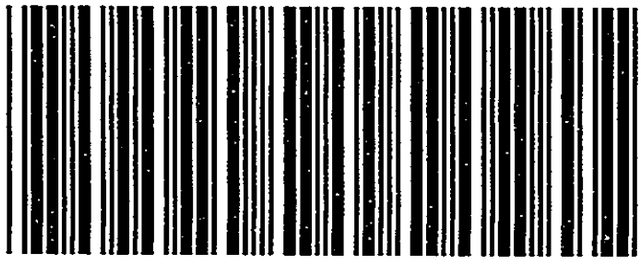
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Captain
John Redmond

41st Battalion



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41. A.I.F. Redmond. Capt. J.

K. Oct. 5/17.
details.

"Capt. Redmond was killed on (Abrian?) Height, Passchendaele on Oct. 5th. The Battn were attacking and had just reached their objective when Capt.Redmond was killed outright by a shell in a big shell hole. I was within 5 yds when the officer went down. He was "One of the best". Buried on spot

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: A very daring and popular officer.

Informant: Pte. H. Bahr 813
D Coy. 41 A.I.F.
Home address: Brook St Hospital, Carlisle.
Quorn. S. Australia.

3/12/17
D. Bindloss.

41st A. I. F. Redmond, Capt. J.,
D. Coy

(K. Oct. 5th/17. Det D & B)

"I was about 100 yards in front of Capt. Redmond in the advance near Passchendaele Cemetery when he was instantly killed by one of our 18 pounders which dropped short. I helped to bury him there."

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Pte W.J.T. Carter, 832,
41st A. I. D., D.Coy, 13 Pltn,
Queen's Hospital,
Birmingham.
Home address:
c/o G.H. Knutton,
Macclesfield,
Cheshire.

5th Dec. 1917.
F. Jervis.

Havre 7th December.1917.

41st AUSTRALIANS REDMOND, Capt. J.

K. Oct. 5th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was in command of D.Co. I was close to him when he was killed instantly by shell. I was about 4 yards from him in our own lines at Broodseinde, on October 4th.1917, at 8p.m., dark. I buried him next morning where he fell, and put a temporary cross on the grave. Lt. Price of the 41st Batt., D.Co., was with me, and helped to bury him. His papers were taken by Mr. Price. Capt. Redmond came from Bundaberg, Queensland.

Informant: Wilesmith, A.W. Pt. 80
41st Australians, D.Co., Sig. Sec. H.Q.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

RDM.

S.

Havre 11th Dec. 1917.

41st AUSTRALIANS REDMOND, Capt. J.

K. 5.10.17. Det. D/B.

I knew Capt. Redmond for 18 months. He came from Australia with us on the "Demosthenes" A 64. He was medium height and build, stout, fair, about 50, going grey. He came from Mackay, Queensland. He kept a public house in civil life. He was known as "Johny" and "Knylegs". On Oct. 5th at Ypres, our objective was Broodseinde Ridge. We had taken the 2nd ridge when Capt. Redmond was hit by shrapnel. He was full of wounds. I did not see him, but his Signaller, who left him only for 5 or 10 minutes going back found him dead. Pte. Arthur Wiresmith, 80, 41st Bn., Co. H.Qtrs. Signaller, D Co. can give full information. Wiresmith is in the Central Transport Sect. and goes up the line tomorrow. Capt. Redmond was given Field Burial. A temporary cross with his name on it was put on the grave. We held the ground.

Informant: Pte. L. Clark, 91
41st Australians, C Co., 11th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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Written Wiresmith 28-12-17

PM

41st. Batt.
A.I.F.

REDMOND
Capt. J.

Killed 5.10.17.

Was in D. Coy. He was killed by shell during the hop-over at Paschendaele (?) on October 5th. I did not see him knocked, but his Runner 2669 Wilkie W.J. D.Coy. 41st. Batt. France told me about it. He was with him when knocked and can furnish all particulars.

Inf: Garton H.G. 2695.
41st. Batt.

S.

W.G.J.

London
27.12.17.

Note :- Written PteWilkie 13.12.17.

41st Batn
D. Coy.,
AIF

REDMOND
J. Captn.

