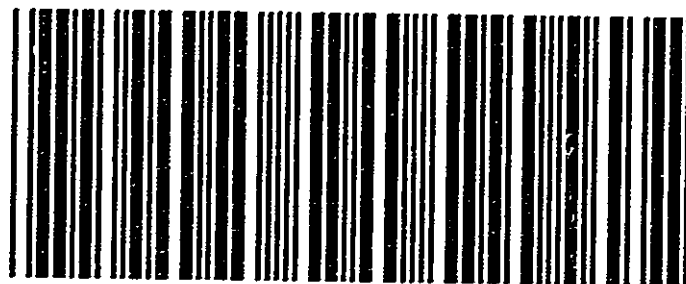


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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Lieutenant
Arthur Collins Loveday

28th Battalion



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Havre.

7th. October. 1918.

28th. Australians.

Loveday, Lieut. A. C.

D/H. August. 12/1918. Detz. D/B.

I was in the same trench with him at Morlancourt and about five yards off when he was wounded by a shell; he was very badly wounded in the chest and legs. He was taken out by the S/Bearers but died on the way to the A.P. I cannot say where he was buried as we came out two nights afterwards.

Inf:- Private. W. Delaney. 534.
28th. Australians. B. 8.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

CRR.

CP.

Havre.

12th. October. 1918.

28th. Australians.

Loveday, Lieut. A. C.

D/H. August. 12/1918. Detz. D/B.

About August 12th. we were near Harbonieres. In the morning we attacked and got a long way. During the attack Mr. Loveday, who was leading his men, was hit by a piece of shell and was brought down. I was fairly near and saw him lying there and I was told that he died afterwards. I know nothing as to burial.

Inf:- Private. P. T. Gallop. 5597.
28th. Australians. B. 7.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

CWSS.

CP.

A.I.F. 28.

LOVEDAY, Lieut, A.C.

D/W August 12th 1918.

He was in A.Co. and was one of the most popular officers we have had. The Battn was attacking in front of Harbenniers I was not near him when he was wounded, but know that he was taken to the Dacours C.C.S. where he died two days later and was buried in the cemetery there where I saw his grave. I think the whole Battn knows the facts of his burial.

Inf: QMS C.O. Sh/card. 5306.

Billets,

BOULOGNE. 5.10.18.

L de D.

28th Battn.
A.I.F.

LOVEDAY.
A.C. Lieut.

"Died of Wounds 12-8-18"

With reference to your letter of enquiry relating to the death of the abovementioned. I beg to inform you that a letter was written to the relatives in Australia on 13-8-18 giving all available information. The 3rd

Letter from:- O.C.
55th C.C.S.
B.E.F. 24-8-18.

London.
2-10-18.
I.T.

P.

A.I.F. 28th Bn.

LOVEDAY
Arthur Collins Lt.

STATE OF WOUNDS 12/2/18

Gun shot wound neck and shoulder - Previously reported Died of wounds
12/2/18 at 28th Casualty Clearing Station
Cert. by A.I.F. Mors 7/12/18

This information was reported in-correctly by A.I.F. Mors as applying
to Capt. A.C. Loveday 18th Bn., whose wife:- Mrs G. Loveday, 23,
Chamilton Gardens, Kensington W,8, was notified - see card for Capt. Arthur
Collins Loveday 18th Bn.

London
10/12/18

No Enq. P.I.

28th Batta.
A.I.F.

LOVEDAY.
Lieut. A.C.

"Died of Wounds 12-8-18"

He was of A. Company. IV Platoon. At Villers Bretonneux between 10th and 12th August. During cut attack, was hit by piece H.E. shell. I did not see it happen. He was taken out and died at C.O.S. in Dacars. I did not see him after he was wounded. Was buried in Military Cemetery at Dacars. Cross erected. I have seen his grave.

Informant:- Pte. J. Wellard. 4570.
28th Batta. A. Coy. IV Pl.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
Lcnich.
16-10-18.
J.E.A.

P.

28th Battn.
A.I.F.

LOVEDAY.
A.C. Lieut.

"Died of Wounds 12-6-18"

On August 10th 1918 Lieut Loveday was hit and removed to a Casualty Clearing Station. He died there and was buried at the Cemetery at Dacres. I have seen his grave. His whole Company wrote a memorial and sent it to the Battalion. For further information concerning his death, refer to Captain and Adjutant, E.G.Allen. 28th Battalion. A.I.F. FRANCE. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:-

Description:- fair, young, about 25/26, well set up.

Home address:-

Informant:- Glyde. E.G.Major.

Hope, Pollock & Co.

28th Battalion. A.I.F.

Thread Needle Street.

3rd London Gen Hpl.

London.

WANDSWORTH.

Maud Hammond.

London.

18-10-18.

P.

C. Sullivan

28th Battn.
A.I.F.

LOVEDAY.
Lieut. A.C.

