

First World War Service Record of Arthur Leslie Gwynne-Jones

The following is from the National Archives: WO 339/80565

Second Lieutenant A. L. G. Jones,
Royal Garrison Artillery.

"KILLED ~~IN ACTION~~ (ACCIDENTALLY)" 4th May, 1918.

Next of Kin:-

J. A. Jones, Esq., (Father)
Tay Dyfrig,
Llandaff,
Near Cardiff.

G.V. 33098,

W. H. Jones
Lt

M.S.3. (Cas.)
10.5.18.

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to J.A. Jones

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2nd August, 1918.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you your representation regarding the death of your son, 2nd. Lieutenant A.L.G. Jones, Royal Garrison Artillery, has been sent to France.

The authorities there have determined that it is to be recorded "Killed Accidentally".

With their report the Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry have been received from which it is established that a fire broke out in the North Western Tower of Chateau. That 2nd. Lieutenant Jones, who was in a room above that in which the fire occurred, got out of a window and tried to climb down the wire lightning conductor. Another got on to the wire at the same time with the result that the wire broke and both fell to the ground from a height of about 75 feet.

The Military Secretary desires me to convey to you his deep sympathies in the sorrow caused by this unfortunate accident.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

William Jones Colonel,
Controller of Officers' Casualties.

Lieutenant-Colonel J.B. Jones,
Taj Dyrrig,
Llandaff,
Cardiff.

*Papers etc attached to
Spec. Enq. sent to France are in
16/240*

Sd/ J. J. Jones
for the Assistant Financial Secret

Extract from Letters of Administration (Will-annexed)
Probate of Will.
Confirmation

Dated 16th May 1919

Granted at P.P.R.

Resealed, Not

1. Estate of John Arthur Jones of Ty Dyfrig Llandaff in the Co of Glam
formerly of Charnwood 40 Newport Rd Cardiff in the said Co

2. Date and Place of Death 20th January 1919 at Ty Dyfrig aforesaid

3. Will Formal Will dated 6th August 1902.

4. Grantees Annie Elizabeth Jones Widow the Relict of deceased and
William John Samuel the surviving Executors named in the
said Will

5. Gross value £ 124045.4.1.

6. Disposal of Medals

Decorations—

7. Extracted by Messrs Lewis Morgan, Bax, Browne & Haslam,
Solicitors,
31 High Street,
Cardiff.

8. Produced by

9. Returned to

10. Date of Registration

31.7.19.

Summary of Evidence
Charge against 125063 Sgt. Fraser. D.

W.O.A.S.

A.C. neglecting to obey a standing order, in that he, in the field on 4th May 1918, neglected to obey G.R.O. 2717, by allowing a brazier in which was fire, to be on a wooden floor.

W.O.A.S.

A.A. Conduct to the prejudice of good order, and military discipline, in that he, in the field, on the 4th May 1918, negligently allowed a brazier in which was fire, to be on a wooden floor.

(1)

1st Witness 125116. Cpl Gemmell. D.

There were no standing orders with regard to fire put up in any place where Sgt Fraser could have seen them.

125116. Cpl Gemmell. D

(1)

2nd Witness. 126693 Pte McNicol. N.

I have never seen any standing orders re fire in Vlamertinghe Chateau. There were certainly none near the tower. The Intelligence officers of the Corps were sometimes up in the tower when the fire was on, and nothing was said about it.

126693 Pte McNicol

(11)

Statement of Gunner Booth attached.

(111)

Statement of Gunner Harris attached

(12)

Witness

126693. Pte. McNicol. N.

The Lovat Scouts were living in the room where the brazier was. The brazier was a petrol tin with holes in and was sitting on two bricks. The two bricks were on the centre of a 2 foot square sheet of iron. We only used the brazier for cooking. The floor was of wood. Sgt Fraser was in charge of the Lovat Scouts in the room. We used to get the rations cooked below, but when a new lot came in, we were not allowed to use this cookhouse. Major Musgrave told us to be near the post.

126693 Pte McNicol

XIII CORPS.

22 JUN. 1918

A. 125005.

Group, Lovat's Scouts.

The attached file relating to a fire which occurred at VLAHERTINGHE CHATEAU on the 4th May, '18, is forwarded for your information and return.

