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VILLIERS-STUART Desmond de la Poer

16 Bn

7/8/17

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 Villiers-Stuart
2. Unit and Number (if known): 7107 16th Battalion A.I.F. ~~Canadian~~ HAVDERS A.E.
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) Chudleus Well District Swan State West Australia
4. What was his Birthplace Columbus Ohio U.S.A
5. Date of Death 7.8.17.
6. Place where Killed or Wounded Messines

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling Fruit Growers
2. Age at time of Death 20
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 18
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars)

NOTATION 1/2 CARD

7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment:—
To his romantic practical temperament the Australian army seemed to have most the Crusading impulse So he became an Australian
8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship):
9. Name and Address of the Parent or other persons giving the information—
   Name G Villiers-Stuart
   Relation to Soldier Father
   Address Richmond Cappoquin Co Waterford Ireland
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom references could be made by the Historian for further information
    Name Isabel S Power (friend)
    Address 21 Wesley Road, Rathgar, Dublin Ireland

NOTE.—This Folder is addressed to the O.C. Australian Graves Services, London. 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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CENTRAL REGISTRY

Angels of Gallipoli

Angels of Gallipoli watching oèr our great
And noble dead.
Heroes whose lifes blood in libertys Cause is
freely shed.
Anzacs who endured the torments of Hell.
Gallant men - gloriously they fought and fell
Angels fair, though unseen by mortal eye
Ceaseless vigils keep.
Tenderly they watch; and compassionately for
Those fallen heroes weep.
Lonely graves that lie amid the Scrub and
on the Shore
In them rest our dear ones, parted on Earth
for ever more.
Till we meet in Paradise the Blest.
Peacefully sleep on; your well-earned rest
Angels! we commend them to your tireless
Keeping
Those who far away, their last sleep sleeping
Watch this oèr and guard them well.
Anzacs who so nobly fought and fell

10-5-17.

"My dear mother
am sending for some verses
wrote in London."
No 2 Camp. Codford Wilts.

Copy of verses
written by
Desmond Villiers-Stuart

"Retreat"

Retreat and the Last Post is sounding
Oer distant hills - its melancholy notes resounding
Throughout the camp is tomb like silence heard
Not even a muffled footstep nor whispered word
The C.O. and three Officers Commanding
Non-coms & men at attenlet (?) standing
What means it all? and well might you the
Question ask.
Is it not ceremonial drill or some such
functionary task.
No! It is in Honor of those who have fallen
during the day.

And we do it in memory of our comrades fighting
far away.
On Gallipoli - Egypt - and France
So we take this chance
For too much we cannot do for Boys across the foam
Who are fighting Turk and Freidrich Hun for
Freedom Liberty and Home.
So for a few minutes every evening at 6½
o'clock this we stand.
And honour those gallant men who have
left Australia's greek and glorious land.

Copy of verses written by Desmond Villiers-Stuart
at Black Boy Hill Camp.
Western Australia -
November 1915.

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