Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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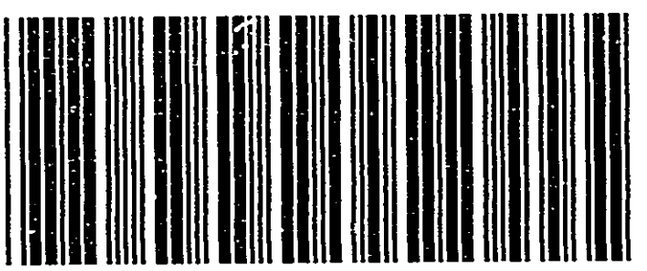
1865 Private
Alfred Absalam Winsor

13th Battalion



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13th A..I. F.

Winsor, A.A. 1865
D.Co,

(K. Aug. 29/16)

Informant states that on the night of Aug. 29. just as they were going to charge, a shell burst on the parapet and killed several men, Winsor among the number. He was buried in the front line. He had a brother in B. Co. of the 13th Batt.

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Informant could not describe him.

Informant:- Pte. W. Wood, 3511
13th A.I.F. D.Co.
3rd London General Hospital
Wandsworth

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A.I.F. 13. WINSOR A.A. 1865.

K. 29.8.16.

K in A 29-8-16

He was sent round to bomb a M.G. in the German front line, on 29th.Aug. and was killed. Pte. Woolcock, XIV Pl. D.Co. knows all the details. Winsor belonged to XIV Pl. D.Co. Cpl. Gillman and Pte. T. Long, both of No.7 Sec. XIV Pl. were killed at the same time. Cpl. Evans, Bombing section, also saw Winsor killed.

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Reference: Pte.J. Surrey. 5462. D.Co.
4 A.D.B.D.

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30.1.17.

Written Pte Woolcock } 21.2.17
Cpl Evans }

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Winsor, Pte. [redacted] 1865.

13th A.I.F.

(K. August 29th 1916. Dets. D/B.)

Informant states "I knew Winsor well, I came over with Him, he was called Abie. He was killed by an explosive shell on the night of August 29th 1916 at Mouquet about a quarter of an hour before the charge. He was buried by his comrades on the heights of Mouquet Farm in a shell hole.
I have written all particulars to his Mother in Australia."

Eye witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Harold J. Hannal, 1777, 13th A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hos:, Wandsworth.

Home address: 15 Hunter Street,
West Maitland, N.S.W.

March 1st 1917
A.E. Long.

13th Australian Imperial Force

Winsor, A.A. 1865,
D. Company

(K. Aug. 29/16. Dets: D & B)

Informant states that on 29th August/16 at Mouquet Farm near Pozieres, Pte Winsor was wounded by a shell which exploded in the trench and he died about five minutes afterwards. Pte Roberts of same Company who told Informant, was next Pte Winsor at the time.

Eye-witness: No, told by Pte J.J. Roberts, about two months after

Description: Medium height, young, dark.

Informant: Cpl Harold Evans, 3311,
13th A.I.F. D. Coy,
No. 2 Pennsylvania, Exeter.

Home address:
The Nest, Eastwood,
New South Wales.

5th March 1917.
B. White.

[illegible]h Batt.
I.F.,

WIN(D)SOR
A.A. 1865

"K. in A 29.8.16"

Re your letter of enquiry regarding the death and burial of Pte A.A. Windsor I reply on behalf of Pte Woolcock of this unit. Pte A.A.Windsor was killed in action on 29.8.16 in the field. Together with other comrades, owing to certain conditions and circumstances, we were unable to remove the bodies from the front line trenches, but they were respectfully buried, close behind the line. Short description of Pte Windsor is as follows:- Height 5'2" Build slight, hair dark, complexion sallow, disposition - energetic and agile.

Cert. by letter from C.S.M. C.Brown
France.
3.3.17.

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19.3.17.

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A.I.F. 13th Battn.

WINSOR
A.A. 1365.

KILLED = AUGUST 29/16.

Lieut: Wymer or Sergt: Fitzpatrick 13th Battn. would know personally what happened to Winsor.

Reference:- Informant's name not noted.

NOTE. Written Lieut. Wymer. 16.3. 17
Written Sergt. Fitzpatrick 17. 3. 17

London.
19. 3. 17.

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A.I.F.
15th. Battn.

WINDSOR,
Pte.A.A. 1865.

Killed in Action 29.8.16.

Your letter of the 21/3/17 to hand Re 1865 Pte. Windsor, A.A. who was reported killed 29/8/16.
Pte. Windsor was in my platoon No. 14, D. Coy. and was of a rather small and slight build, willing and energetic in character and a soldier every inch. He had dark hair and a very mild and calm manner.
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Cert by letter from
1022 Sgt. Fitzpatrick, W.S.
24/4/17. S.

London. 26.4.17.

13th Battalion A.I.F. WINSOR 1865 H.A.
(late 30th Battalion A
2nd Reinforcements)

Killed in Action 29.8.16.