"Died of Wounds 12-8-18"

At Villers Bretonneux. out in the open while we were making an attack, in the afternoon, he was hit by shell or shrapnel in the chest. I saw him wounded. He was a grand fellow - a real fine mind(?) I knew him in W.Australia.

Informant:- Mc Mahon.6661.
W.35.HAREFIELD.

D.P.Dickson.
London.
8-11-18.
H.G.

P.

28th Battn.,
A.I.F.

LOVEDAY,
A.C., Lieut.

"Died of wounds - 12-8-18."

"On Aug. 12th 1918 early in the morning I saw Lieut. Loveday wounded by machine Gun.. He died at the C.C.S. at Bussey Le Dous, near Amiens. He is buried in the Military Cemetery at that place. His grave is marked by a cross erected by the Battalion in plot No.3.

He came from Freemantle, but don't know his calling in private life. A tall fair man, fond of sports and very popular in the Battalion. His grave is alongside the grave of W.Vincent of the same Battalion. Loveday was my own Platoon Officer. The ground was held.

Eye-witness:- Yes.

Description:- No marks or scars I know of.

Home address:-
123, McDonnald Street,
Kalgoorlie,
W.Aus.

Informant:- Holt, A. 5878 Cpl.,
28th Battn., A.I.F.,
2/1 Southern General,
Dudley Road,
Birmingham.

Chas.T.Allsop,
London,
11-11-18.
H.G.

P.

A.I.F. 28th Battn.

LOVEDAY
A.C.

"Died of Wounds 12.8.18."

Loveday was wounded during operations at Villers Bretonneux about the middle of August and died near the Casualty Station at Corbey. He was buried in the Cemetery attached to the Casualty Clearing Station and a cross was erected by the Battn. Pioneers. I saw him the day before he died.

Informant:- 1887 Victor S. Freeman, Sgt.
28th Battn. B. Coy,
7, Platoon,
Ward 6, Bath War Hospital.

Home address:-
143 Hay Street,
Subiaco,
West Australia.

R. Adcock.
10.10.18.
London
13.11.18.
H.G.

P.

A.I.F.
15th Bttn.

LOVEDAY.
Arthur Collins. Capt.

"KILLED in Action Oct. 1918. Det. D/B"

Died of wounds 11.8.18. shell wound neck.

Buried Bussy Military Cemetery.
Cert. by Hqs. 25.11.18.

London.
25.11.18.

P.I.

A.I.F. 15th Bn
late 4th A.L.F.M. B.

LOVEDAY
Arthur Cecil Captn.

"WHEREABOUTS"

Disch: Overseas Training Bde 24-9-18 ex 3 Gen. Hpl 22-7-18 (post:
influenza to England 20-7-18).

Rejoined unit 7-10-18

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 6-12-18

Reported incorrectly by Hqs to wife (see over) and on 25-11-18
to Red Cross as died of wounds 11-8-18 - he was confused with 2nd.
Lt. Arthur Collins Loveday 28th Bn (late 4777) who died of wounds
on 12-8-18 - Hqs connected report to Capt. Loveday's wife and have
connected their own records - see correspondence.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 6-12-18.

P.I.

London
11-12-18

A.I.F. 28th Battn.

LOVEDAY
A.O.Lieut

"GASSED".

Adm. ¹⁰28th Gen. Hpl. 7/5/18 P.U.O. slt.

Disch: to duty 13/8/18
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 30/8/18

Died of wounds at 55th Casualty Clearing Station 12/8/18
Cert. by Hpl. Index.

London
(18/9/18.

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Bayre.

14th . July. 1918.

5th. Australians.

Prov. Corporal. R. 3820.

K. April. 23/1918. Data. D/B.

I knew Corporal Robert Prov. A. Coy. 2nd. Bn. I was close to him at Estereen when one of our own shells short pitched & killed him instantly. I saw his grave in the Military Cemetery near Estereen in April 1918. There is a cross on it.

Inf:- Private. C. Johnston. 7031.
5th. Australians. A. B.
Australian Inv. Corp.
Borneo.

RCH.

Love Day

Capt

A.E. (Arthur Cecil) 15 Bn
Mrs Brotherton.

Can you do this today.

There has been confusion here
about the soldiers as the
notes on the back show that
Mrs Cecilia Love Day was
notified of Lt Arthur Cecil
Love Day's death.

But there is no confirmation
from the records.

(These records are moving
today to Officer Records)

4.6.12.18

40 Mrs Loveday

5th Dec. 1918

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Ar 7.12.18
R/15/11

Dear Madam

This morning I received from
5971 Pte W.S. Mew, 42nd Battr.
A.I.F., a letter of condolence on
the supposed death of my husband

^{Arthur Cecil}
Captain A.C. Loveday, 15th Battr. A.I.F.

Pte Mew enclosed a communication
from you in which you state
that Captain A.C. Loveday, 15th
Battr. A.I.F. is officially reported

to have died of a shell wound in the neck on 11.8.18, & to be buried at Bussy Military Cemetery.

