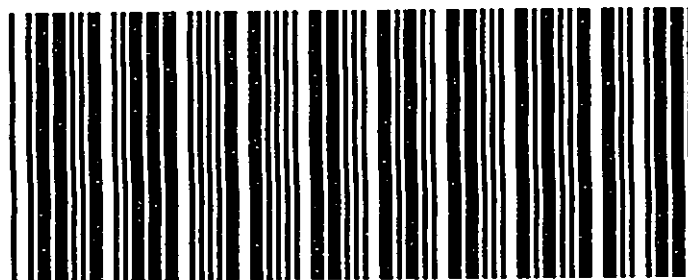


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2nd Lieutenant
Harold Ross**

8th Battalion



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ROSS, 2/Lieut. B(late 3242)

E. October 4th, 1917.

On October 4th I saw Mr. Ross about 100 yards back from where B.Coy dug in. I was with him at the time he was hit. He was hit by a E/C bullet in the leg. He fell into a shell hole and one of our shells dropped into the shell hole and buried him. The stretcher bearers dug him out.

SA.

(Signed) J.A.Bell. B.Coy. 8th Bn.

(Confirmed & Signed) C.Robinson. D.Coy. 8th Bn.
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8th A.I.F.

Ross 2/Lt. H.

(K. Oct. 4/17 Det D/B)

"Lt. Ross died the same night he was wounded in a dug-out used as a dressing station at Artillery observation post near Brond-
esing Ridge, Ypres Sector. Had been wounded by shell and brought
to the Dressing Station by two of his men. I had been wounded
the same day and was in the same dug-out. I cannot say where he
was buried".

Eye-witness: Saw him at Dressing Station.

Description:

Informant: Gnr. G.W. Payne 3212,
A.F.A. 5th Bty.,
Beaufort War Hospt.,
Bristol. *M*
Home address:
c/o C.R. Hall & Son,
Scot St.,
Newcastle, N.S.W.

9/12/17,
F. Gardiner.

A.I.F. 8.

ROSS, 2/Lt H.

K. Oct 4th 1917. Dets.

S/B Salter and Gunn both of B.Coy told me that that they had seen Mr Ross hit in the ribs and arm during an attack and they had carried him into a pill-box bandaged him, but that he had died there. I do not know anything about a burial. Mr Ross had been a Sergeant in D.Coy.

Inf: F.G.Jefferson. 3361. 8.B.VIII.
No. 2 Aust Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 13.12.17.

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M
written Salter & Gunn
4.1.18

8th. Battn.
A.I.F. 8/7

ROSS
H. (3242) 2nd. Lieut.

Killed October 4/17.

Informant stated that Lieut. Ross was in the advance at Ypres in October 4th. 17 at about 6.20 a.m. he was near a pill box when he was sniped in the arm and went behind the pillbox to have it bandaged which was done by a private named Smith in B.Co. he then was on his way to Dressing Station when a shell struck him killing him instantly. Ground held.

Eyewitness: No.

Description: Short, thickset neither fair nor dark.

Inf: L/Cpl. Gordon Bennett, 1660.

B.Co. VI. Platoon.

Horton, Epsom.

Home address: 6, Talbot Street,
South Ballarat. Victoria, Australia.

A.I. Heald.
London.
4.1.18.

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8th. Battn.
A.I.F.

ROSS
2nd. Lieut. H. (3242.)

Killed Oct. 4/17.

I saw him very severely wounded all over his body by shell in the attack on Menin Road in front of Pœschendaele. They took him to the Dressing Station where he died. He was buried in Lake Zonnebeke Military Cemetery by Capt. Chap. Booth, the 8th. Battn. Chaplain. I saw his grave with a cross on it. He came from Soorak, Melbourne, was in the Railway Department. He only received his commission three days before he was killed.

Inf: Sgt. J. Jones. 246.

8th. Battn.

No. 3 Command Depot.
Hurdcott.

G.W. Griffiths.
London.
4.1.18.

H.

A. I. F. 8.

ROSS, 2/Lieut. H.

E. October 4th, 1917.

He was a B.Coy officer and I last saw him on October 4th up Zonnebeke way. Time about 6.30 a.m. We were advancing. He was wounded in the leg when I saw him hit by bullet and got into a shell hole. We had to carry on. A man named Pto Bell stayed with him and he told me afterwards that a shell came into the shell hole and blew his arm off and he bled to death. Bell is now marked Missing since December 17th. I know nothing as to Mr. Ross' burial. Mr. Ross was our platoon commander.

Reference:- L/Cpl. G.R. Macguillin. 3871. B.VII.
No. 1 Can. Gen. Hp.

PHE.

Staples
5.1.18.

M

A.I.F. 8.

ROSS. 2/Lt.H(ate 3242).