I knew Winsor -- he was a 2nd Reinforcement to 30th Battalion, and joined the 13th Battalion in March, 1916. He was killed by a shell on the night of 29.8.16 near Mouquet Farm at 11.5 p.m., i.e., 5 minutes after the barrage lifted. The same shell killed Gillinan, Winsor, and two others. I helped to bury them just behind the parados.

He spoke to J.A.Watt, 3509, the stretcher-bearer and asked him to tell his (Winsor's) brother in B. Co., that he was alright. This Winsor was in D. Co. A wooden cross was erected. He only lived about 5 minutes. I afterwards joined the Runners with his brother of B. Co. and the brother showed me A.A.Winsor's photo, which I recognised as the one who was killed. Winsor was with the same platoon as Gillinan and was just starting out Bombing. He was more or less unconscious and the message to the brother was all he said.

Informant:-- W. Wood, 3511,
13th Battalion A.I.F., D. Co.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

A careful reliable witness.

H.S.O. 10.5.17. SYDNEY BUREAU.

15th Batn
A.I.F.

WINSOR
A.A. 1866

"Killed in Action 29.8.16."

Hearing you have been making enquiries about above I have called to give information:-
on the slips you have filed about him ~~Pte~~. Woods, Mannal's, and C.S.M. Brown's reports I consider accurate, but Surrey's statement about the German front line is wrong-Winsor never left our trench was killed a few minutes before we went over and he did not live five minutes as Evans states. I was very ~~badly~~ near and saw the shell explode. Winsor was badly shattered and death was absolutely instantaneous. Of this I am quite certain. It happened just after midnight and accompanied by Lieut. Morgan (Since Killed)=
I crept out about 11.a.m. and we buried him and others in our trench. The shelling was heavy and we could not even mark the graves but I expect his people will like to know he was buried by friends and some of his mates are buried with him.

Informant:- Lieut. A.D. Tarnbull,
15th Batn A.I.F.

London.
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Typed London.
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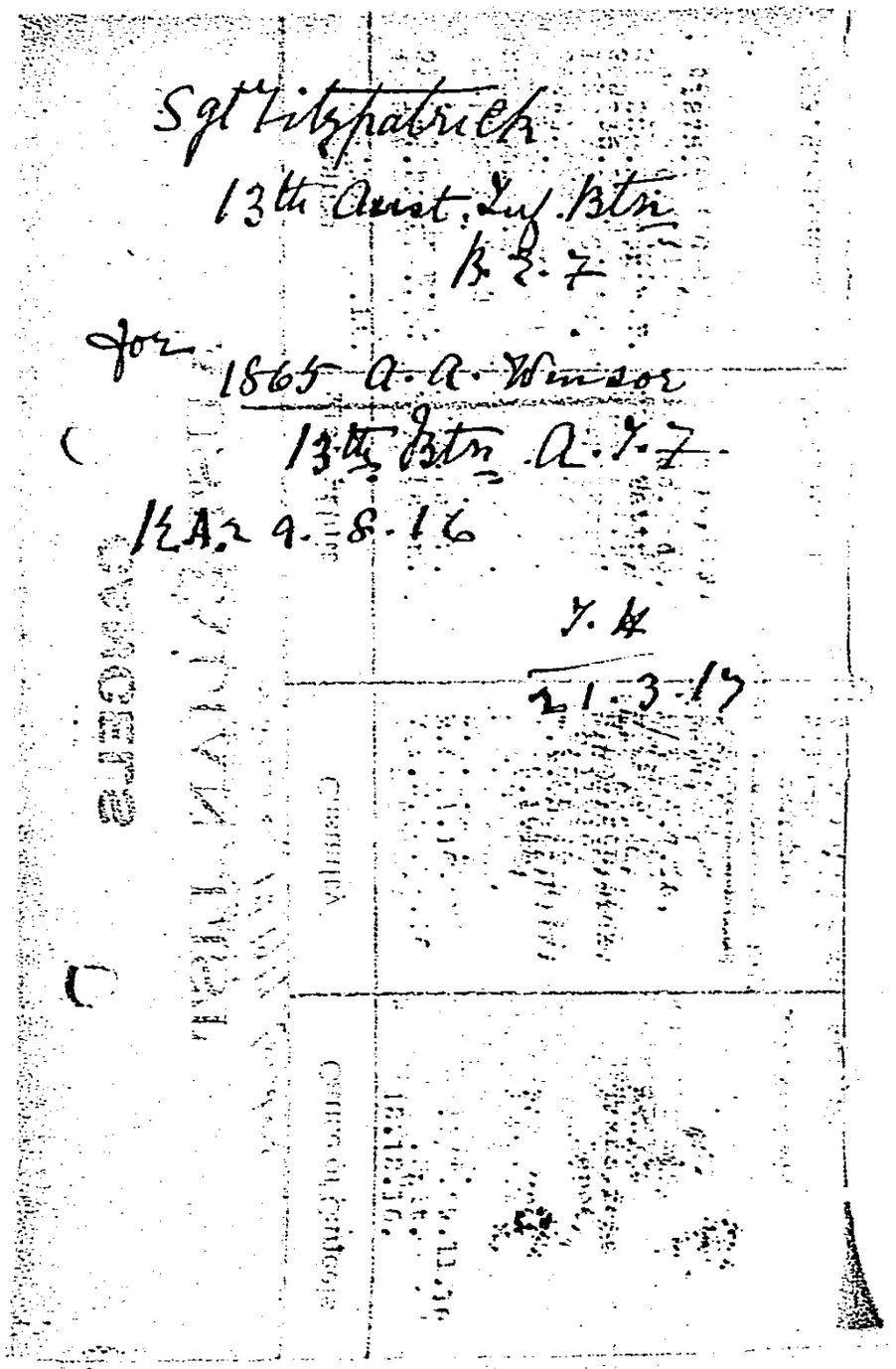

