

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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29167 Gunner
William George Tasker

13th Field Artillery Brigade



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A.I.F. 13th F.A.B.
late 118 How. Batty.

TASKER
William George
29167

"DIED OF WOUNDS"

Died of wounds 9/8/18 Shrapnel wound left groin - at 7th Aust. Fld. Amb.
No report of burial.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 25/9/18.

London
25/9/18.

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A.I.F. 13 Artillery

TASKER
W.G. 29167.

"Died of Wounds 9/8/18."

Herbennieres, to the left, he was cleaning the gun sights
and was hit by shell through the groin, badly wounded. He was
taken to Field Ambulance. I saw him wounded and taken away.

Informant:- 26211 Playsted,
Ward 24,
Harefield.

D.F. Dickson.
London
3.12.18.
J.F.A.

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A.I.F. 13th F.A.B.

TASKER
W.G. 29167.

"Died of Wounds 9.8.18"

Reference your letter dated 9.12.18. The above described soldier died on admission to this Ambulance on the 9th August 1918 from Shell wound left Groin. He was buried the same day at Sheet 62D.P.30.d.5.3. La Motte en Santerre on the Villers Bretonneux - Peronne Road.

Letter from:- C.O.
7th Australian Field Amb.
B.E.F.

London.
7.1.19.
J.E.A.

P.I.
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5th. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. A.I.F.
13th. F.A.B.

TASKER W. G. Gunner.
No. 29167.

Died of Wounds 9/8/18.

Informant described Tasker as about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, rather stout build, fair complexion, aged about 25. Was a prominent footballer.

Informant states that they both belonged to 50th. Battery. On or about 2/8/18 the Battalion was in action to the right of Villers Bretonneux. About 11.30 a.m. while Tasker was working his gun, he was hit by a High Explosive shell. Informant was about 100 yards away and saw Tasker being taken away on a stretcher in an unconscious condition and heard that he died later. In Informant's opinion Tasker was sure to have been buried.

According to Informant Tasker was well thought of and one of the best liked men in the Battery.

Informant:-Driver A. Gilbert, 2601,
50th. Battery.

Home address:- 107 Young Street, Annandale.

W.K.G.
Victoria Barracks, Sydney.
10/4/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.

15th F.A.B.

late 116th How. Bty.

50th Bty. (P.I)

TANKER. Gunner

89167

TELETYPE UNIT

Died of Mias. 19.8.18.

Re-buried Villars-Bretonneux Mil. Cem. 62.D.O.17.C.4.3. Plot 19

Row C. Grave 2.

Cert. by Capt. Spedding's list 15.8.19. Sheet No 1756M

London.
3.9.19.

S.

A.I.F. 13th F.A.B.

TASKER(HQ)
not TASHER
W.G. 29167

"WOUNDED"

Adm. 5th C.C.S 23-5-18

Cert. by Hpl Index

Trans: 47th G.H.Le Treport 27-5-18 - G.S.W.R.ara

Discharged - Base Depot 6-6-18.

Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 8-8-18.

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London

3-8-18

5th Division Artillery, A.I.F.
13th Field Arty Bgde.

TASKER, V.C. - Gnr. No. 29167

"Died of Wounds, 9/8/18."

I knew Tasker well, he and I were in hospital together with similar wounds in 1918 at Le Treport, and we rejoined the Unit together before August last. He was in the 50th Battery with me. He was a great footballer, and had visited America in a Rugby team from Australia. On the 8th August last, near Barboniere, after the advance, whilst we were consolidating, a shell landed near his gun, and wounded him badly. I helped bind him up. I heard a few days later that he had died of wounds. He was taken back to the Dressing Station. He was conscious when he left, but I am told he did not think he would recover.

Informant - Sergeant H. Chillingworth, No. 275,
5th Division Arty, 50th Battery.

Home Address - C/o Pillan, Church Street,
Abbotard, Melbourne.

H.S.O.
Anzac Furlough.
Ramsay Chambers.
23/12/18.

C/Sgt
SIDNEY BUREAU.

26. 9. 18.

C. C's Draft.

C.C.

