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6298 Private Charles Eugene Kingston

12th Battalion



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Havre 28th Octr 1918.

Australians. 12. Kingston C.E. 6298.

K. 11th August 1918. Det D/B.

I know him well. He came from Tasmania. He was about 20 short, and dark. About the 11th August we were near Villers Bretonneux holding the line. In the morning we attacked. Soon after we started Kingston was hit in several places, in the legs. I was a S/b, and helped carry him to the D/Station. I heard he died after.

Inf:- Pte C.C.Ryan H6.
A.I.F. 12. C. Xll.
Havre Hospital.

CWSG.

J.E.A. H.

PP

KINGSTON (supplement)

A.I.F. 12th Battn. C.E. 6298

"KILLED IN ACTION 11.8.18"

He was in No. 11 Platoon C Company and I saw him killed on the Somme not far from Hamel when death was instantaneous he being hit by two bullets through the head about 5 p.m. at which time he was on patrol. I knew him well and he came from Tasmania I cannot give any details of burial, but we held the ground and were relieved that night he was sure to be buried, but I cannot refer to anyone.

Informant:- 5424 Pte Matthews J.H.,
"C" Coy., 12th Battn.,
3rd Aust. Aux. Hpl., Dartford.

W. Oman

London
4.11.18

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Havre. 4th. November. 1918.

12th. Australians. Kingston, C. E. 6298.

K. August. 11/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Private Charles Kingston of C. 11. he came from Tasmania. He, Corporal Paddy Weighill, and I went over the top about August 11th. 1918 at Creepy Wood in daylight. Kingston was killed instantly by a Sniper when we were in one of Fritz trenches. S/M. Halliday, 12th. Battn C. Coy, had joined us by then and helped to bring Kingston from where he was killed to one of our trenches in our front line. We were under heavy fire and had to leave the body lying there. We were relieved the same night by the 2nd. Battalion. A.I.F. Rosieres is the nearest Village about five miles away.

Inf:- L/Corporal. J. H. Thompson. 1365.
12th. Australians. X. I. (Fr. C. 11)
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

Written Cpl Weighill + S/M. Halliday 15.11.18 CP.

Havre 10th November 1918.

Australians. 12. Kingston C.E. 6298.

K. 11th August 1918. Det D/B.

I know him from being in the same platoon. He came from Claremont. He was a short, thickset dark chap about 21, and very quiet. About the 11th August we were at Creepy Wood. We had just taken it and were holding our ground. About 4 p.m. we were making a further attack when Kingston was hit in the head by a bullet and killed at once. I don't know about burial as we were relieved that night.

Inf:- Pte A.G. First No. 2566.
A.I.F. 12. Z. XV.
Austrs. Conv. Depot.

CWSG.

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PP.

12th Batn.,
A.I.F.

KINGSTON,
C.E., 6296.

"Killed in action - 11-8-18."

"About this date, on the Somme (not sure of locality) he was out on patrol about 4 o'clock in afternoon when shot by sniper, hit in head killed outright.

I did not see him after, the Corporal of patrol, Cpl. Loyde, C. Coy., told me he was killed outright.

Know nothing of burial. Know him as Kingie, came from Tasmania.

Informant:- Pte. S. E. Browne, 7946,
12th Batn., C. Coy., XI plt.,
now B. Coy.,
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.G.,
London,
15-11-18.
J.E.A.

Note:- Written Cpl. Boyde, (or Loyde),
5-11-18.

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A.I.F. 12th Battn. KINGSTON
C.E. 6298.

"Killed in Action 11.8.18."

Pte. Kingston was killed by a sniper's bullet on the 11th August 1918 on the left of Lihons while on a bombing patrol. We were bombing a German post. It was in the afternoon and I saw him killed - was about five yards away. I was in charge of the patrol. He died whilst being carried back - shot through the head. A few minutes after the casualty, I was told by our Orderly Room Corporal that he was buried in a Military Cemetery. I knew him in the Unit. He was rather short and muggetty and rather fair. His Paybook was handed in to the battalion. I was his CoySgt. Major.

Informant:- Cadet Halliday,
12th Battn.,

L.A.W.
London
2.1.19.

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To

Cpl Loyde
or Soyde
C. Co 12 Bttee
A.I.F.

Abnt

6298 Pte C.E. Kingston
12 Battee
A.I.F.

K 11.8.18

Written 5.11.18
MEG

HOSPITAL Norfolk War Norw

INFORM

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No
	Higgins	W	3332

GI

SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No
Powell	W H	3373

STATEMENT

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NOTE. In all cases s[illegible] fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

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Pte. W. Higgins was k
from delivering rations to
on the morning of
his dead body lying

PLEASE ALSO ANS

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness?	Yes	2. If
3. Was the ground held or lost?	held	4. If (a (b
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	Yes	6. W n
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.	abt 5 ft 6 or 7.	
8. *Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence*	Reliable	

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

To

Cpl Paddy Weighill

12 Bttn. A.I.F

Abnt

6298 Pte C.E. Kingston

12 Bttn -

A.I.F

K 11.8.18

Invalided Nov 15.18

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Cross Index No. 32917

INQUIRY BUREAU, 39 BROAD STREET, BRISTOL.

