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No. 7107 Private

VILLIERS-STUART Desmond Reginald de la Poer(alias HATTERS Richard Clive)

16th Battalion

7.8.17

Killed in action

(father) Mr. C. Villiers-Stuart

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Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier Desmond de la Poer Vi-Cliers-Stuart
2. Unit and Number (if known) No 7107 16th Battalion
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
   Town (if any) Chidlows Wells District Swan District State West Australia
4. What was his Birthplace Columbus. Ohio U.S.A
5. Date of Death August 7th 1917
6. Place where Killed or Wounded Messines

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling Fruit Grower
2. Age at time of Death Twenty
3. What was his School Lismore College
4. What was his other Training
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia Eighteen
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) No
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—
   A great grandson of Henry Vi Cliers - Lord Stuart de Decies of Dromana in the County of Waterford who assisted Daniel O'Connel to obtain Catholic Emancipation for Ireland in 1826. Inherited the same hatred of injustice he joined the Australian army believing that there the Crusading Spirit was strongest. He was a poet of great promise.
8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)— No
9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
   Name G Vi-Cliers-Stuart (Capt) Richmond Cahiroguin. Co Waterford Ireland
   Relationship to Soldier Father
   Address Richmond. Cahiroguin Co Waterford Ireland
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
    Name
    Address

NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

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DAILY SKETCH.
THE PREMIER PICTURE PAPER.
WEDNESDAY. OCTOBER 3, 1917.

Romance And Tragedy. — It is announced that 7,107, Private Manders, Australian Imperial Force, has been killed in action, and in that announcement there rests one of the tragic romances of the war. Captain D. de la Poer Villiers-Stuart—a name fragrant of much fighting—was invalided out of the ~~English Army~~ last year. He was then nineteen, and full of his family's fighting tradition. The ~~English Army~~ would not have him back, and he went to Australia, there to join as "Private Manders." Now he has made the greatest sacrifice of all.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY.

THE IRISH INDEPENDENT, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1917

ROLL OF HONOUR



Mr. Desmond de la Poer Villiers-Stuart, killed in action, second son of Capt. Gerald Villiers-Stuart, Richmond House, Cappoquin. He enlisted in the Australians before he was 19, was invalided out after six months' service, recovered and re-enlisted elsewhere under an assumed name (Manders), caught fever at Durban, and was for a time so weakened he could only serve as a transport driver, until for the third time he got back into the infantry, and fell in battle on the Western front.

THE CORK EXAMINER, TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 2, 1917.

LONDON CORRESPONDENCE

(THROUGH OUR PRIVATE WIRE).
"Examiner" Office, 24 Tudor Street.
Monday Night.

The following appears in the "killed in action" column of one of to-day's papers:—"Villiers-Stuart. On August 7th, 1917, Desmond De La Poer Villiers-Stuart, fell in battle on the Western front, under the name of Private Manders, 7107, Australian Imperial Force, which name he assumed on re-enlisting after being invalided out of another unit, second son of Capt. Gerald Villiers-Stuart and Mrs. Villiers-Stuart, Richmond House, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford; aged 20." The advertisement appears to tell, in a few words, a strikingly romantic story of a member of a well-known Munster family.

Irish Life, 26th October, 1917. Vol. XXIII. No. 1.

IRISH LIFE

THE WEEKLY ILLUSTRATED JOURNAL OF IRELAND.

OUR HEROES.



8. MR. DESMOND DE LA POER VILLIERS-STUART, "PRIVATE MANDERS."
Australian Imperial Force.

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Mr. Desmond de la Poer Villiers-Stuart (Private Manders), Australian Imperial Force, second son of Captain Gerald Villiers-Stuart, Richmond House, Cappoquin, County Waterford, fell in action in France on August 17th, 1917, under romantic circumstances. Too young to enlist on the outbreak of war, [illegible] and later went to Australia and enlisted in the Australian Infantry. After six months he was permanently invalided out of the Australian Army, but on recovering re-enlisted under the name of Private Richard Clive Manders. He went to France in July, 1917, and was killed a month later.

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16th Battalion - A.I.F. F4461/0/154
4th Inf. Brigade
1 October - 1917.

Copy of
Report of (sd) F. Madge, Captain.
Adjutant 16th Battn. A.I.F.

"He has a very promising soldier always cheerful and most popular with his comrades and his officers."

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December 7th 1920

Dear Sir.

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I have gathered together these memorials of my son - Desmond Villiers Stuart - as they represent "the particulars" that have been enquired for.

There is a memorial for him - at Fismore Cathedral - Lismore Co Waterford.

A recumbent Australian soldier -

I fear his grave is unknown - from England - Indeed

Yours truly

Maud Villiers-Stuart.

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RECEIVED JAN 1921 BASE RECORDS

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ERECTED
BY- HIS- SORROWING PARENTS
IN- MEMORY.
OF.
DESMOND- VILLIERS- STUART
PRIVATE- 7107- 16TH BATTALION ~~A.I.F.~~
AUSTRALIAN- IMPERIAL- FORCES.
Who was Killed in action on the Messines
Ridge in Flanders.
August 7- 1917- aged 20.
2d Son- of Captain Gerald Villiers- Stuart
& his wife MAUD.

TO- HIM - IT- WAS- A- CRUSADE.
HE- HAD- SO- LITTLE- TO- GIVE- AND
HE- GAVE- SO MUCH.

GREATER- LOVE- HATH- NO- MAN
THAN- THIS.

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