The Corps Commander directs that No. 125005, Sergeant D. FRASER should be tried by Field General Court-Martial.

2. The charge will be:-

W.O.A.S., Neglecting to obey a standing order, in that in the field, on 4th May, 1918, neglected to obey G.R.O. 2717, by allowing a brazier in which was fire, to be on a wooden floor

W.O.A.S., Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, in the Field, on the 4th May, 1918, negligently allowed a brazier in which was fire, to be on a wooden floor.

3. The evidence will be :-

(i) That the G.R.O. (or a repetition of it or some standing order with regard to fire to the same effect) was promulgated in a place where the accused could and ought to have made himself acquainted with it.

There were no fire orders in the Chateau.

(ii) Gunner Booth.

(iii) Gunner Harris.

(iv) That the room where the brazier was, was in the occupation of Lovat's Scouts and had a wooden floor and that the accused was in charge. Etc. McNICOLL could probably prove this and the fact that he alleges the subsequent fire was caused by Gunner BOOTH does not affect the above charges. Sgt. FRASER's evidence at the Court of Enquiry is not admissible against him.

4. Please cause a summary of evidence to be taken on the above lines. It will not be necessary to call for Gunners Booth and Harris at the summary. A copy of their statement at the Court of Enquiry should be attached to the summary. Their attendance of course be required at the trial.

5. The Summary should be forwarded to this office as early as possible, a copy being handed to the accused.

J. H. Spratt

Capt.

for D.A.A.C., XIII Corps.

22. 6. '18.

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1. Sergeant Travers should be tried on the following charges

- (i). Sec. 11 A.C. Refusing to obey a standing order in that he in the field on 4-5-1918 neglected to obey G.R.O. 2717 by allowing fire to be on a wooden floor, alternatively
- (ii). Sec. 40 A.C. Contrary to the prejudice in that he in the field on 4-5-1918 negligently allowed a brazier in which was fire to be on a wooden floor.

2. The evidence will be

- (i) Evidence that the G.R.O. (or a repetition of it or some standing order with regard to fire to the same effect) was promulgated in a place where the accid. could & ought to have made himself acquainted with it. There were no fire orders in the Chateau.

3. (i) Jones Book

(ii) Jones Diary

- (iv). Evidence that the room where the brazier was was in the occupation of Lorali's servants, had a wooden floor & that accid. was in charge. The witness could probably prove this & the fact that he alleges the subsequent fire was caused by Jones Book does not affect the above charges. Sgt. Travers' evidence at the Court of Enquiry is not admissible against him.

3. As to the place of trial: - It should be where evidence (i) & (iv) above are available as there will be the only necessary on the Summary. Copies of (ii) & (iii) in the Country. Enquiry proceedings can be shown to accid & added to the Summary. But the witnesses must be called personally at the trial.

Quarters,

II. Corps.

XIII CORPS.

20 JUN. 1918

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First Army No. A(B)X. 1341/15.

19/6/18.

1. The attached Second Army file relates to a fire which occurred at VLAMERTINGHE CHATEAU on 4/5/18.
2. From the evidence it appears that No. 125003, Sergt. D. FRASER, Lovat Scouts, was in charge of a party of observers in the turret and that the fire occurred in a room occupied by his men.
3. He was considered to blame for allowing an open brazier to be used on a wood floor.
4. It appears that No. 88070, Gnr. W. BOOTH, 252nd Siege Battery, R.G.A. has been tried by F.G.C.M. in connection with this occurrence and that Sergt. FRASER was a witness for the prosecution.
5. Sergt. FRASER could conveniently have been tried by the same Court, when all the witnesses were collected together, but owing to an oversight this was not done.
6. The attached file is forwarded to you in order that you may take such disciplinary action as you consider necessary against Sergt. FRASER.
7. Please return file when finished with.

Headquarters,
First Army.

M. K. D. L.
D.A.A.G., First Army.

Please not seen P.T.O.
the top storey, but by that time Lieut Jones and one in the turret had got over the coping & I could not see another man on the edge of the coping & I told him to & wait till the fire was out or a rope was got up to us ed to the top we were all pretty nearly suffocated.

