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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3115 Private Stanley Raymond Osborne

58th Battalion



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NO ENQUIRY

58th Battn.
A.I.F.

OSBORNE
R/Q/M/Sgt. S.R. 3115

"Killed in Action ~~27-3-18~~ 15-4-18"

I was travelling by train to Doullens, and we in St.Pol station, which was about 20 miles behind the line, when the Germans started shelling the station with long range guns. The train was moved outside the station, and received a direct hit from a 12" H.E. shell, which killed 11 men outright, and wounded about 10 more. I stopped behind to clear up, and saw, and recognised the bodies of Jack Reid, Frank Bunting, and "Mallie" Phillips, under the horses with which they had been travelling, also the body of Cpl.Joe Cook, who had been thrown over a hedge, and Charlie Beer who was lying on the line. They had all been killed outright. I also saw the bodies of R/Q/M/Sgt Osborne, and Ptes.Rompie, Le Brock, and Day, who had also been killed outright by the shell. It happened at about 8 p.m. towards the end of March,1918. We had to leave the bodies on the side of the line, and continue our journey. The Railway Transport Officer at St.Pol Station promised to attend to the burial.

Eye-witness: Yes.
Description: Fair, about 30.

Informant. Turnbull. ELM. 2243
58th Battn. A.Coy.S/B
Richmond Mil.Hpl. Grove Road.

A.G.Campbell
[illegible]-6-18
London
1-7-18

NOTE:-
For full list see report on 3029 C.Beer (Melbourne)

M.

58th Battn.
A.I.F.

OSBORNE
S.R. 3115

"Killed 15-4-18"

R/Q/M/Sgt.Osborne was killed on the train coming from Caestre to Doullens, at Doullens Station, by a direct hit of shell on Q/M truck. All Q/M staff killed outright, including Ptes. Rumph and Bert Hughes. I saw Osborne's body and some others. He would be buried.

Informant. East. Cpl.E. 1654
58th Battn. C.Coy. (Band)
Hut 8,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
30-8-18
H.G.

P.I.
M.

See also another [illegible]

58th Battn.
A.I.F.

OSBORNE
S.R. 3115

"Killed 15-4-18"

Osborne was R/Q/M/Sgt. I was on the train when he and Q/M Staff were wiped out. We were going to Doullens, and this happened at St. Pol railway Station. He would be buried at St. Pol.

Informant. McNaughton, J. 1899
58th Battn. A.Coy.,
Hut 20,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
16-9-18
J.E.A

P.I.
M.

58th Battn.
A.I.F.

OSBORNE.
S.R. 3115.

"Killed 15-4-18"

If R/Q/M/S. Osborne, was killed on the train coming from Caestre to Doullens. At Doullens Station by a direct hit of shell in Q/M truck - all Q/M staff killed outright including Ptes Rumph and Bert Hughes. I saw Osborne's body and some others. He would be buried.

Informant:- East.Cpl.E.1654.
58th Battn.C.Co.(Band)
Hut 8,WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand.
London.
16-9-16.
H.G.

M & P I.

3118. S.R.Osborne 58th Battn was a Private.
Cert: by H.C. 13-9-18.

NOT SENT ON

See previous Report from same unit
J.E.A.

A.I.F. 58th Battn.

OSBORNE
S.R. 5115

"KILLED IN ACTION 15/4/18"

Osborne was A/Sgt. Cook and was killed about that date by a shell in a dug out Bull trench Flers and is buried in a cemetery just behind Bull Trench and cross erected - but this has since been demolished. I saw grave with cross on but did not see casualty.

Informant:- 3049 P.R. Black,
58th Battn., B Coy.,
Hut 11, Perham.

Evidently refers to another man.

NOT SENT ON.

W. A. Byrd

London
17/9/18.

H
P.I.

Jed.

58th Bttn.
A.I.F.

OSBORNE.
S.R. 3115.

"Killed 15-4-18. De.t D/B"

L/Cpl.Boyce. B.H.Q Was on the same train and was wounded at the same time as Osborne was killed. At St.Omer. Train was shelled.Boyce has just rejoined again.

