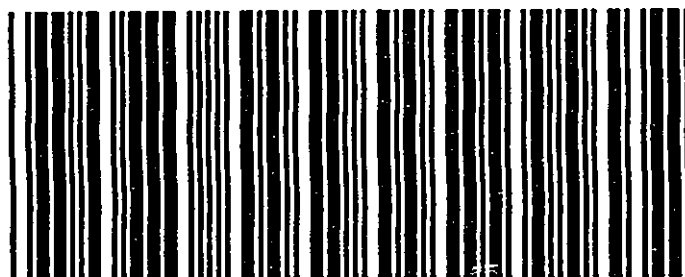


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2986 Private
George Osborne Rock

29th Battalion



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A.I.F. 29th Battn.

ROCK
G.C. 2986

"DIED OF WOUNDS"

DIED of wounds at 61st Casualty Clearing Station 11.8.18
Cert. by Hpl. Index

Gun shot wound back and chest No further report
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs List 23.9.18

London
24.9.18

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29th Battn.,
A.I.F.

ROCK,
G.O., 2986.

"Died of wounds - 11-8-18."

"He was in A.Coy. Refer to Pte. Gilmours, A.Coy., 29th
Battn., who is now in France for he saw him killed and can give
full details of burial.

Informant:-Pte. Droop, H.A., 224,
A.Coy., 29th Battn.,
3rd A.A.E. Hartford.

W. Oman,
London,
5-12-18.
J.E.A.

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Note - Written Pte. Gilmours 29-11-18.

29th Battn.
A.I.F.

ROCK
G.O. 2986

"Died of Wounds 11-8-18"

Re 2986 G.O. Rock, 29th Battn. He was admitted 9-8-18.
Wound, Bullet wound Back and Chest. He died 7-10 p.m. 11-8-18.
Religion R/C. Patient received religious consolation. He had
no effects on admission to this C.C.S. He left no message.

Letter from:- The O.C.,
No. 61 C.C.S.,
6-10-18.

London
14-10-18
D.W.B.

M.

29th Battn. A.I.F.

Rock
G.O. 2986.

Died of Wounds 11.8.18.

He was in "A" Compy. and I saw him wounded about 2 miles in front of Werfusie, when he was hit by a bullet through the chest. Casualty happened about 11.50 a.m. on August 9th 1918. and he was carried out to Dressing Station at once, being conscious when taken away. I knew him well and he left Australia on April 4th 1916. on the Euripidies. He came from Warrnambool, Victoria and was a barber in civilian life. I cannot give any details of burial, neither can I refer to anyone.

Informant:- Pte. Telfer J. 3015,
"A" Coy., 29th Bat.,
3rd A.A.E. Dartford.

W. Oman,
26.10.18.
London,
4.11.18.
J.E.A.

H.

A. I. F. 29th Bn.

ROCK, G. O. 2986.

D/W. Aug.11/18. Det.D/B.

Rock was about 5'8", heavily built, medium colour and came from the Western District- I think Colac. He was a barber in the Battn. and I think was a barber in civil life.

We had just hopped over in front of Harbonnières when Rock was hit fairly in the centre of the chest by a bullet. As we were attacking at the time, he was left there where he fell, in a partially dug trench only about 2 feet deep. He was bound up by a man named W.J. Anderson who came from the same district as himself. When we came back 2 days afterwards, he was gone, so he had evidently been carried to the rear. In that stunt every man carried a piece of white rag and a stick so that if he were wounded the stick with the rag could be put up so as to prevent the Tanks, of which there were a great many, running over him; I saw Rock's white flag flying.

Reference: I/Cpl.F.J.Euckland, 280. M

No.6 General, ROUEN, 9.12.18.

GPO.

Written W. E. J. Anderson
19.12.18

J. E. L.

A.I.F. 29th Battn.

RCCKE
H.O. 2986.

"Died of Wounds 118.8B"

Re No.2986 Pte. G.O. Rock, 29th Battn. A.I.F. I am only too pleased to help you and give you all the information I possibly can. The later soldier was wounded on the 9th August 1918. I personally attended to his wounds; he was evacuated to a Casualty Clearing Station the same day. He was not buried on the field, but I think the Military Cemetery he is most likely to be buried in is at Vignacourt Cemetery about 26 Kilos from Amiens. I am enclosing an address which will give you the exact location of the grave. I am writing them as I very much want to know and also want a photo myself.

Letter from:- 2867 L/Cpl. William Ernest James
Anderson
32nd Battn. A.I.F.
France.

London
7.1.19.
D.W.B.

M.

A.I.F. 29th Battn

ROCK
G.O. 2986

Wounded-Nov-Dec.