Sgd. A.KEDGE.

4th WITNESS. 192,259. Sapper J.B.LOWE. 2nd Corps Wir Division, states. I was on duty in the room below the turret when two Artillerymen rushed down the stairs

PROCEEDINGS of a COURT OF ENQUIRY held at
VLAMERTINGHE CHATEAU on May 5th, 1918 to enquire into the
cause and if possible assess damage caused by a fire which
took place in the building on May 4th & which resulted in
the death of an officer & serious injury of one other rank.

PRESIDENT.

Captn. J.M.BANKES-WILLIAMS. 26th Bty.RFA.

MEMBERS.

Lieut.C.W.JEFFRIES. 123rd Brigade Signal Section.
Lieut.H.GREIG-THOMPSON. 124th Brigade Signal Section.

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The Court having duly assembled proceed to take evidence.

1st WITNESS. 85,070 Gr W.BOOOTH. 252nd S.B.,RGA. states:- At about
1.p.m. on 4/5/18, I wanted to cook my dinner, and not being able to do
so downstairs, I got permission from a man of Lovat's Scouts to use
their fire in the tower. I put a tin of water on the fire & in doing
so knocked over a tin of petrol which caught fire and set some S.A.A.
off. I tried to put the fire out but had to go & fetch some water.
I shouted "fire" to 2nd Lt.A.L.G.Jones,RGA. who was two stories higher
up, observing with some men. The petrol tin was open. The fire was an
ordinary brazier.

Sgd.W.BOOOTH.Gunner.

2nd WITNESS. 87,796. Gr.W.HARRIS. 252nd S.B.,RGA. At about 1
1.p.m. on 4/5/18. 2/Lieut Jones asked me to cook some dinner for him
I went downstairs, but could not cook it there, so went back. A man of
Lovat's Scouts said we could use their fire. I then went upstairs to
the storey above and the next thing I knew was that the turret was on
fire. I shouted to 2/Lieut.Jones & then rushed downstairs & managed to
get through the fire. I did not hear any answer from above when I
shouted owing to the noise. The fire started in the fourth storey from
the top of the turret

Sgd. W.HARRIS.Gunner.

3rd WITNESS. 5,747. Pte B.KEDGE, Royal Fusiliers, attached Division-
al Observation Station states. About 1.p.m. on 4/5/18 2/Lieut Jones
came up to the top storey but one, where I was. He then started to go
down again, but called to me & said the place was on fire. We tried
to get down, but there was too much smoke & flames. I then went up to
the top storey, but by that time 2/Lieut Jones and one of the other men
in the turret had got over the coping & I could not see them. There was
another man on the edge of the coping & I told him to stay where he was
& wait till the fire was out or a rope was got up to us. When we climb-
ed to the top we were all pretty nearly suffocated.

Sgd. A.KEDGE.

4th WITNESS. 192,259. Sapper J.B.LOWE. 2nd Corps Wireless, att'd 41st
Division, states. I was on duty in the room below that occupied by
some Lovat's Scouts when two Artillerymen rushed down shouting "fire"
Petrol trickled down the stairs & caught fire. The time was about 1.20pm
4/5/18.

Sgd. J.B.LOWE.

5th WITNESS. 125,063. Sgt.D.FRASER, Lovat's Scouts, att'd Corps Observ-
ation Station states. I was in charge of the party of observers in the turret
occupying the room where the fire took place. I was not there at the
time of the outbreak. I allowed them to have a fire in the room. It was
a small brazier. I am certain there was no petrol in the room. I only
allowed the fire to be used for cooking. The brazier was out when I
left the room five minutes before the fire started. The petrol tins
we used for water were old ones & had been in use some time.

Sgd. Sgt.D.FRASER. Lovat's Scouts.

WITNESS. 126,693. Pte. W. McNICOL, Lovat's Scouts, att'd Corps
states:- At 1. pm on 4/5/18. I was alone in our room in
turret. A gunner came downstairs and asked if he could light
the fire in our brazier. He had a tin of petrol in his hand & when he
put a match to the fire he poured some on. The whole tin flared
and he dropped the tin. We tried to put the fire out but could
not manage it. The Sergeant had left about five minutes before. The
A.A. in our equipment went off.