NAME Langwill J E. No. 1166 Rank Pte
(Surname first)
Regiment 34th A I. F.. Coy. D Plat. 16
Hospital Bishop Knoll Ward 4
Arrived 5th Oct. 1918 At Front from Nov. 1916 To Sept. 1918
Home Address Mayfield, Newcastle, N. S. Wales.
Depot Maitland

GIVES INFORMATION REGARDING:—

Missing man Stevenson V. C. 2nd. Lieut. Casualty K. 14/7/18. Det. D/B
Regiment A. I. F. Battln. 34 Coy. D No.
Red Cross List dated 1st October 1918 page 16a

On July 14th last Mr. Stevenson was inspecting the trenches at Sailly about 3 o'clock in the morning when I saw him killed. The body was buried at Sailly in the cemetery

To

S/M. Halliday
C. Co. 12 Btln
a.I.F.

Admt

6298 Pte C. E. Kingston
12 Btln.
a.I.F.

K 11.8.18

written 15.4.18
MWS

THIS REFERENCE MUST BE QUOTED IN CORRESPONDENCE.

Cross Index No. Bell 108

INQUIRY BUREAU, 39 BROAD STREET, BRISTOL.

BATH WAR HOSPITAL

NAME (Surname first) Burke, Cecil No. 1430 Rank Sergt.

Regiment 46th Aus. Inf. Coy. D Plat. 16

Hospital Bath War Ward Tent W.2.

Arrived 28th Sept.1918 At Front from June, 1916 To 27th Sep/18

Home Address Albert Street, Sebastopol, Ballarat.

Depot Horseferry Road.

GIVES INFORMATION REGARDING:—

Missing man Matthews, H. Casualty? K.11th Jul/18 Det.D/B

Regiment Aus. Inf. Battln. 46th Coy. D No.2232

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B.E.F.

I was not present when he was killed, but his friend Corporal H. Handley, D. Company, 46th Battalion, whom I know personally will give full particulars, as to where he was

Tel.: VICTORIA {8576 8577 8578

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

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

15-11-18

Cpl Paddy Weightill
12 Bttn - A.I.F.

Case cancelled.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

6298 Pte C. E. Kingston 12 Bttn - A.I.F.
Reported Killed 11.8.18

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 Scobie

Secretary.

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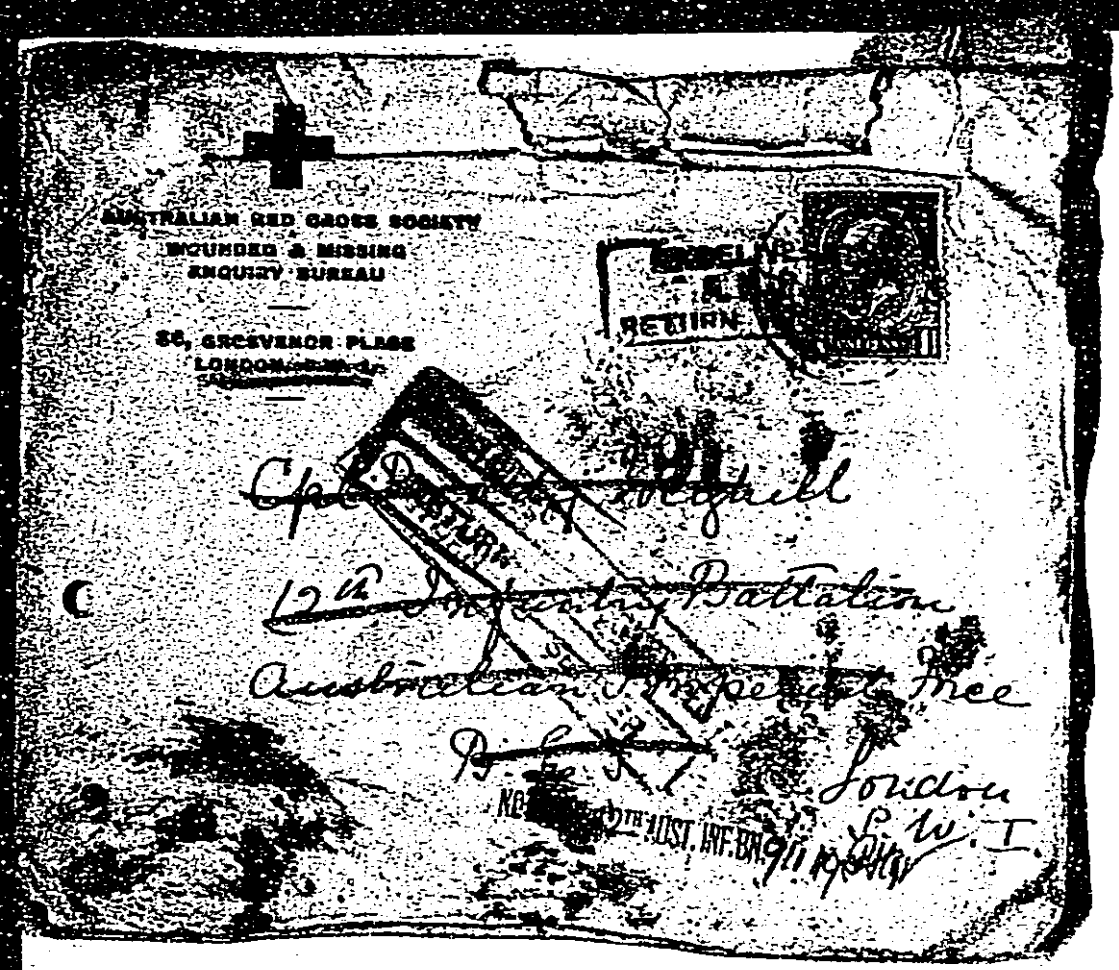

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WOUNDED & MISSING
ENQUIRY BUREAU

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

RETURN

Cpl. Dorothy Mitchell
12th Infantry Battalion
Australian Imperial Force
B. Co. F. 1
London
S.W. I.

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