"Killed 5.10.17."

I saw him ki lled at Ypres. He was caught by a shell which hit him about the body killing him instantly. I believe he went out of his Pill Box to give an order regarding the S.O.S. signal when he was caught. I knew him very well he was a very popular officer and very well liked by all the men in the Coy., He was buried near Ypres xx just behind the civilian cemetery I saw his grave and it was marked with a cross bea ring his rank, name, and Unit.

Witness:- Cpl. E.G. Gregor 5
41st Battn D. Coy., 16th Pltn.
3rd A.A. Hpl.
Dartford

W. Oman
London.
28.12.17.

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41st Batt. A.I.F.

Redmond. Capt. J
D.Coy.

killed Oct 5th 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw him killed by a shell justvafter the hop over between Zonnebeke and Passchendaele Ridge. He was buried close by, Capt Mills, Pardre of the 41st Batt officiated at the service. A cross was erected bearing full particulars. I knew him in the coy, He was an original Batt man. He came from Bundaburg, Queensland.

Description. Age. 35. Height. 5-8. Complexion. Medium. Medium Built

Witness. Bugler. Costello. B.F. NO.421. H.Qtrs. 41st Batt.

Taken at
NO.4.C.D.Hurdcott.
I-I-18.
F.G.H.

S.Whitmee.
NO.4.Command Depot.
Hurdcott.

41st Battn.
A.I.F.

REDMOND.
Capt. J.

"Killed 5.10.17"

Capt.Redmond was killed at Zonnebeke near a civilian cemetery and is buried about 200 yards. Four of us carried him back in a stretcher. I buried him and made a cross from an old cement cask timbers and put it up. His batman was Carroll P.C. 834. Lieut.Price was at the burial and took qn the Coy. Capt.Redmond was O.C. of Coy. and very well liked.

Witness:-
Cpl.E.G.Gregor 5
41st Battn. D.Coy.
Hut 21 Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
7.1.18.

S.

Note Written Pte.Carroll 28.12.17.

41st Battn.
A.I.F.

Redmond.
Capt. J.

Skewes.
Lieut.A.

"Killed 5.10.17"

He was killed by a shell in a attack up near Ypres and Lieut. Skewes was sniped in the same attack. Cpl.R.A.Ison B.Coy. ~~is~~ the ~~41st~~ Battn. now at Hurdcott waswith Lieut.Skewes and close to Capt.Redmond and told me of their casualty and of their burial but I do not recollect the place of same.

Witness:-
L/Cpl.F.Beattie 1457
41st Battn.C.Coy.
Hut 10 Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
9.1.18.

Note Written Ison 2.1.18.

S.

Letter returned to us. 6.4.18.
Awaiting trial

41st Battn.
A.I.F.

REDMOND.
Capt. TJ

"KILLED IN ACTION" 510.17"

I am replying to your letter addressed to Pte. W.J. Wilkie 41st Battn in connection with the above, as I was near this Officer when he met his end. Captain Redmond who was one of our bravest Officers was killed by a shell, after the battle, at one in the morning. He was killed instantly, and was buried close to where he fell, and the burial service was read over by a brother officer. The grave is on the right of the railway line, at Dash Crossing on the Passchendaele ridge. The Map coordinate is D.17c 4.8. on the Paaschendaele map. Any further information you require I would be pleased to supply.,

Letter From;- F.W. MacGibbon. Lieut
Belgium.
27.12.17.

Note;- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.,

London.
25.2.18.

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41st Battn. D.Coy.
A.I.F.

REDMOND
Capt. J.

"Killed 8-10-17"

I did not see the actual casualty, but I saw him dead immediately after. He was killed at Zonnebeke, by a shell which mutilated him very badly, death being instantaneous. I knew him well, he came from Queensland, and was a very popular Officer, and very well liked by everyone. He was buried in the field at Zonnebeke. I saw his grave, but it was not then marked, but I feel sure it would be later.

Informant. Bunn Pte. E.599
41st Battn., C.Coy., 12th Pln.
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
11-3-18

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A.I.F.

41st Battn.
D Coy

REDMOND
Capt. J.

