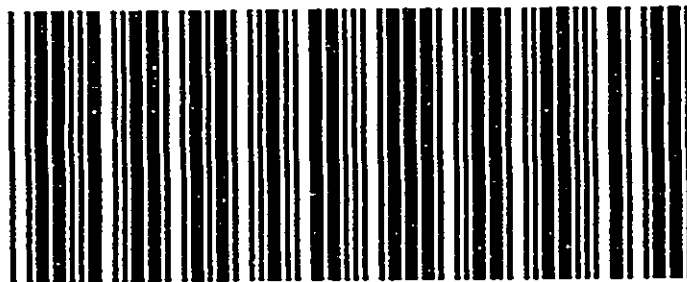


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**3226 Private  
Francis John Vasey**

**11th Battalion**



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A. I. F.  
11th. Battn.,  
"D" Coy.,

VASEY, 3926.  
Francis John.

"Killed in Action 25.7.16".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.  
21.10.19.

Off. M. P.I.

A. I. F. 11th Btn  
D. Coy.

VASEY  
Francis John 3226

"M. 25-7-16"

Killed in Action 25-7-16 - previously reported Missing  
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 5-7-17.

OFF. M. & P. I.

London  
14-7-17

11th Batt.  
A.I.F.,

VANSEY  
P.J. 3226

"W. & H. 1916" *Thinning 25-7-16*

Informant says he saw the soldier killed on the 23rd July 1916, near Pozieres, by a machine gun bullet. They were charging the German trenches side by side, when the soldier was struck through the heart and killed instantly.

Description: Sgt Sims, fair complexion, muscular build.

Reference:- 1881 A. Kennedy,  
11th Batt. A.I.F., C.Co.,

London  
7.2.27

Off. M  
P.I.

A.I.F. 11.

VASEY, F.J. 3226

off no. 25.7.16  
7 & M 1916. (d.2.)

Vasey was killed at Mouquet Farm on August 19th. He was going up to the 12th Battalion with rations. He had to cross open ground or the communication trench - Ration Alley - had been blown away. A shell got five of them.

Informant: C.E. McCarthy. 3415.  
No. 25 General Hospital.  
BOULOGNE. 5.3.1917.

AAPW

P.I.

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7 SEP 1916

27 Bletchley Rd  
Bletchley  
Sept 6/16

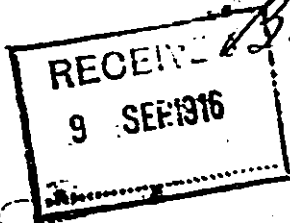
Dear Sir I see by this  
mornings paper there are  
some Australian prisoners  
in Germany. I have a  
son in the Australian  
Army and have not  
heard of him since  
July 19<sup>th</sup> neither can I get  
to hear about him. May  
I ask you if possible  
if you know if he is  
one of the prisoners  
I am a widow with only  
one more son also in

France 5/ Melrod for  
one weeks parcel and if  
my son is there will  
send each week  
Thanking you in  
anticipation  
Yours Truly  
E. Vasey

My son address

3226 Pte F. J. Vasey  
D Company  
11<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade  
A. I. F  
France

27 Bletchley Rd



Dear Sir

Thank you very  
much for your letter  
it was the first time  
I had heard my son  
was missing please  
do not keep the 5/- but  
use it for someone else  
and I shall be so glad  
to hear of you if you  
receive any further



information of any  
Kind yours truly  
E Vasey

~~Mr. F. J. Vasey  
3286. 11. Boston~~

July August Casualty Draft

July 1944

Mrs I. Vasey  
27 Bletchley Rd  
Bletchley

about 3226 Pte F. Vasey.

16th Bn.

Killed in action 25-7-44.

per. App. Co.

A.I.F. 11th Bn D Coy.  
M.G.S.

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Mas Stanger

MILLER  
3088

"M. 20-23-8-16"

Killed in Action 20-23-8-16 - previously reported Missing  
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 5-7-17.

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London  
14-7-17

OFF. M. & P. I.

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*Vassey?*  
Re No 3226 Pte. F.J. Vassey 11th Battalion A.I.F.

Statement made by No. 1081 Pte. Kennedy A.L. 70th Btn. Late 11th Bn. A.I.F.