Sgt Fitzpatrick
13th Aust. Inf. Btn
B. E. F.

for 1865 A. A. Winsor
13th Btn A. I. F.

RA. 29. 8. 16

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21. 3. 17

CANCELS

AUSTRALIAN LIST

February 1st.1917.London.

February 1st 1917 London

Name	Unit	Casualty	Cause of Cancels
4048.Watson.A.H.	1st.Battn.	K.22-25.7.16.	Sufficient
3125.Haysomm E.W.	5th.Battn.late. 24th.Battn.	M.28.July/16.	Bel.Killed.
2022.Gulley.C.N.	9th.Battn.	M.21.8.16.	On Evid K.
2501.Brown.F.	13th.Battn.	K.9.8.16.	Sufficient.
PATTRICK.P.S.2/Lt.	do.	M.30.8.16.	On evid K.
3900.Negus.W.A.	17th.Battn.	K.26.7.16.	Sufficient.
1128.Alley.Cpl.C.U.	19th.Battn.	K.29.7.16.	do.
3038.Head.J.A.	23rd.Battn.	K.22.8.16.	do.
3100.Martin.C.	26th.Battn.	M.29.7.16.	Now.K.in.A.
339.Mc.Dowell.J.	28th.Battn.	M.29.7.16.	Bel.P.of.W.
~~755.Steed.Cpl.F.~~	~~do.~~	~~M.28.7.16.~~ ~~wrongly listed~~ cancelled out of 30th. ~~Battn.~~	~~Bel.Killed.~~
253.Harland.Sgt.C.	29th.Battn.	W.19-20.7.16. Now W.& M. [illegible]	[illegible] D/W.

Lieut Wymer
13th Btn A.I.F
B.E.F.

for 1865 A. A. Winsor
13th Btn A.I.F
K.A. 29.8.16

I.H.
22.3.17

22nd February - 7.

Corporal Evans,
Bombing Section.
15th Australian Inf. Battn.
B. E. F.

No. 1865.

A. A. Winsor, 15th Battalion A.I.F.
Rep. Killed 29.8.16.

A. A. Winsor

22nd February - 7.

Pte. Woolcock.
14th Platoon.
D. Company.
15th Battn. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

No. 1865.

A. A. Winsor, 15th Battn. A.I.F.

Rep. Killed 29.8.16.

A.A. Winsor

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1866 A.A. WINDSOR
13 Batt
Serjt
Co.

KA 29.8.16 — S2

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13 MAR 1917

France
3/3/17

To/ The Secretary,
Australian Branch B.R.C.S.

Sir,

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Complexion - Sallow Disposition - Energetic & agile

Yours faithfully
C. Brown C.S.M

O'WINSOR

17th March, 1917.

Dear Sgt. Brown,

Many thanks for your letter of 3rd. inst. in answer to our enquiry (made to Pte. Woolcock) for -

No. 1865 A. A. WINDSOR 13th Battalion A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V. D.

C.S.M. Brown,
13th Aust. Inf. Battn.,
B. E. F.

SECRETARY.

Ack
FM, 23.4.17

2/4/17
France.

Dear Miss Deakin

Your letter of the 21/3/17 to hand.

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I am afraid I am not much good at letter writing + that this letter is rather to the point

but if this information has been any use I am glad of ~~it~~ being able to render it

Yours Faithfully

|| 1022 Sgt Fitzpatrick W.S. ||

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Yours Faithfully

|| 1022 Sgt Fitzpatrick W.S. ||

1865 Rec A.A. WINSOR / 13 Battle
K.A. 29.8.16
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25th April 1917.

No. 1022. Sgt. F.S. Fitzpatrick,
B. Company.
13th Australian Inf. Battn.
B.E.F.

Dear Sgt. Fitzpatrick,

Very many thanks for your letter of April 2nd in answer to our enquiry for:-

No. 1865. Pte. A.A. Winsor.

The information and description you have sent will be of much assistance and his relatives will be comforted to learn, through you, that his death was instantaneous.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully, V.D.

Secretary.