7th Australian Field Ambulance
B.E.F.

at home

29/67 Pte. W. G. Tasker

13th Field Artillery Brigade
A.F.F.

Def. W. 9. 8. 18.

O.C. Draft

8-7-18.

8-11-18
HOMER

8-11-18
HOMER

76 Australian Field Ambulance
B.L.A.

RECOMMENDED BY

2967. Mr. W.G. Tasker.

13th F.A.B.

A.I.F.

Bofw.

9-8-18.

R.I.

8-11-18
HOMER

8-11-18
HOMER

A.I.F. 4th Pioneer Btn HQ.

COLLINS

Ca. L. Dr. John

"WHEREABOUTS"

HQ. Rev. Collins had leave and went to France 7-8-18 - he is an Army Chaplain and now in France with H.Q. 4th Pioneer Btn
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs phone 8-11-18.

London
8-11-18

P.I.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

France
1/12/18

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9.12.18

The Secretary

Wounded & Missing Inquiry Bureau

Christianian Red Cross Society

London.

Dear Madam,

I shall be pleased if

you could kindly ~~make~~ make Enquiries

Re. Mr. W. J. TACKER. No. 29

30th Battery, Australian Field Artillery

H.F.A. who died of wounds

received on the 8th August last.

Tacker was one of my best
friends and if possible would
like to visit his grave.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully

No 29037. Capt. G. D. Allman

38th Battery 1st Bde. 1st Div.

H.F.A. H.F.A.

B.O.

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9th. ans 12d amb

B.E.F

9.12.18

29.6.9 9th W. of Taster

B.E.F. A.B.

6 of wds. 9.8.18

Havre.

21st. November. 1918.

4th. Australians.

Stone. S/M. R. H. 989.

September. 11/1918. Data. D/B.

He was in C. Company. I saw the Cross prepared for his Grave and know that he is buried in the open near Templeux Road close to where he was killed by shell. Pioneer Sergeant J. Anderson, 4th. Battalion, H.Q. No. 4069, buried Stone and will be able to give more details.

Inf:-- Sergeant. E. Rogers. 2438.
4th. Australians. H.Q. (Formerly A.I.)
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

OP.

SEVENTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
36, Grosvenor Place,
LONDON S.W.1

29167

W. G. Tasker

13 F.R.B

D.O.W. 9.8.18

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No. 29167 Gunner W.G. TASKER, 13th Field Arty. Bgde..

Reference your letter dated 9.12.18.

The above described soldier died on admission to
this Ambulance on 9.8.18 from 'Shell wound Left Groin'.

He was buried the same day at sheet 62D. P30.3.5.3.
- La MOTTE en SANTERRE on the VILLERS BRETONNEUX - PERONNE
Road.

" " SECTION, 7th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE
30.13.18
Date

W. G. Tasker Major,
C.O. 7th Australian Field Ambulance.

January 22nd, 1919.

29037 Sgt. Cyril D. Allman.
38th Battery, 10th Brigade,
Aust. Fld. Art. B.H.F.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for 29167
Gnr. W.G. TASKER. 13th Field Artillery Brigade, A.F.A. We beg
to inform you that we have now heard from the O.C. of the
7th Australian Field Ambulance who stated that Gnr. Tasker
died on admission to the Ambulance on August 9th from a shell
wound of the left groin. He was buried the same day at La Motte
en Santerre on the Villers Bretonneux-Peronne Road - the map
reference of his grave being Sheet 62 D. P.30.5.3.

We trust these particulars may be of some assistance
to you and will immediately advise you should any further
details reach us.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) D.P.

Secretary

December 9th, 1918.

39037 Sgt. C.D. Allman,
38th Battery, 10th Bde.
Aust. Fld. Art.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry of 1st inst., for
29167 Cnr. W.G. TASKER. 13th Field Art. Bde. A.F.A.

We much regret to inform you that he is officially
reported to have died of shrapnel wounds to the left groin
at 7th Australian Field Ambulance on 9/8/18. We have written
to the O.C. of the Ambulance for details of his death and
burial and will advise you as soon as we receive his reply.

Assuring you of our sympathy in the loss of your
friend.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

MR

Secretary.