Sgd. W. McNICOL.

7th WITNESS. Major C.E. EDWARDS, Royal Fusiliers states:- At about
1/30 pm on the 4th I was sitting in the 124th Brigade Mess, when I
heard a lot of shouting outside. I went round to the North Tower &
saw smoke coming out of the windows in the turret roof. There were
about five men sitting on the copings or at the windows of the turret
Of the two men who fell. I saw one of them hanging on to the
lightning conductor below the coping with his hands: the Officer was
close behind him. I shouted to the man to try and get a grip of the
lightning conductor with his legs which he tried to do. Just then
I think the officer put his weight on the lightning conductor which
broke & they both fell.

Sgd. C. EDWARDS. Major.

1st WITNESS (recalled). 85,070. Gr W. BOOTH, 252nd S.B., RGA states on
re-examination:- The tin in which the petrol was handed to me by
Gr Harris. I took it to be water but did not take the trouble to see
whether it really was water or not. I did not try and light the fire
with petrol, but knocked the tin over accidentally. The tin of petrol
was brought from a higher storey by Gr Harris. Another tin which was
brought down to put the fire out was found to be petrol. We took no
water up to the tower with us, and these tins did not belong to us.

Sgd. W. BOOTH. Gunner.

FINDING.

The court find that the fire was caused by petrol being left in the
Tower by some person or persons unknown & being knocked over by 85,070
Gr Booth, that this petrol was ignited by splashing on an open brazier
which was in use contrary to G.R.O. 1436.: that there were no orders
for prevention against fire posted in the Chateau.: that negligence was
shown by 126,693. Sgt. D. Fraser, Lovat's Scouts, in permitting an open
brazier to be used on a wooden floor & by No 85,070 Gr Booth, 252.
Siege Battery, RGA., in failing to ascertain whether the tin handed down
to him contained petrol or water: that it is not possible to assess
the damage, which is very small.

The Court recommend that some system of marking petrol tins should be
universally adopted, which will enable anyone to recognise at once
whether the tin contains or is meant to contain petrol or water: that
ropes or rope ladders be provided in the higher stories of VLAMERTINGHE
CHATEAU, of sufficient length to enable a man to escape in case of fire
& that fire buckets be kept on every storey.

The Court considers that 36,747 Pte A. KEDGE, Royal Fusiliers, att'd 41st
Divl Observation Section, showed great coolness & presence of mind in
trying circumstances & that by encouraging an O.R. (now in hospital)
who had lost his head & wanted to jump from the coping, on which he
was sitting, to the ground, undoubtedly persuaded him to stay where he
was, and thus probably saved his life.

Sgd. J.M. BANKES WILLIAMS.
Capt. RFA. President.

Sgd. G.W. JEFFERIES. Lt. R.E.
Sgd. H. GRIG THOMPSON. Lt. G.E.
Members

The Court re- assembled on 10/5/18 & took further evidence as follows:-

1st WITNESS (re-called). 87,796.Gr W.HARRIS, 252nd S.B.,RGA. stated took a petrol tin from the wireless room down to the cookhouse when first went down & filled it with water. As far as I know this was the tin I handed to Gr Booth when we had gone back to the tower. There were several tins in the room from which I handed the petrol tin down to Gr Booth. This room was apparently reserved for the use of the Observation Officer on duty. I have no idea how the tins got into the room: we had only been there two hours.

Sgd. W.HARRIS. Gunner.

1st WITNESS (re-called). 85,070. Gr W.BOOTH. 252nd S.Battery,RGA stated:- The tin Gr Harris handed down to me I put on the right side of the fire. This was the one I knocked down. Gr Harris and I had taken a petrol tin down to the Cook- house and filled it with water and I thought he was handing the same one down to me.

Sgd. W.BOOTH Gunner.

The Court confirms its previous finding & has nothing further to add to it.

Sgd. J.M.BANKES WILLIAMS.
Capt.RFA.
President.

I am of opinion that:-

1. The fire was caused by petrol being upset, but there is no evidence to show how ~~and why~~ or why petrol should have been in the tower.
2. The evidence of ~~Gr~~ Gunner Booth and Pte McNicol is conflicting
3. Sergt Fraser did wrong in permitting a fire of any kind in the tower.