K. Oct 4th 1917.

He was in charge of No VII pltn. on this day and I saw him lying on the ground badly wounded, his left arm blown off and a machine blast in the right leg on the ridge to the right of Passchendaele during the attack in the early morning. We went over at 6 o'clock and it was about 7 when he called out to me to come and bandage him. which I did and sent him out on a stretcher carried by four Germans and my mate, whose name I do not remember went with them. They reached the first aid post where he ~~td~~ died. Mr Ross was conscious when I last saw him and he spoke to me and asked how the boys were getting on and said he could see the objective was in our hands. That is all he seemed to worry about. He had only had his commission two days.

Inf: Pte T.Haggart. 1246. VIII.
No. 1 C.O.
BOULOGNE. 8.1.18.

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8th Bn.
A.I.F.

ROSS
H.2nd Lt.

Killed 4.10.17 Det. D/R

I think Lieut. Pitt (Burial officer) of the 8th Bttn. A.I.F.
will be able to give information in reference to this casualty.

Informant:- GIBBINS, R.J. Pte. 3078
1st Southern General Hospital,
Birmingham.

Notes:- Written Lt. Pitt, 5.1.18.

London.
12.1.18

M.

8th A.I.F.

Ross. 2nd Lt. H.
(Late 3242)

(K. Oct. 4/17)
Det D/B.

"I knew Lt. Ross very well. He was in the same Coy., of the 8th A.I.F. as myself, namely B. Coy., I was on duty between 10. and 11 p.m. near Zonnebake. I could see there was a burial party about 20 yards from where I was. Shortly afterwards the Platoon composing the burial party passed me. They told me that they had just buried Lt. Ross."

Eye-witness: No. - unable to.

Description:

Informant: Pte. Vivien Le Gassick. 3107.
8th A.I.F. B Coy., 6 Pl.
Neston Hospital. Cheshire.

Home address: 35, Napier St.,
S. Melbourne.
Victoria. Aus:

14.1.16.
Arthur Fox.

FRANCE.

8th BATT. A.I.F.

ROSS. 2nd Lt H.

K.Oct 4th.1918.

This was his first time over after getting his commission. I saw him with his leg blown off lying in a pill-box where he was being attended to by the medical officer. I can't remember by what name the pill-box was known, but it was half right from where we were towards the Zonnebeke Swamps.

WSI

Ref ---Pte T.E.Belfield. 111?
No 47 Gen. Hospital.

La Treport. Jan 15th.1918

8th A.I.F.

2/Lieut. H. Ross,

X. Oct. 4/17..

"I am certain that Lieut. Ross was blown to atoms."

Eyewitness,

Description:

Informant.

Capt. V. Stanley,

8th A.I.F.

3rd London General Hosp.
Wandsworth.

Charles H. Lowe,
24/1/18.

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8th Battn
AIF

ROSS
H. 2nd Lieut.

"Killed in Action 4.10.17"

Re death of 3242 Ross H. M.M. 2nd Lieut. 8th Battn.
He died at the advanced dressing station shortly after he was carried in
and was buried there on the 4th October 1917. The grave is in the field
but will most likely be registered. I will write to the Burial officer
and will find out the registered No and let you know later on. It was
B.Coy., S .Brs that carried him out I will let you know as soon as I
can the rest of the details.

Letter from Thomas Gunn

In the Field

Jan 10th 1918

London.
25.1.18

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8th Battn.
A.I.F.

Ross.
2/Lieut. Harold

"Killed in Action 4.10.17"

re 2/Lieut. H. Ross. reported killed in action 4.10.17. There seems
to be a power of doubt as to whether this officer was buried. I
can give no decisive information. I doubt very much if the grave
was is in such a place as it would be registered until a further ad-
vance is made in the sector and in which he fell.

Letter from:-

Lieut. J.G.Pitt

8th Battn.

London.
28.1.18.

France 12.1.18.

M.

pt GUNN G.E.
S/B.

pt SALTER
S/B.

B. Wey

S.A.I.F.

B.S.F.

about

Incident H. Ross

S.A.I.F.

Killed 4.10.17

Surv.

4.1.18


2/19/58


2/19/58 Harold Ross - France
8:20
K/A 4-10-17 12/1/58

Mr. [unclear] in reply to [unclear] of [unclear]
of the [unclear] of [unclear] St. Ross
in action 4-10-17. as there seems
to be a power of doubt as
to where this officer was
located, I can give no definite
information.

I doubt very much if
any program such as place as
it would be registered until
a further advance is made
in the sector in which he fell.

Yours truly
John S. Pitt
8/10/58


 2/10 H. Ross
 In the Field, 8 Ball
 Jan 10 1918
 Secretary
 Australian Red Cross Society
 London S.A.
 Dear Madam
 In reply to your query
 the death of 1403242 Ross J.
 M.M. Sec. Sec. 8th Batt. A.I.F.
 He died at the advanced
 dressing station shortly
 after he was carried in
 and was buried there
 on the 4th Oct. 1917 the grave
 is in the light but will
 most likely be registered
 I will write to the


 In the Field, 191

(Burial Officer & will find
 out the Registered c/o and
 let you know later on
 it was B. Coy S.B. & has
 carried him and I will
 let you know as soon
 as I can the rest of the
 details
 Yours faithfully
 The Thomas Gurn

(19-1-18)

Lt. J. S. Pitt

8 Infantry Battalion

Amst Imp Force

B E.F.

