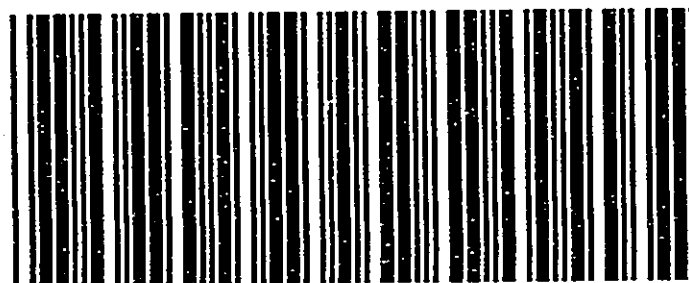


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**2830 Private
Kenneth Maitland
Skinner**

4th Battalion



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A.I.F. 4th Btn

SKINNER K. H.
2830

"Died 22nd March"

Died of wounds 2-3-17 - 1st Australian Fld. Amb. - Buried
at Singer Circus? Cemetery
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 1-5-17.

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London
2-5-17

(4th Aust. Inf. Battn.
A. I. F.

Skinner. K.M.
Pte. 2830.

"Died of Wounds 2.3.17."

In response to your letter of 4th inst. regarding the death of No 2830 Pte. Skinner, 4th Aust. Inf. Battn. I have to inform you that this soldier was brought to an Aid Post of this Ambulance on 2.3.17. with shell wounds of both thighs, and suffering greatly from shock. He died soon after admission, and the burial took place at Singer Circus Cemetery, Bazentin Le Petit.

Letter from:-

O.C.

1st Aust. Field Ambulance.
13.5.17.

(London.
21.5.17.

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4th Battn.
late 19th Battn.

SKINNER, K.M.
2830 Pts

Died of wounds 2/3/17.

I knew Skinner, he was in D.Co.XVI Platoon. He was tall, fair, and slim build, I do not think there was another man called Skinner in D.Co. He was wounded on 2/3/17 at Le Barque near Bapaume and he and Pte Mullard and others and were on an advanced post when they were surprised by the Germans and he was wounded by a bomb which severely wounded him. I was Sgt. in charge of No.XV Platoon and took my platoon over to the post where Skinner had been, all of these had been wounded and I saw Skinner; he was taken back to the Dressing Station by one own stretcher bearers and died on the way. The news of his death came through the same day. He was buried at the Dressing Station at Le Barque. This was told me by Cpl. Moss the Coy. stretcher bearer who has since been killed. Mullard was in this hospital and was the only man who came out alive from this post.

Informant: Pritchard, W.H. Coy.Sgt.Major. 6774

4th Battn. D.Co. XV Platoon.

No.4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

A careful reliable witness.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

H.S.W.
6/12/17.

4th Battalion. A.I.F.

late 1913

SKINNER, K.M.
2830 pte

Died of wounds at 2/3/17.

I knew Skinner very well. He was in the same Platoon as I was. I did not see him wounded, but subsequently visited his grave between Bazentin and Pozieres. It was not in a cemetery but there were several other graves and there was a cross on Skinner's grave with his name and number on it.

Informant: O'Keeff, R. 1604

42nd Battalion. A.I.F.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

B.M.
12/11/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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13/5/17
In the field

2 wds.
14-15

In response to your letter of
 14th instant regarding the death of No.
 2530 DR. SKINNER 4th Aust. Inf. Bn.
 I have to inform you that this
 soldier was brought to an Aid
 Post of this Ambulance ^{on 2/3/17} with
 shell wounds of both thighs, and
 suffering greatly from shock. He
 died soon after admission, and the
 burial took place at Singapore
 Cemetery. BAZENTIN LE PETIT.

Yours faithfully,
 J. R. Bunn, Lieut-Colonel
 C. C. 1st Australian Field Ambulance

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4th May 1917.

The Commanding Officer,
1st Australian Field Ambulance.
British Expeditionary Force.

Dear Sir,

Would you very kindly supply us with any details concerning the last hours, death and burial of :-

No. 2850. Pte. Skinner, 4th Battalion A.I.F.
who is officially reported to have died 2.3.17. at 1st Australian Field Ambulance. We would also especially like to know the Cemetery where he was buried.

We have a cable of enquiry from Sydney for all information concerning him and his ^{people} ~~spouse~~ would greatly value any further details you can give us.

We regret very much to trouble you ^{but} ~~and~~ would be exceedingly grateful if you can help us.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Blue PC.