"Killed 8-10-17"

Refer to Lt. E.D.Price, D.Coy., 41st Battn., who is now in France, and also Sgt. W.Brown, of the same unit, who is also in France. They knew him, and can give full details of death and burial.

Informant. Suares Pte. W.1901
41st Battn., D.Coy., 16th Plt,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
11-3-18

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14th Battn.
A.I.F.

REDMOND.
Capt. J.

KILLED IN ACTION" 5.10.17"

Re Capt John Redmond, he was killed early on Oct 1917. He was a cousin of mine, I have been anxious to get into touch with someone who knew him and a few days ago I met his manner who was close by him when he was killed, and I can you give the following information;- He was killed about 8 p.M. on 4.10.17. by shell fire. Death was inatantaneous. He was buried a few feet away from where he fell. He was buried close by Daring Crossing near Zonnebeke, beyond Ypres. A Little Cross was placed on his grave. He was buried by Lieutenants Price & Fraser of his own Battn. I wrote to his wife some time ago. I shall now write again. P.S. Cpl.C.A. Moore No.2613. of my ouwn Bttn posted Missing 4.10.17. and is still "Missing" there is no further news about him.

Letter from;- T.Redmond. Chaplain.
France. 18.1.18

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London. 15.3.18.

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13.12.17

2669 Pte W.J. Wilkie
D Co 4.
4/1st Batn
A.I.F. B.E.F

abt

Capt. J Redmond
4/1st Batn
A.I.F.
K 5-10-17

21-12-17

28-12-17

R.C.

534 Mr. T. C. Carroll

D.C.

41st I. of Batt.

A.J.A.

Aldershot

adjt

Capt. J. Redmond

41st Batt.

A.J.A.

K. 5-10-17.

(25-12-17

50 Pte Arthur Wiresmith
4 H Qrs. Signallers
D. Coy:
41st Batln:
A.I.F
Abroad.

abt
Capt: J. Redmond
41st Batln:
A.I.F.
K. 5-10-17.

25-12-17

Left for France 28-1-18

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Capt. J. REDMOND
41 Bth.
KIA 5-10-17
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CJ

To Miss Deakin
Aberdeen

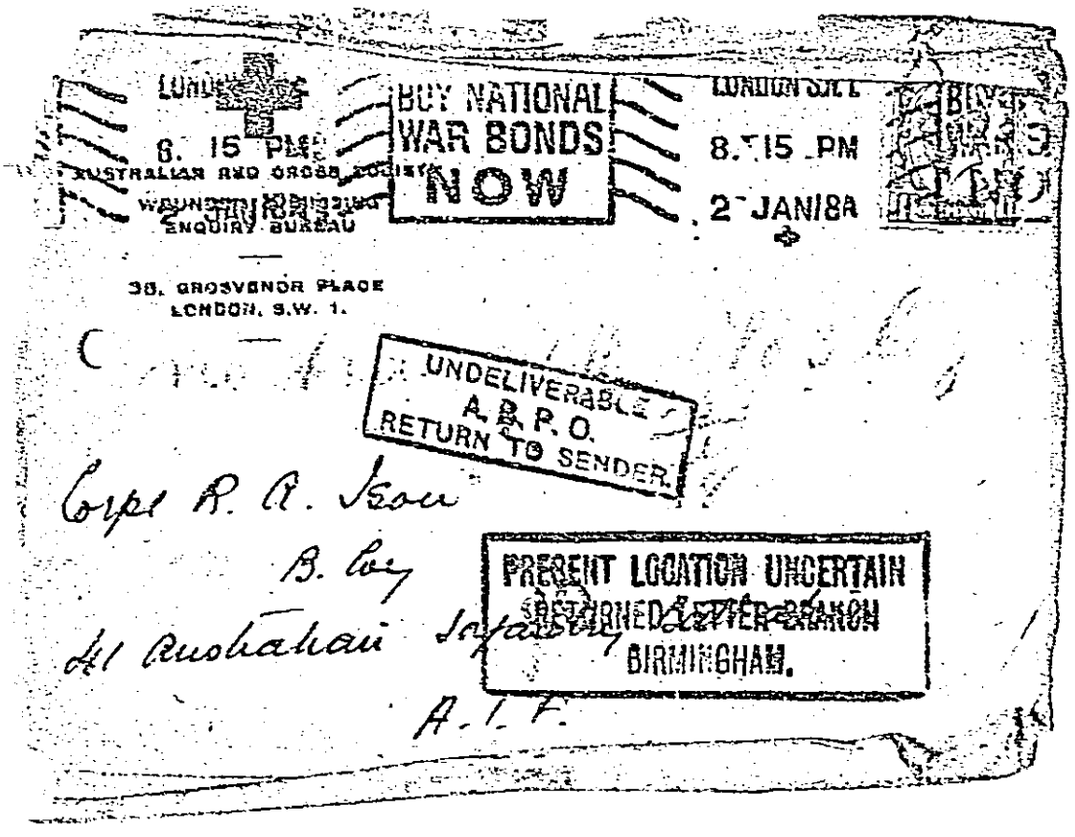
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Scotland