Dear Sir

We wish to thank you
for your letter in answer to
our enquiry concerning

2/Lt. H Ross

8th Bn

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and we regret that up to date
information about his burial
is so indefinite.

Yr faithfully

OS

1st Lieut. PITT
8 A. I. F. A. Coy. 90

B. S. 7.

About

2nd Lieut. S/Lt ROSS

8 A. I. F.

R. 4.10.17.

4th
5.1.18

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

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DEC 1917

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Sgt. Stanley Ross

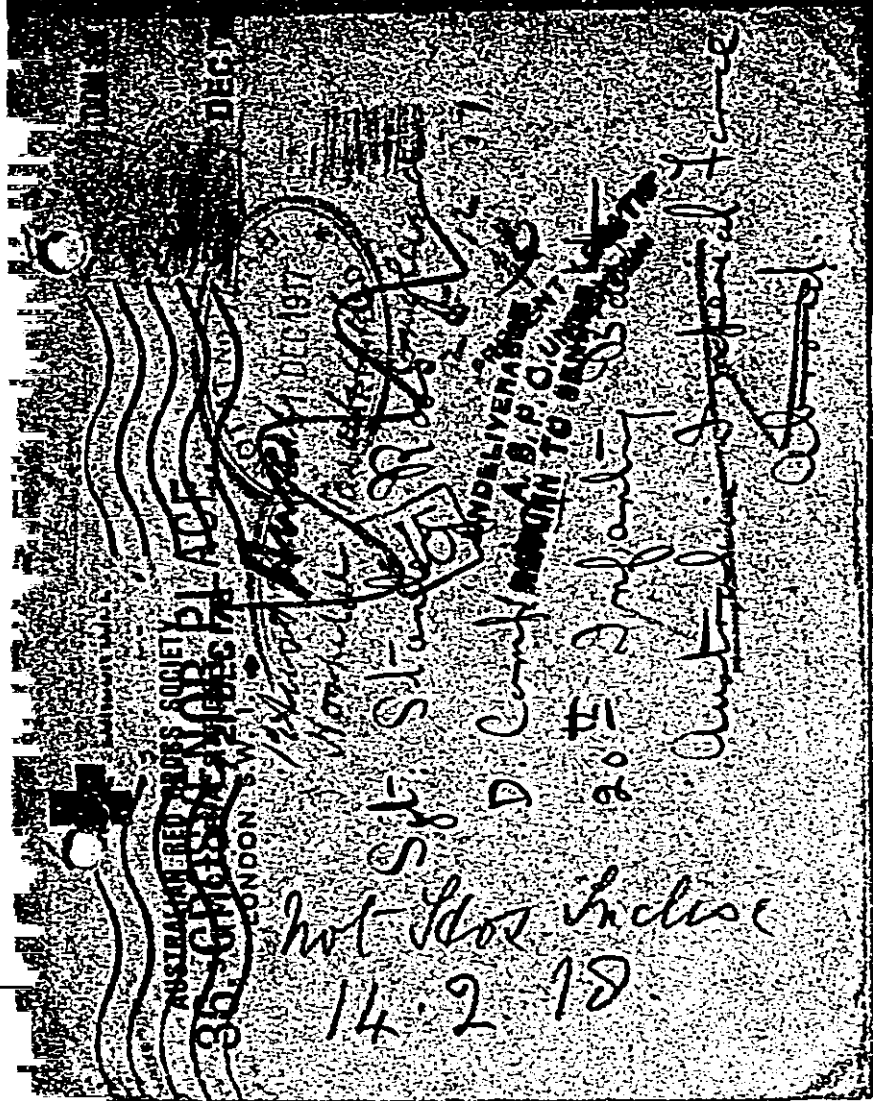
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20th Infantry

Australian Imperial Force

Abroad.

UNDELIVERABLE
A.B.P.O. UNIT
RETURN TO SENDER



P.C. 14.1.18

Aunt Daisy Rose
Haden
Trana

11/1/18

Australian Red Cross.

Dear Miss Deakin.

A good friend of mine has written to me about his son Mr. Harold Ross, 8th Bath who was killed on the 4/10/18 in Trana. He would be most grateful for any information connected with his death & burial. Also if a photograph of the grave could be forwarded it would be most appreciated. Yours sincerely

What a wonderful work your Society is doing in bringing balm to wounded hearts. His address is -

Mr W. H. Ross.

15 Markham Rd

Toorak

Melb. Vic -

Yours very sincerely,

James A. Haden
Please communicate with him direct if you have any news -