Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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Lieutenant
Alfred John Watt

8th Light Horse



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A.I.F.
8th Light. Horse.

WATT.
Lieut. Alfred.

Killed in Action 3.11.17.

Buried Grave 311 Beersheba Gum tree Spinney Palestine.
Cert. by Hqrs list 4.7.19.

London.
16.7.19.

CAIRO.

Lieut A. Watt

L.H. Regt. A.I.F. "Killed 3.10.17." not WATT A. J. Lt.

I Know Lt Watt. He was in the Light Horse, but he is now in the camel corps. He was not killed at all. He was shot in the jaw and is now going back to Australia.

Eye-Witness: Inf. Wyatt. H.M. Capt.,
Description: Imperial Camel Corps,

Home Address.
Harvey, Western Australia.

This is a different man
Lieut A. Watt 11 A.H. Regt
Lieut. A J. Watt in Camel Corps

NOTE TO CAIRO

8th L.H.Regt.
A.I.F.

WATT
Lt. Alfred

"Killed in Action 3-11-17"

Re your lists for Feb. - May - June. We are informed at Hqts. that above had no second Christian name. Lt.A.J.Watt in the Camel Corps, and Lt.A.J.Watts in the Remount unit are both alive.

London
30-7-18

Cairo.
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8th Light Horse A.I.F. WATT A.J. Lieut.

Killed 3.11.17.

I knew Watt, he was a 1st Lieutenant in the 8th Light Horse, and had been Adjutant for some months, and had been in the police in the North West of Western Australia. Watt's regiment was in the same Brigade as mine. We took Beersheba on 1.11.17, and he was killed 3 days later about 6 miles N.E. of Beersheba. He was killed outright, so I was told, by being shot through the head by a rifle bullet. He would be buried where he fell. Lieutenant Williams, known as "Clarrie" also in the 8th Light Horse, who returned on the "Tofua" on 28.1.17, could give full particulars.

Informant:-- Lieutenant A.D.MACKELLAR,
10th Light Horse, A.I.F.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

Home address:-- Maru, Beach Road, Darling Point.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

H.S.O.
12.2.18.

Grad. Inst. Aug. 1917.

Lieut. (a/Capt.) A. Watt

8. L. H. Regt

Has been absent

since June 1918 sick

Admitted 3 C. Hospital 6-4-18

No 3 Stat. 6-4-18

14 Q. H. 10-4-18 Still [illegible]

19 26-7-18

INQUIRY BUREAU, 39 BROAD STREET, BRISTOL.

Cross Index No. C 449

NAME Lamond, A. (Surname first) No. 3144 Rank Pte

Regiment 54th A. I. F. Coy. D Plat. H.Q.

Hospital St. John, Cheltenham Ward B

Arrived 5/7/18 At Front from Jan. 1916 To 1/7/18

Home Address 19, Winship Street, Hamilton, Newcastle, N. S. W.

Depot 130, Horseferry Road, S. W. 1

GIVES INFORMATION REGARDING:—

Missing man Hallinson, J. Casualty? D/W Apl. 30/18 Det. D/B

Regiment A. I. F. Battln. 54th Coy. D No. 2 862

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~~B. B. F.~~ Hallinan

~~This man~~ was doing some cooking at the rear, a gas shell took his leg off and he died as the result. I do not think he was taken to Clearing Station. He was buried at Aubigny and/duly marked his grave.

Gaz List August 1917.

The only A. J. Watt is
a Lieut. 4 Canad Bk.
page 36.

Gaz. Aug. June 1918.

The only A. J. Watt
is Captain in
Amt. Section. Mup. C.E.
Cordially Same
Man.

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E.E.F. DUPLICATE

I.C.C. (K.27.3.17.) RAR
3rd.Battn. Capt. W.

Informant Says:- " I saw Capt. Rae talking to the General, and then I saw a Shell burst close to them. Later I saw Captain Rae being carried on a Stretcher to the Dressing Station. He had been severely wounded and died before they reached the Dressing Station. He was concious until the last few minutes He was buried on a Hill top at Gaza just at Dusk. He was very popular with his men. He came from Western Australia, and was a Draughtsman in civil life."

Informant:- Tpr.Martin 1182.

14th. A.G.Hospital
Port Said 7.5.18.

1/I.C.C. A.I.F.

Mrs.Hayward

MK wife [illegible] Watt
[illegible] 242 Bordesley St Birmingham
Alfred.

Victoria

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(Victoria)

Victor A. Watt.

K/A 3.11.17

apptd

(Substantive Rank 17.3.16)

Does not appear Dec list

V. A. J. Watt.

Attached Depot 4th Canad Regt
late 13/9 LHR. 1.0.C.
24.6.16

V. A. J. Watts. Augs RC
(Australian Inf) Regd. O.C.
Pt Reinforcement Unit 13.10.15.

HQ 29.7.18

A. I. F. 22. FLEMING, A. C. 8009.

Killed April 10/18. Bat.D/B.

I remember April 10th especially because it was the first day we were in the line on the Somme and was my Birthday. Early in the morning, before daylight, Fleming was asleep in the side of the trench when a shell came over and landed clean under him. It buried him and broke his back. He was dug out immediately but was then dead. I was a little further on in the trench and when we all woke up we were told what had happened. I saw them pick up Fleming's body and take it away. It was quite light and I recognised him easily. He was buried right alongside the Albert-Amiens road - not far from Albert itself, and a cross with the usual inscription was erected. I have seen this grave myself. Fleming was of medium build and I should say of medium colour. He was near middle age and had been a tram-conductor somewhere about St.Kilda. There is another Fleming in the Coy. but he is still with the Battn.

References: Pte.C.F.Pousig, 6636A, C.Coy.
No.1 Aust.General, Rouen, 12.7.18.

GPO.