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**1733 Corporal
Edward Ernest
Stainsby**

24th Battalion



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24th Battn.
A.I.F.

STAINSBY,
E.E. 1733a

"Killed 10.11.17. Det D/B"

Stainsby was killed outright on Broodseinde Ridge, in front of Zonnebeke. L/C Knight also killed at same time. They were both in B. Coy, and were buried together where they fell. I was only a few yards away from them when killed. A cross was erected. I helped to bury them.

Informant:- Cpl. Cook, W.J. 4085,
24th Battn. B. Coy,
Hut 11,
Westham.

W.A. Rand,

London.
6.2.18.

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24th. Battalion. A.I.F.

Stainsby. E.E. No. 1733a.

K. Nov. 19/17. Det. D./E.

He was in a dug out in the supports at Broodlands Ridge, when a shell blew the top of the dug out in on him. I helped to dig him out, but he was quite dead. I could not say if he was buried, but in all probability he would be. I knew him well as we had been together for about two years and a half.

Description. Height. 5-10 $\frac{1}{2}$. Comp. Fair. Well Built,

Witness. Major. R.W. Pte. No. 1539. "B" Coy. 24th. Battalion.

Taken at
No. 5. C.D.
13-2-18.
S.W.

S. Whitmee,
No. 4. C.D.
Hurdcott.

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Havre.

19th. February 1918.

24th. Bttn. A.I.F.

Stainsby E. S. No. 1733A.

Killed. 10th. November 1917. Dets. D/B.

We were in the support at Broodseinde Ridge on November 10th., and during a gas-shell bombardment two men, of whom Stainsby was one, took cover in the same dug-out. No one knew they were killed until the next morning, and then as they were missing, the dug-out was excavated, and their remains were found, and identified by Captain Ellwood (now Major Ellwood with the 24th. Bttn) by their pay books. Two temporary crosses were put up. I knew Stainsby very well. He was tall, fair, clean shaven. He came from Richmond.

Inf:- Private D. Mowallan No. 3567.
24th. Battalion.
5th. Platoon. A. I. F.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

CWS.

24th Infantry
Australian Imperial Force

Stainsby. Pte. E.E. 1733 A.

(K. Nov. 10. 17.).

" At Zonnebeke, Ypres Sector, we were holding the line on Nov. 10th. Stainsby and another man were in their dug-out, when a shell came over, blowing it up and killing them. We buried them where they were killed. We enlisted together in 1915, Stainsby came from Richmond, Melbourne, previous to the war, he had been a Sergt. in the Cadets Guards. He belonged to B Coy. No. VI Platoon. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description - About 25. Clean shaven. Tall, fair, married just before enlisting. Previously wounded at Pozieres.

Informant :- Pte. A.W. Mottings, 1714,
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25.2.18.

E.C. Hughes.

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24th Btn.

STAINSBY, E. E.
Cpl. 1733a.

Killed in action 10/11/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, well built, fair complexion, about 25 years of age. He is a married man with two children. Casualty was in his dug-out at support lines, Zonnebeke Ridge. An H.E. shell exploded in the dug-out killing Casualty instantly and Cpl. Knight and burying them. I was 30 yds. from Casualty at the time of his death and I gave orders for them to be dug out but he was dead on recovery. He was buried just near where he was killed and I helped to bury him. A cross was erected with his name and number on it. I was an eye-witness."

Informant: p C.S.M. Hardwick. H.
No. 1909, 24th Btn.

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T.C.F.
26/7/18.

J.F.A.

C. S. M. H.
M.

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24th Btn.

STAINSEY, E. E.
Opl. 1753.

K. in act. 10/11/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was about 5 ft. 10 ins. fair, about 25 years of age. Casualty was in supports at Broodseinde Ridge, Ypres, when a mine bang exploded alongside killing him instantly. I was 5 yds. away at the time in the next dug-out. He was buried where he fell. No cross had been erected up to time of my departure."

Informant:- Pte. J. Hart.
No. 4434, 24th Btn.

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N.A.T.
14/3/19.

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Cannell

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