported missing since August 5th 1916. I should be so grateful for news & enclose stamps for reply if it would be possible for you to help me in this way.

Yours faithfully
(Mrs) E. Gosse

address as above

22nd January

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Mrs E. Inceal,
Middleton Cottage,
Felton.

Mr Pencombe,
Worcester.

Dear Madam,

Your enquiry re No. 1914, Pte. Arthur Inceal, 22nd Battalion, A.I.F. has been forwarded to us as we deal with all Australian inquiries.

We deeply regret to say that we have two unofficial reports which contain very sad news. No. 1080. Pte. Ide Albert, 22nd Batta. A.I.F. states that "Inceal was about 2 yds from me when he was hit right through the head by a machine gun and killed on the spot. He had only joined us about a month before. He was a short man".

No. 4106. Pte. W. Forbes, says "Pte. ^{Harnon} ~~Xarnian~~ now up the line of D. XVI. told me he saw Inceal killed in Assembly Trench at Pozieres in August. I knew Inceal and made enquiries for him"

We grieve to send you these reports but feel that Certainly, even of the worst, is better than the terrible suspense. We are still making enquiries and hope to obtain further

Mrs E. Inseal.

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22.1.17.

details for you,

Your gallant son has laid down his life in the cause of justice and right - may that, and the knowledge that his death was evidently painless and instantaneous, be some comfort to you in your sorrow, in which we deeply sympathise,

Yours faithfully,



for: Secretary.

26th January

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Mrs E. Inseal,
Middleton Cottages,
Folton.
Near Pencombe.
Worcester.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that a further unofficial report has been received about No. 1914. Pte. ^{Arthur Goss} A. G. Inseal, 32nd Battn. A.V.E. which only confirms the sad news already sent you in previous reports.

4465. Pte. W. Howden - who on January 18th was in No. 2. Australian Divisional Base Details - says that on January 18th Pte. Inseal was killed outright by machine gun fire in the attack at Houquet Farm on August 4th 1916. Pte. Howden was following up directly behind your son in the same wave. Your son's body had to be left there as they advanced in the charge.

We must emphasise the fact that our evidence is purely unofficial and we cannot therefore answer for its reliability. We fear however from the similarity of these reports that your son met his death in the charge.

May we express our sincere sympathy in your sorrow.

Yours faithfully,
H. C. D.

26th January

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Mrs E. Inseal,
Mudleton Cottages,
Tolton,
Near Poncombe,
Worcester.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that a further unofficial report has been received about No. 1914. Pte. A. S. Inseal, 22nd Batta. ^{of your son} A. V. N. which only confirms the sad news already sent you in previous reports.

4465. Pte. M. Howden - who on January 18th was in No. 2. Australian Divisional Base details - says that on January 18th Pte. Inseal was killed outright by machine gun fire in the attack at Mouquet Farm on August 4th 1916. Pte. Howden was following up directly behind your son in the same wave. Your son's body had to be left there as they advanced in the charge.

We must emphasise the fact that our evidence is purely unofficial and we cannot therefore answer for its reliability. We fear however from the similarity of these reports that your son met his death in the charge.

May we express our sincere sympathy in your sorrow.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. B. B.

October 1st, 1917.

Mrs. E. Inseal,
Middleton Cottages,
Felton, Nr. Pencombe,
Worcester.

Dear Madam,

We are very sorry to inform you of an unofficial report which has been received about your son

No 1914 Pte. ^{Arthur George} A. Inseal,
22nd Battalion,
A.I.F.

and we regret that it only confirms our fears as to his fate.

Informant - No 2051 Pte. Wright. M.M., stated that your son went out in the attack on Pozieres ridge on August 4th, 1917, and during that charge he saw his dead body. He knows nothing of his burial although he thinks that his body was in all probability recovered and buried.

He had known your son well and says that he rejoined the battalion on July 4th, 1916, at Armentieres after having returned to Australia in 1915 with enteric fever.

You will realise that this report is surely unofficial although we greatly fear that there is very little chance that

that your son is alive as more than a year has passed since his casualty occurred. Should further information be received you may rest assured that we shall immediately advise you of it as we realize how great must be your suspense.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

DM for L A W.