

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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11867 Gunner
Reginald Graham
Lindsay

22nd Field Artillery Brigade



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A.I.F. 22nd Fld.Art: Bgde:

LINDSAY
R.G. 11867

"K. in A. 31-12-16"

Killed in Action 31-12-16 - Buried at Scattered - Grave: $\frac{3}{4}$ mile
N.W. Genchy
ert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 12-6-17.

London
13-6-17

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Havre

19th June. 1917.

FIELD ARTILLERY - A.I.F.
22nd Bde. 19th Bty.

LINDSAY, R.G. 11867
Cowley, C.A. 1331

A. Dec. 31st. 1916. Det. D/B.

I was in the next dug-out between Ginchy and Guondecourt on December 31st. 1916. There were a party of five drawing rations about 5.30 p.m. about 7 yards away from where I was. Cowley and Lindsay were two of the party and were standing outside the dug-out when a shell exploded and killed the whole party. Cowley was hit in the head, and Lindsay's head was blown off. I helped to bury the five men in their dug-out the next morning. There is a cross on the grave. I could point out the spot. Sergt. Cooper, Bomber Ferguson and Gunner Hogg were the other members of the party.

Informant: Gunner J.A. Dunn 6937
4th Brig. 10th Batty.,
Australians.
(Formerly 22nd Brig. 19th Batty.)
Australian Camp, Rouilles.

U.M.

Havre

3rd July 1917

AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY
22nd Bde. 19th Batt.

LINDSAY, R.G. 11867
Cowley, C.A. 1331

A. 31st Dec. 1916 Det. D/B

At Ginchy on the 31st December 1916 about 5 p.m. Cowley and Lindsay were together drawing rations - A shell came over and buried them and three others with them. They were all dug out. They were hardly recognisable. I was told this by several men. I saw Cowley and Lindsay's grave; they were buried in one grave with the three other: reference to above. They were buried near where they were killed, just behind the gun. I saw the cross put up with their names on it. I could find the place if I were up there.

Informant: Driver R.G. Moncrieff. 6974
formerly 22nd Bde. 19th Bty.
now in 4th Bde. 11th Bty. Field Artillery, A.I.F.
HAVRE Hospital.

U.M.

22nd F.A.B.
late 4th F.A.B.
A.I.F.

LINDSAY
R.G. No. 11887
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Killed in action 31/12/16

These casualties were killed on the 31st December, 1916 at Ginchy by H.B. shell which killed five men whilst they were drawing rations out of a dug out.

Informant:- Sgt. A. Camier,
6613 11th Bty. 4th F.A.B.

Private address
38 Locke Avenue,
East St. Kilda

London
H.A.F.
13/11/17.

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22nd P.A.B.

LINDSAY, R. G.
Gnr. 11867.

Killed in action 31/12/16.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 11 ins. medium built, about 28 years of age, medium complexion, known as "Big". He joined the battery in Egypt. Casualty was at Battery Position at Ginchy on the Somme near Clercs. Sgt. Couper was acting Quarter Master at the time. Casualty and G. A. Cowley and H. J. Ferguson were outside of Sgt. Couper's dug-out waiting to draw rations. They heard a shell come over and they took cover in Sgt. Couper's dug-out. A shell landed on the dug-out killing Casualty instantly and Sgt. Couper, G. A. Cowley, and H. J. Ferguson and Gunner Egg. I came over half an hour later and I found Casualty lying just where he fell. His chief wounds were about the body. He was buried on the gun pits at Ginchy with the other men that were killed and the grave was nicely fenced off and a cross was erected."

Private address:-
"Fando"

T.C.F. Bramble Road,
3/5/18. Caulfield.

Informant:- E. A. McINNES,
No. 6977.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

22nd P.A.B.

LINDSAY, R. G.
Gnr. 11867.

Killed in action 31/12/16.

"I knew Casualty well. He was a well built man about 28 years of age. Casualty was drawing rations at Ginchy when a 5.2 shell exploded on top of Casualty killing him instantly, a direct hit. He was buried at the Gun Pits, Ginchy, and the boys subscribed for a cross to be placed over his grave. He was well known and liked by all his comrades."

Informant:- Mackay, R.
No. 703, 10th Battery, P.A.

Private address:-

Zoran,
North Coast Line,
Queensland.

T.C.F.
4/1/18

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

A. F. A. 22 Bgdc. 19 817.

LINDSEY, H.S. 11867.
COWLEY, G.A. 1331.

R. December 31st, 1918.

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I saw them just after they were killed between Lucadecourt and Ginchy at 5.20 on December 31st last. I was in a dugout five yards from the one used as Q.M. store. I heard the shell coming and heard it explode right on top of the Q.M. store. I went out at once. All the men in the dugout were dead. I helped to get them out and saw Lindsey's body taken out. There were 3 others in the dugout and all were dead. Lindsey's body was badly smashed. He must have been killed instantly. Cowley was just outside the dugout and had got a splinter through the head. He was quite dead. Next morning the other three men were got out, namely: Sgt. Cowper, Embr. Ferguson, and Mr. Hogg. I helped to bury the 5 together on the spot where they got killed. We put up a cross made of used cartridge cases (brass). It has the 5 names on it. Lindsey's name is Reginald and he is a brother of Norman Lindsey artist of the Bulletin. Cowley's name is George. He used to belong to 13th L. Horse. He talked as if he was a farmer. Came from Victoria. Age about 37. Married, and I think 1 or 2 children.

Reference: -Gnr. J.A. Lunn. 6987.
10 battn. of 4th Bgdc. (late 19th of 22nd)
No. 51 Gen. Hosp.

F.L.P.

22nd Bde.
19th Batty.,
Field Artillery, A.I.F.

Lindsay.
R. G. 11867.

"Killed 31.12.16."

I knew Lindsay personally. He was a native of Creswick, Victoria. He was killed by the bursting of a shell at Fleurs. (known to us as "Turko Lane") In appearance he was tall and very fair. I saw him killed and I buried him along with several others. Known to us as "Reg" (and noted for a silver mounted fountain pen that he carried) He is buried at Fleurs. I do not know if a cross was erected over his grave. Next of kin, Norman Lindsay, Sydney, ~~Vick~~. New South Wales.

Note. Name and number of this man Lindsay taken from a book kept by witness (book produced) who had charge of Lindsay's burial party.

Witness:-

Cpl. James Gartrell.A.M.C.
22nd Bde.

O.A.H.

Dartford.

Penshurst, N.S.W.
M.

London.

11.6.17.