Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1283 Private
Alfred Rippin

38th Battalion



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38th Battn.
A.I.F.

RIPPIN,
A. 1283

"Missing."

Killed in Action 13.10.17. Previously reported Missing.
Cert. by Hqrs 11.3.18.

London
18.3.18.

Off.M.

38th Btn.

RIPPIN, A.
1283 Pte.

Killed in action 13/10/17.

Killed in the advance at Passchendaele 13/10/17. Seen dead by differend comrades of his. Buried where he fell. He was about 5ft 8, rather stout build.

Informant:- W.J. Trevaskis,
1313, Cpy. Clerk D. Company
38th Btn.

Private address:-

James Street,
Box Hill.

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19/6/19

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Jun 6d

J.S.a.

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A.I.F.
38th. Battn.

RIPPINSON(H.I.)
RIPPIN,
1283.

" Ill f.

Admitted Regents Park Hospital 19.3.17. Otitis Media.
Cert. by I.B. 193.

No trace.
Cert. by letter from O.C. 20.5.17.

Discharged to duty 15.5.17. cured.
Cert. by letter from O.C. 29.5.17.

London
30.5.17.

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8. R tn. RIPPL.
A.I.F. A. 1283.

"Killed 13-10-17"

I was tcld by Sgt J.R.Heaney.2090. (38.D.XVI) that he was in a shell hcle with Pte Alf Rippen(38.D.XVI) abcut 12th cr 13th Octcber at Passchendaele. He, Sgt H. moved cn and anctber shell hcle. Pte Rippen started tc fcllow him, but was shct thrcugh the head by a sniper cn his way, and killed instantanecusly. Sgt Heaney wanted tc take his helcngings but cculd not get to him. I was in the attack, but was not close to them. We were up tc cur waists in mud and water. We cculd not take the grcund, but had tc retite back.

Eye-Witness:- No.
Descriptic:- Married - just before leaving Australia, came cut with Battalicn. Name Alfred.

Hcme address:-
4 Warburtcn Street.
East Brunswick.
Melbcurne.Victcria.

Infcrmant:- Richard,William.1290.Pte.
(quite intelligent)
38th Battn. A.I.F.
3rd Sputhern Hcn: Hpl.
The Base.OXFORD.

Ncte:- Written Heaney 31-8-18.
Hilda.M.Pickard-Cambridge.
Lcndcn.
4-9-18
J.E.A.

M.

38th Battn.
A.I.F.

RIPPIN.
A. 1283.Pte.

"Killed 13-10-17"

About this date were were relieving in the morning on the Ypres Sector, and three of us including Rippin were dodging snipers in a sunken road when he was shot through the head. I saw him fall, apparently killed outright. That was the last I saw or heard of him.

Home address:-
356 Union Street.
West Brunswick.
Melbourne.Victoria.

Informant:- Butler.E.2837.Pte.
38th Bn.D.Coy. XVI Pl.
No 1 City of London

C.E.Dyer.
London.
12-9-18.
S.A.

M.

38th Battn.
A.I.F.

RIPPIN.
A - 1283.

"Killed in Action 13.10.17."

No. 1283 Private A Rippin of D Company 38th Battn. was well known to me, and was a member of my platoon. He was killed in action on October 12th, 1917, during an operation carried out by our Battalion near Passchendale on that date. He was shot through the head with a machine gun bullet and died instantly. To the best of knowledge he was buried in the field where he fell, but I would not say for certain. The Battalion sent out a burial party who buried all members of the ~~the~~ Battalion who were killed. He was a man of about 5ft 8in. in height and of stout build, dark complexion, clean chaven. Very quiet disposition and well liked by all of his comrades. He was a personal friend of mine and I regret that I could not search his body forany keepsakes to send to his people. Enemy machine gun and artillery fire wasevery heavy, and we were forced to keep as low as possible in order to carry out the operation.

Informant:- By letter. Sgt. Weaney, J. R.
France.

London
30.9.18."
S.A.

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To
209 Sergt J. R. Heaney
XVI Platn D. Co
38th Battn
A. I. F.

about
1283 Pte A. Rippin
38 Battn
A. I. F

K Oct 13/17

Written 31.8.18
MRS

In the Field
13/9/18

Ack Rec 18.5.18

1283
A Ripsperi
38 Batln
Kia 13.10.17

To Sec.
Aust Red Cross Society

Dear Miss Deakin.

Your enquiry reference No 1283 Gte Ripperi A. of D Coy 38th Batln duly received.

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He was shot through the head with a machine gun bullet and died instantly.

To the best of my knowledge he was buried in the field where he fell, but I could not say for certain. The Battalion sent out a Burial Party who buried all members of Batln who were killed.

He was a man about 5 ft 8" in height and of stout build, dark complexion, clean shaved. Very quick disposition and well liked by the whole of his comrades. He was a personal friend of mine and I regret that I could not search his body for any keepsakes to send to his people. The enemy machine gun and artillery fire were very heavy and we were forced to keep as low as possible in order to carry out the operation.

Yours faithfully.

Sgt. [illegible]