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Pte. F.J. Vassey was in my Platoon (No. 10 "C" Company). I was in company with him on the occasion of the first attack on Pozieres on or about the 25th July '16. We had scaled the parapet and were advancing in short rushes under the protection of our own barrage when Pte. Vassey was hit. He died instantly and from the effect of a machine gun bullet which in my opinion had got him in the heart. Another pal afterwards informed me, and seemed fairly convinced in his belief, that he saw Pte. Vassey carried back to our lines next day. He was extremely popular among the lads of his platoon and his loss was deeply regretted by all.

Witness H. Dawson (Sgd) Lt.  
Adj. 70 Batt.

1081 A.R. Kennedy (Sgd)

*For name  
1081 Kennedy*

*A.L. Kennedy*

*P.I.*

M. 25.7.16.

*Name given as*

*Vassey on the list  
19/8/16*

Telegrams:  
TRENCH,  
EUSTON, LONDON.

Telephone  
MUSEUM  
2800.

GD/W



ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

EUSTON, September 6th 1916

Dear Sirs.

My dear Sirs.

My nephew, Private F. J. Vasey, No. 3226, Australian Infantry, is posted as "Missing" in to-day's Times; I shall be very grateful if you will have enquiries made with a view to tracing what has become of him, and let me know if you are unable to get any tidings; or perhaps you would send any news you may be able to ascertain, direct to his widowed mother, Mrs Vasey, 27 Bletchley Road, Bletchley, Bucks.

Yours respectfully,

*S. J. Woods.*

The Enquiry Department of the Red Cross,

Norfolk House,

St. James' Square,

London, W.

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CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

7th September 1916.

Mrs E. Vasey,  
27, Bletchley Road,  
Bletchley.

Dear Madam,

We have received your letter enquiring for your son No. 3226 Pte F. T. Vasey, 11th Batt. D. Coy. and regret to inform you that we have no further news of him. since the Head-Quarter Cable of August 15th, that he was missing on July 25th. His name has not appeared in any of the lists of prisoners sent from Germany. We have received the 5/- enclosed by you for a parcel to be forwarded to him and shall keep it until we have further news. When we have any further information we shall send it to you at once, knowing how very anxious you must be.

Yours truly,

*H. J.*  
20113

8858

September 14th, 1916.

E.J. Woods, Esq.,  
Engineer's Office,  
London & North Western Railway Co.,  
Euston.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry for No. 5226 Pte. F.J. Vasey, 11th Battalion A.I.F. we beg to inform you that we are already making enquiries on behalf of his Mother, Mrs. Vasey, 27, Eletonley Road, Bletchley, Bucks, and any information we receive will be sent straight to her.

We have no further news of him than that he is officially missing.

Yours faithfully,

W. O.

Secretary.

(LAW)

Mrs E. Vesey,  
27 Bantock Road,  
Platonic,  
Anzac.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that the following sad and unofficial report has been received about your son No. 5226.

Pte. H. J. Vesey, 11th BATTN. A.I.F.

Informant No. 1851. Pte. Kennedy, 11th BATTN. writes from France that he saw your son killed by a Machine gun bullet on July 23rd 1918. near Pozieres. They were side by side in an attack on the German Trenches when Pte. Vesey was shot through the heart and killed instantly.

He describes your son as 5 ft. 6" in height of rugged build and fair complexion.

We are continuing the inquiry and hope to have other reports to send you. We must emphasise the purely unofficial character of this evidence, and cannot answer for its reliability.

With sincere sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

*T. Deakin*

Secretary



19 Feb 97 Bletchley Rd  
Bletchley

Bucks

Oct 2/19

Dear Madam

In answer to your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst  
I shall be most grateful if we could get  
any further information of any kind  
concerning my son No 3226 Pte F J. Dasey  
11 Battalion A.I.F. The description of him  
in the one letter I had was so different  
that we could remember of him  
when he went to Australia eight  
years ago if only one could hear where  
he really was killed and if he was  
buried anywhere it would be more  
satisfactory than King you in  
anticipation

Yours Truly  
- E. Dasey

To Miss L. Whybrow  
Australian Red Cross  
36 Grosvenor Place

Further particulars  
please