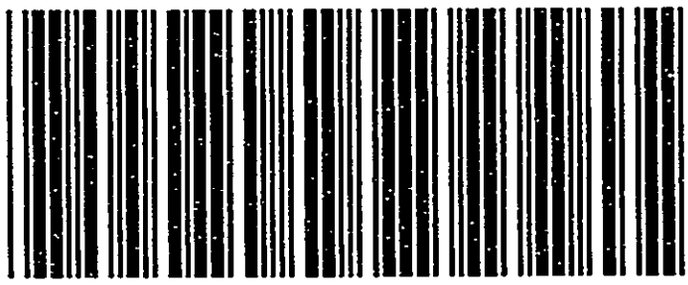
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3223 Private
Robert Charles Sellars

58th Battalion



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58th Battn.
A.I.F.

SELLARS
R.U. 32243

"Killed 5-7-18"

He was in D.Coy. I heard him exclaim on being hit, when not far from me "I'm done for". I was wounded by the same shell myself. Refer to Pte.A.Cawood, D.Coy. 58th Battn., now in France, for he saw him killed and would be able to give particulars of burial.

Informant. Garrett. Pte.J. 1760
D.Coy. 58th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
10-9-18
H.G.

Note:- Written Cawood 10-9-18 M.

58th Battn.
A.I.F.

SELLARS
R.C. 3223

"Killed in Action 5-7-18"

Re 3223 Pte.Sellars. He was killed, and buried where he fell, not far outside of Villers-sur-Ancre, and was buried close to the river. Height about 5' 10 or 11", dark complexion with a dark moustache. I cannot give any map reference, as we are in another district to that in which he is buried, nor do I think there was any mark put on hisigrave, as we went from that place the night they were buried. He was killed on the 4th July.

Letter from:- Cawood. Alb.H.,
58th Battn.,
FRANCE. 15-9-18.

London
3-10-18
N.T.

M.

Note:- Hqts. gives date as 5-7-18.

Havre

4th Octr 1918.

Australians. 58.

Sellars R.C. No 3223.

K. 5th July 1918. Dot D/B.

He was in D.Coy. On the 5th July we were attacking at Villers sur Ancre, then my pal, Pte Chis - Blanck of D.Coy. saw Sellars wounded and going towards the D/Station. A shell got him, and he fell killed. I don't know for certain where Sellars is buried, but I believe he is buried near Villers sur Ancre.

Inf:- Pte F. Hilds 'No' 2362.
A.I.F. 58. D.
H.S. 'Panama'.

JHD.

PP.

Havre. 7th. October. 1918.

58th. Australians. Sellars, R. C. 3223.

K. July. 5/1918. Dets. D/B.

Private. T. P. Freeney, 58th. Battalion, C. 12. told me that he saw him killed at Ypres on the 5th. July. 1918.

Inf:- Private. W. S. Pemberton. 2244.
58th. Australians. C.
No. 74. General Hospital.

HJG.

CP.

58th Battn.
A.I.F.

SELLARS.
R.C. 3213.Pte.

"Killed in Action 5-7-18"

I know Sellars was killed by a shell early in July. His body was seen after by his brother. He was buried on the field near Ville-Sur-Ancre.

Eye-Witness:- Nc.
Description:- Tall, dark, dark moustache.

Home address:-
Thorpdale.
Gippsland.
E.M.SimmondsVictoria.
London.
16-10-18.
J.E.A.

Informant:- Harms.N.F.R. 3155.Pte.(dependable)
58th Battn.A.I.F. C.9.
Alexandra Hospital.
COSHAM.

M.

Note:- Written Sellars about brother 11-10-18.

Havre. 17th. October. 1918.

58th. Australians. ✓ Sellars, R. C. 3223.
✓ Middleton, W. 2712.

D/W. July. 5/1918. Dets. D/B.

Sellars is my Brother and was in D. Company. His number was 3223. Sergeant Middleton was in the same Company. I was told that they were both killed at Ville sur Ancre in July and buried there. Lieut. Stevenson, 58th. Battalion. H.Q. gave me the Map Reference of the Graves which he had got from Padre Hall (C.of.E.) 58th. Battalion.

Inf:- Private. R. E. Sellars. 3917.
58th. Australians. H.Q.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

CP.

A.I.F. 58. SELLARS, R.C. 3223.

K. July 5th 1918.

On July 4th near Ville sur Ancre, Morlancourt sector, he was killed. I did not see casualty but was told about it from his brother who was with the Battn. He also said he was buried near the front line close to an old water-mill on the river Ancre between Ville-sur-Ancre and Dernancourt This brother's christian name is Richard. He is now in hospital at Rouen and I know could give you details.

Inf: Pte.G.Hill. 1916. HQ
Billets,
BOULOGNE. 19.10.18. ARD

21st Battn.

SELLARS
R.C., 3223

I knew casualty, he was a well built man, 5'11" in height, darkcomplexion, about 36 years of age. Casualty was at Dernencourt in attack and after taking the village casualty was killed by a high explosive shell. Death was instantaneous. I did not see him actually killed but saw him buried just in rear of the village. There was a cross erected with his name, number and unit on it.

Informant:- 3143
A. H. Gerde
"Garfield"
Rothsay Avenue
St.Kilda.

N.A.T.
5/9/19

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

30.9.18

3223

Re

Robt. Ch. Sellars

58 Bltn

See under

~~Fe~~ 4642

Edison Ch. Schiller

58 Bltn

To
Pte A. Cawood
D. Co
58th Battn
A.I.F

Admt
3223 Pte R.C. Sellars
58th Battn
A.I.F.

K July 5/18

Written 10.9.18
Mrs

Date of Enlistment

G C

To
Pte. Sellars
58 Battn
A.I.F.

Advnt
3223 Pte. R. C. Sellars.
(Mother)
58 Battn
A.I.F

K 5.7.18

Written 11.10.18

Mrs

3223
R.C Sellars
58 Batt.
K in A 5-7-18
M
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Adm PC 20.9.18

N/C

4642
E.C Skinner
58 Batt.
K in A 5-7-18
M
2

France
Sept 15. 1918

Dear Miss

In reply to your enquiries R. Sellars & Skinner I here state that No 3223 C. Sellars was killed and was buried where he fell not far outside of Villers-Sur-Ancre and was buried close to the River. Description Height about 5' 10½" Dark Complexion with a dark moustache

No 4642 Cpl E.C. Skinner also buried in the field. Description. Height 5' 8½" fair and clean shaven. Also fair athlete

Note. I can not give map reference as we are in another district to that in which they are buried nor do I think there was any mark put on their Graves as we went from that place the night they were buried.

Killed on the fourth of July
Note Headquarters give date as 5-7-18

N.I

Yours faithfully
Lt. A. Sawood
58 Batt.

x Slip