Eye-witness:- No.
Description:- Reg.Q/M/S.
Informant:-
2368 Sgt. D.C. Pierce.
D.Coy. 58th Bttn.
A.I.F., Bethnal Green Mil.Hpl.
14-10-18.

Home address:-
Beeac.
VICTORIA.

NOTE- written L/Cpl.Boyce. 24-10-18.

F.H.Bathurst.
London.
25-10-18.
J.E.A.

M.
P.I.

58th Batn.,
A.I.F.

OSBORNE,
S.R., 3115.

"Killed in action 15-4-18."

"Am afraid that you have been misinformed , for I have no knowledge of the above mentioned soldier, and there is no record in the Battalion Records of such a person. Perhaps your informant has confused the Unit.

Letter from Cpl.W.Boyce, 3022,
58th Batn.,
A.I.F.
France.

A,C.K.
London,
20-11-18.
J.E.A.

M.

P.I.

6th Btn. OSBORNE, S. R.
Pte. 3115.

Killed in action 15/4/18.

"I know Casualty. He was a short man, medium build, dark complexion, about 27 years of age, known as "Stan". Casualty was in a billet at Seck Borre on the left of Nieppe Forest. An H.E. shell exploded on the side of the billet killing Casualty instantly and Cpl. Hill and L/Cpl. Emmott and three other men. I was 100 yds. away at the time the shell exploded but I was detailled the next day to bury Casualty. He was buried at the rear of the billet where he was killed with the other men and a cross is erected with his name and number on it."

Informant:- Pte. A Cook,
No. 4150, 6th Btn.

Private address:-
Wedderburn P.O.

T.C.F.
1/11/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

A.I.F.
58th Bttn.
H/Q Co.

OSBORNE.
S.R. 3115.

Killed 15.4.18.

I don't know Osborne but I had a letter from one of the boys in A.Co. 58th Bttn, stating Osborne was one of the unlucky men killed April 15/18, rightout by a shell which blew up the railway carriage h e and others were in. They were on their way from N. France to the Somme at the time. Know nothing of burial.

Informant:- 2766 S.J.Sforana.
15th Fld.Coy. Engrs.
late A.Coy. 58th Bttn. 21.2.19.

O.S.W.
London.
4.3.19.
J.E.A.

M & P.I.

6th Battn.

OSBORNE
S.R., 3115

K. 15/4/18.

I knew casualty, he was a slight built man, 5'3" in height, dark complexion, about 34 years of age. Casualty was in the front line at Neippe Forest and was in a billet with the rest of his Platoon when a high explosive shell came through the roof of the billet and exploded amongst them. Casualty was killed instantly, death being due to concussion. I was in the same billet when the shell landed and saw casualty lying there. I helped to bury him near where he died. There was a cross erected over his grave, with his, name, number and unit on it.

Informant:- 3945,
C.S.M., R. H. Wheeler,
WALLACEDALE
Vic.

M.A.T.
12/9/19

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE

58th Batn late
6th Batn
A.I.F.

OSBORNE
S.R. 3115

"Wounded Sep-Oct-Nov"

Ad 3rd Rest Camp M'boro 3.11.17. g.s.w. left arm.
Cert. by A.I.F.HdQtrs 6.12.17.

M

London.
7.12.17.

Osborne Details of burial S. C. 3115
S. R. please 58 Bttn
Stanley Raymond.

H/a 15.4.18. no burial report
H.Q 13.1.19.

File under
3115 S. R. Osborne
58 Bttn.

Rept Sect. 9.1.19

Osborne
S.R.