Dear Miss Deakin

Have been (or) Chat
You last time I was up, Thursday
We spoke about
Capt. John Redmond
2nd Bt. Welsh H.V.
Volunteer Killed Today in Oct. 1917.
We may Cross. Have been
Crossing & got with Coast with
Destroyer Escort Ever since
Few days ago I heard by Chance
We were close by him in the
Ivay Killed & Sean Sent you
the following Information.

He was killed about 6 P.M. on
4/10/17 by shell fire.
Was unmarried.
He was buried in the front line
about the field.
He was buried close by the
DARING CROSSING
Ypres Sector. Ypres.
Officers Cross was placed on the
grave. He was buried by
Lieutenants PRICE & FRASER. of
his own Bn.
Should this reach your hands
please write again.
Yours truly Hairfall
Rev. R.B.A. Chaplain

P.S. Could you kindly write to
the Australian Base Records
Cpl. C.A. Moore. No 2613, of 'My own Bn.
posted "missing" 4/10/17 to date "killed".
Also to the Territorial Force about him. R.B.A.



Cpl R. A. Soon

B. Coy

41 Battalion Infantry

A. I. F.

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2.1.18

Corpl R.A. Dean
B. Coy
41 A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for ~~a man~~ officer of your unit
Capt. J. Redmond 41 A.I.F. reported Killed
in action 6.10.17
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 Capt. J. Redmond but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldier's cemetery where the grave would be registered. We should also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identifying the soldier about whom you are writing.

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Lt. F.W.Macgibbon,
51st Infantry Battan,
Aust.Imp. Forces, B.E.F.

January 8th, 1916.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer to our enquiry addressed to Pte. W.J.Wilkie, concerning Capt. J.REDMOND, of your unit.

The information and details you have supplied will be of much assistance to us, and of value to our enquirers . It will be a great comfort to the late officer's relatives to learn of the high esteem in which he was held by the Battalion.

Again thanking you.

Yours faithfully, V.D

SECRETARY. G.S (Hon)

A.F.W.

No 3. Command Depot,
5 Camp, Hut No. 3 Coy.
Hurdcott.

Salisbury Plain
15/1/18.

Mrs. A. Deakin.
Grosvenor Rd.
London.

Madam

I am informed that the Ret Con will arrange to have deceased's personal belongings forwarded home to their proper destination in her last of Kin and would inform you that things at present stand in England any visits now made there to relatives, and you desire me how this can be arranged. - Awaiting to hear from you early reply.

I am Madam
Yours faithfully,

No 2966 Sgt. [illegible] Ret.

Returned 17.1.18.

Capt.J.Redmond, C.F .,
1st Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force,
Abroad.

January 25th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you very much for your letter of 18th inst., concerning

Capt.J.REDMOND, 1st Battalion, A.I.F.

The information you have given us will be of very great assistence to us, and we are very pleased to learn that you have also written to the late Capt. Redmond's wife giving her these latest details.

May we offer you our sincere sympathy in the loss of your cousin.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

G.S.

Capt. J. REDMOND
41 Batt
K/A 5-10-17

Belgium
27.12.17

The Secretary
Aust. Red Cross Society.
London.

K.5.10.17.

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Yours faithfully.
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Lieut