The man who ~~was killed~~^{died} on that date was Lieutenant ^{Arthur Eddings} A.C. Loveday of, I believe, the 48th Bn. (I am not absolutely certain of the number of his Bn.). A.I.F. Headquarters sent me the details at the time, & as my husband was then, fortunately, home on leave, he wrote

at once to H.Q. to explain that ~~a~~ a mistake had been made in sending the wife of Captain A.C. Loveday 15th Bn. information concerning the death of lieut. A.C. Loveday, of 48th Bn.

A photographer published my husband's photograph in the Illustrated London News as the fallen lieut. A.C. Loveday, & it is probable that Mr. Men saw this.

I am writing to Mr. Men to explain, & in case you receive any further inquiries on the subject, I should

be glad if you would make
use of my statements.

Yours faithfully

C. Loveday

The Secretary

Australian Red X Society

36 Grosvenor Place

S.W.1.

To

Mr A.C. Loveday

7.12.18

22 Cheniston Gardens

Kensington

W.8.

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Dear Madam - We beg to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter of
24th inst - and very much regret
the official mistake through which
your husband Capt. Arthur Cecil
Loveday 15th Batt A.I.F. (late
4th Aust. Light Trench Motor Battery)
now with his unit was ~~confused~~
confounded with Capt. Arthur Collins
Loveday 15th Batt A.I.F. who was
died of wounds on 11.8.18.

We have applied to A.I.F.
HQs in the matter - and find
that the records have now been
corrected. Again assuring you
of our regret in having ~~fulfilled~~
the mistake.

20083.

Dec. 6.

Spr. G. F. Stephen.

Signalling Section.

2nd. Aust. Infantry Bde. A.I.F.

Bk. 7. France.

Dear Sir -

We beg to acknowledge
your letter of ~~the~~ 27.11.18
regarding 4836. Pte W.C.
Kilfeder. 6th Btn. A.I.F. who
died of wounds in the 61st.
C.C. Btn - Bk. 7. on 11.8.18.

We have written to the D.C.
of the hospital for details
regarding his death &
burial, & will advise
you as soon as we
receive a reply - Assuring
you of our very sincere
sympathy in your loss,
& with all good wishes -

1918
P.I.
1918

Capt

Loveday
Arthur Collins

15 Bn

H/A Oct. 1918 det D/B 9 of wels. 11. 8. 18 shell wld
ck. Buried Bussy mil Cem. #9 25. 11. 18.

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Loveday
Arthur Collins
W.D.

19. 11. 15

P.I. 19. 11. 15

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5971 Pte H.S. Inew

42 Bn. I. S. T.

Aust. Conv. Dep.

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St. Louis Rd

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Lieut A.C. Loveday
2913alta
27/10/12-8-18
Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
33, Grosvenor Place, LONDON, S.W.

1785
J. Button
2 Pioneers
27/10/16-8-18
H2

Dear Madam,

With reference to your letters of enquiry relating to the deaths of the under-mentioned :-

Lieut. A.C. LOVEDAY 28th Bn. A.I.F. 13/8/18.
No. 1785 Pte. J. BUTTON 2nd. Pnr. Bn. A.I.F. 19/8/18.
No. 5371 " J.J. FERGUSON 5th. Bn. A.I.F. 13/8/18.

I beg to inform you that letters were written to the relatives of the Officer and each man in AUSTRALIA giving all available information. The date the letter was written is shown against each name.

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Yours faithfully,

5371
J.J. Ferguson
5/8alta
27/10/12-8-18
S2
Lt-Col., RAMC., TF.
Commanding, 55 Cas. Csg. Stn.

(*Ans 4478*
24/8/18.

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5971 Pte. W.S. Hew,
42nd Bttn, A.I.F.
Australian Convalescent Depot,
A.20. 3/12. B.E.F.

November 26th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry for Captain A.G. LOVEDAY,
15th Battalion, A.I.F., we beg to inform you that he is
officially reported to have died of a shell wound of the neck
on 11.8.18, and to be buried at Busby Military Cemetery.

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you as
soon as any further particulars reach us.

Regretting the sad nature of this news.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

D.S.

5971 Pte. WS. Mew,
42nd Battalion. A.I.F.
Australian Convalescent Depot.
A.P.O. S. 12. B.P.F.

December 9th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

On 26.11.18. we sent you information of the death from wounds of Captain A.C. LOVEDAY. 15th Battalion. A.I.F. and Mrs. Loveday - his wife - has written us that you forwarded our letter to her and that the report was incorrect. We have now ascertained at A.I.F. Headquarters that they incorrectly notified Mrs. Loveday of the death of her husband - who fortunately was on leave. This information concerned - 2/Lieut. Arthur Collins Loveday. 28th Btn. and A.I.F. Headquarters have written to Mrs. Loveday ~~concoiting~~ *correcting* their error and have altered their records.

We regret that this mistake has occurred and have written to Mrs. Loveday about it.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

LAW.