~~[illegible]~~ G.C. 3115
58th Bn

Position
of
grave
please

do burial report
H Q 3 3 19

File under
Osborne S.R. 3115
58th Bn

Reports Section
29.2.19

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl. No.
	Dennison	A. A	3595
	SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl. No.
	Carroll	Arthur Mark	167

STATEMENT (to be ta

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

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About 15th April 1918 at Blaugy (whom we called "Denny") body c out of the wood - I saw his f there were 3 or 4 there also wou the body had been removed. gave more information - I also Saw before erection, knew him only

PLEASE ALSO AN

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness?		2. I
3. Was the ground held or lost?		4.
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	doubtful	6.
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.	5. 6 high - short - d came from Melbourne.	

8. *Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence* — Intelligent

To
L/Cpl Boyce
H.Q 58 Battn
A.I.F

Admt
3115 Pte S.R. Osborne
58 Battn
A.I.F

K. Ap 15/18

Written 24.10.18
MRB

Filial Copy.

25.6.18

To
H. B. Otway Esq
18 Wellington St
Dalton-in-Furness
Lancs.

Dear Sir - With reference to your inquiry of 3rd inst. for 3115 Pte S. R. Osborne 8th Batt A.I.F. (late 6th Batt.) we very much regret to inform you that he is officially reported to have been killed in action on 15.4.18. We are doing our utmost to obtain particulars of his death & burial & will advise you as soon as we succeed.

Assuring you of our sincere Sympathy

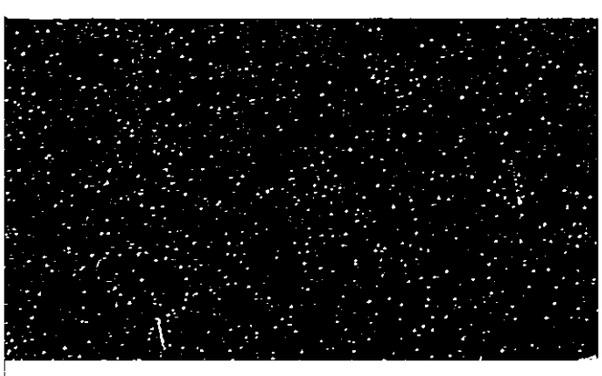
Yours Ryan.

41st BATTALION A.I.F.

Co.		
	Ahlbrand, H. G. 4982.	D/W. Mar. 29/18. Det.D./B.
	Buzza, D. W. 822.	K. Oct. 5/17. Det.D./B.
	Connor, C. E. 2553.	D/W. Oct. 7/17. Det.D./B.
	‡Duffy, L.-Cpl. A. 1824.	D/W. Jan. 5/18. Det.D./B.
	Lewis, J. 2693.	K. Oct. 10/17. Det.D./B.
	Lindsay, W. N. 2925.	W. and M. Oct. 5/17.
	Marsen, A. 2622.	K. Oct. 5/17. Det.D./B.
	Parker, H. G. 1885.	M. Oct. 4/17.
	Pascoe, H. L. 2631.	K. Oct. 5/17. Det.D./B.
	Porter, G. C. 3224.	K. Oct. 12/17. Det.D./B.
	‡Shortridge, D. S. 293.	K. Oct. 16/17. Det.D./B.
	‡Waldron, F. W. 546.	K. Mar. 30/18. Det.D./B.
	Watson, H. A. 2894.	W. and M. Oct. 5/17. Det.D./B.
	West, A. N. 1793.	K. Oct. 12/17. Det.D./B.
	Windsor, G. R. 3220.	K. Oct 5/17. Det.D./B.

42nd BATTALION A.I.F.