Admitted 34th Casualty Clearing Station 28-11-16
Cert. by Hospital Index

No report
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 11-1-17

Admitted 34th Casualty Clearing Station 25-11-16

Suffering from - Wound in thigh made satis: prog: and was
evacuated to the base 26-11-16
Cert. by letter from C.C. 34th Casualty C. Stn 20-1-17

Discharged to Base Details Cannes Camiers Class A. 4-12-16
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 23-1-17.

H.

London
25-1-17.

To

Pte Gilmour S.

A. Co 29 Ptns
A. I. F

about

2986 Pte G. O. Roek

29 Ptns A. I. F

8/W 11.8.18

Written 29.11.18

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We have

2867 Wm Ernest James
Anderson.

32nd Bn orig 29th Bn

Anderson

Towh. Battalion

29 Bttn

W. J.

has he been transferred

Please.

G. C.

file under

2986 G. O. Rock

29 Bttn. 5/W. 11.8.18

Repts Sect. 18.12.18

~~Pasco~~
Pascoe

2535

~~176th Bas~~

Recd. 27-11-47

To.

2867 Mt W. Ernest
James Anderson

32 Pittu - A. J. F

about,

2986 Mt Q. O. Rock

29 Pittu - A. J. F

8/W. 11.8.18

Written 11.8.18

MSS

Information obtained locally (if any) or from letters.

Enquiry included in W.S.M. Cable

No. 225 of Sept 18 - 1918.

Enquiry included in Deferred Cable

No. of

Name and Address of Enquirer

Mr. B. M. Perrie
14 Victoria Avenue.
Perth.

Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree.

wife

State if Next-of-Kin.

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Henry Greig. Secretary.
H.G.

The O.C. Draft.

The O.C.

61st Casualty Clearing Station
R.S. 7.

2986 Pl. Co. Rock 29 Battalion A.I.F.

Died of wounds 11-8-18.

HOSPITAL 35 Southern General, Durham Building

INFORMATION

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Ra
	Salvatori	W. H		Line

GIVEN

SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Ra
Allen	Joseph	227	10

STATEMENT OF

NOTE. In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give **DATE AND PLACE** of occurrence.

3 saw ~~Line~~ Salvatori (34-Acr. Co) all by himself on the night of the 2nd the habit of wandering we took a German prisoner who had captured one of our

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness?	he saw him for sure	2. If not, of th
3. Was the ground held or lost?	into no man's land	4. If Infor (a) was (b) was
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	only surname	6. Was the name
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.	5' 10 - dark complexion	
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence	quite intelligent	

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

Q's Druff

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24-9-18

Thos. C

6th C. C. S.

B. E. 7

2986 PG. G. O. ROCK 29th B^u

did 7 was 11-8-18

G E Peacock 3682

M. Apr 5/18

47th Bttn

of B or C Compny. on 3rd April at Railway line between
Serranocourt and Albert holding the line. Enemy were shelling
very heavily. I did not see it happen but pot Coppin came
along that night and told me that Peacock had been killed outright
by shell, head blown off. I did not see his body, he may have
been buried before we lost the line on 5th April. Ch^{ts} name

George, came over in same circumstances 10th of 47th Bttn
from Brisbane

pot W H Cottell 3602 3 B

47th Bttn B Compny VI Bttn P.I.

late prisoner in Germany repatriated

Ady Harfield 2/9/18

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copy.
7.1.19
S.M.S.

2986

P.O. Roche

29 Bn 29th W. 115 IT

Paris - France

M (ed)

Nov 22 1918

Dear Miss Beacham

Your letter of 19.12.18

re the late Soldier

No 2986. P.O. Roche, 29th Battalion A.I.F.

I am only so pleased to help you, and give you all the information I possible can.

The late Soldier, was wounded on the 9th 8. 18. I personally attended to his wounds. He was evacuated to a casualty clearing station the same day. He was not buried on the field.

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Believe me yours faithfully

No 2867 L.P.P.

William Ernest James Anderson

32nd Battalion A.I.F.

France.

To D. G. B. and S.
War Office
Manchester House
London.

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36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

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*61st Casualty Clearing Station
B.S.F.*

21.9.18.

2986 Private G.O. Rock 29 Battalion A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 11-8-18 and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

M.W.

Secretary.

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29th Bn
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6 OCT. 1918

[Signature]
Lt.-Col. R.A.M.C.
Comdg. No. 61 Casualty Clearing Station

W.B

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LONDON, S.W. 1.

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29.11.18

Plt S. Gilmour

A. Co 29 Bn

A. I. F

G. C

*Case cancelled
do not re-address letter*

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

2986 Plt G. O. Arch 29 Bn. A. I. F

reported died of wounds. 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) M. S. ...

Secretary.

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a. 1.7

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Secretary.

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