	Allen, D. 2762.	K. Oct. 12/17. Det.D./B.
	Baker, A. E. C. 2906.	D/W. Oct. 12/17. Det.D./B.
	Bowman, W. H. 2907.	K. Aug. 1/17. Det.D./B.
	*Butterworth, Cpl. H. 2275.	K. April 17/18. Det.D./B.
	Carmichael, A. 53.	M. Oct. 4/17.
	Chalkley, J. A. 2000.	M. Oct. 4/17.
	Clark, E. C. 2784.	K. July 31/17. Det.D./B.
	Crompton, J. H. 73.	W. and M. Oct. 4/17.
	Daniel, H. E. 549.	K. Aug. 1/17. Det.D./B.
	De Vis, L. H. 2544.	K. Oct. 18/17. Det.D./B.
	*Fisher, Lieut. W. G.	M. April 5/18.
	Fleet, F. W. 2312.	K. July 31/17. Det.D./B.
C.	[illegible]	W. and M. July 31/17.
	Gall, T. 218.	K. Aug. 1/17. Det.D./B.
	Hall, W. A. 2812.	K. Oct. 4/17. Det.D./B.
	‡Halstead, Capt. A. E.	K. April 16/18. Det.D./B.
	‡Harms, P. E. 1038.	D. April 18/18. Det.D./B.
	[illegible]	K. July 31/17. Det.D./B.



18 Wellington St
Dalton-in-Furness, Lancs.
June. 23 1915

Ans 25.6.15

The Secretary.

Dear Sir or Madam.

Having had a letter returned to me, yesterday, marked "Deceased", which I wrote to Pri Stan R. Osborne. No 3115
B Comp 6 Battn.
Aust. I. F.
on 3rd May.

last: Could you give me any information about him, as to this being correct or not, I am very anxious he being my Cousin.

He was on 14 day leave from the Trenches in February & was here from Feb 22nd to 25th & was going back to the Trenches when his leave finished.

Hoping to receive a early reply.

I remain

Yours respectfully.
H. B. Otway

18 Willington St.
Dalton in Furness
July 4th 1918

The Secretary

Dear Madam:

Your letter of 25.6.18 to hand and very sorry to hear of my cousin death, I was also informed of his death by mail last week from Aust.

I thank you tt very much for your trouble & prompt reply, hoping to hear details of his death (Pri S R Osborne) 58th Bat. A.I.F., as soon as you are able to obtain information. thanking you again.

I remain
Yours faithfully
H. B. Otway

September 21st, 1918.

HB.Otway, Esq.
18 Wellington Street.
Dalton in Furness.
Lancs.

Dear Sir.

In further answer to your enquiry for - 3115 S.R.OSBORNE. 58th Battalion. A.I.F. - We beg to inform you of an unofficial report given by 1899 Pte.J.McNaughton who was interviewed in Westham Camp, Weymouth.

He stated that Osborne was Regimental Quarter/Master Sergeant and he was on the train when he was Killed instantly with the rest of the Quarter Master Staff while they were on their way to Doullens. The casualty occurred at St Pol railway Station and informant thinks that he would be buried at St.Pol.

We are continuing our enquiries and as soon as we receive further information we shall let you know and trust that it will be some consolation to know that his death was instantaneous.

With our sincere sympathy.

YOurs faithfully,

(Miss) Law

Secretary.

ack. P.C. 5.11.18 F.W.B.

3115

S. R. Osborne

58 Bt.

Kin Q. 15.4.18.

In P.1.

France

29-10-18

Dear Miss Deakin,

Yours of 24-10-18 to hand this day re 3115 Pte S. R. Osborne 58th Battn. A.I.F. reported killed April 15/18. Am afraid that you have been misinformed, for I have no knowledge of the aforementioned soldier. And there is no record in the Battn Records of such a person. Would be only too pleased to give all information; but regret that I cannot do so.

Perhaps your informant has confused the unit.

Yours faithfully

W Boyce

3022 Cpl W Boyce
58th Battn.
A.I.F.

F.A.

March 7th, 1919.

H.B. Otway, Esq,
18 Wellington Street,
Dalton in Furness.
Lancs.

Dear Sir,

In further reference to your enquiry for 3115 Pte. S.R. OSBORNE. 58th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you of an unofficial report which we have received from 2765 Pte. Sforcina 15th Field Coy Engrs. A.I.F. (late 58th Bttn) and which confirms the report previously sent you.

Our informant stated, that in a letter from another man he was told that Pte. Osborne was killed instantly by a shell when in a train travelling from Northern France to the Somme.

Should any further particulars reach us we would immediately advise you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Mrs Stansfield

SECRETARY.