I recommend that Gunner Booth and Sergt.Fraser be tried by Court Martial.

10/5/18. Sgd. Brig.Gen.
Commdg. 123rd Infantry Bd.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

15/7/18.

for Colonel i/c R.A.Section, GHQ, 3rd Echelon

W. G. Galt
Major, RFA.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

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Regiment or Corps R. G. A.
 Rank 2/Lieut Surname Jones Christian Name A. L. J.
 Religion _____ Age on Enlistment _____ years

Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____

Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____

Extended { _____ } Re-engaged { _____ } Qualification (b) _____
 or Corps Trade and Rate _____

Signature of Officer i/c Records _____

Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 38, or other official documents
Date	From whom received			
		Embarked ...	<u>Southampton</u>	<u>3. 2. 17.</u> <u>Landing Storn and</u>
		Disembarked...	<u>Harre</u>	<u>4. 2. 17</u> <u>252 Liegt Coly.</u>
<u>7.12.17</u>	<u>Ob. 252 803.</u>	<u>Leave to U. K. from</u>	<u>2/12/17 to</u>	<u>17.12.17</u> <u>8. 2. 18</u>
<u>10th May. 1918.</u>	<u>-do-</u>	<u>Killed in action.</u>	<u>Field.</u>	<u>4/5/18.</u> <u>B. 213.</u>
			<u>Frank</u>	<u>2 Lieut, RFA.</u>
<u>15/5/18.</u>		<u>for Officer i/c R.A. Section, 3rd</u>	<u>Echelon.</u>	<u>BLF.</u>
<u>14-5-18 O.C. 252 S.</u>		<u>KILLED ACCIDENTALLY.</u>		<u>14-5-18 MEMORANDUM</u>
<u>4 HQ B.E.F.</u>				<u>for E. Whit</u> <u>Lieut R. L.A.</u>
<u>22-5-18.</u>		<u>for Officer 1/4 R.A. Section, 3rd</u>		<u>Echelon.</u>

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- ties No. E.4. dated 1/7/18.
 100,342. dated 9/7/18.
 44,482. dated 12/7/18.

Army Form W. 3428.

REPORT ON ACCIDENTAL OR SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES.

To be rendered in accordance with instructions on the back of this form.

1. Number, Rank, Name, and Unit of injured man. 2nd Lieutenant. A.L.G.
 JONES.
 252nd Siege Battery, R.G.A.

Date of Casualty.

4/5/18.

2. Nature, Location, and Severity of injury. (N.B. Field Ambulance to be notified at once if wound is believed to be self-inflicted.)

K I L L E D .

Medical Officer.

3. Short statement of the circumstances of the case. (Signed statements of witnesses to be attached to this form.)

A fire broke out in the North Western Tower of VLAMERTINGHE CHATEAU. The above named who was in a room above that in which the fire occurred, got out of a window and tried to climb down the Wire Lightning Conductor. Another got on to the wire at the same time, with the result that the wire broke and both fell to the ground, from a height of about 75 feet.

4. Commanding officer's opinion as to whether the man was:—

- (a) In the performance of military duty.
 (b) To blame.
 (c) Whether any other person was to blame.

YES.
 NO.
 NO.

A.G.'s Branch.
 G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.
 1 July. 1918.
 E.4.
 CASUALTIES.

Date

Commanding

5. (a) Opinion of G.O.C. Brigade.
 (b) Disciplinary action taken or proposed, whether against injured man or another.

Accidental.
 Fire Caused by disobedience of orders Sgt. Fraser, Lovats Scouts and Gunner Booth, 252nd Siege Battery, R.G.A., to be tried by Court Martial.

Sgd.

Brig. Gen.

Date 5/18.

Commanding 123rd I Brigade.

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Will acknowledge receipt of the
document & return it to me
when done with

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
M. J. Jones
J. J. J.

PARCELS E.L.C. & R.
TELEGRAMS GLADSTONE, LANDAFF.
TELE. LANDAFF.



Ty Dyfrig, 11. 1. 19
Landaff.

The Secretary
War Office

Sir, 161240/2
As requested by your letter of
23.10.18 I send you herewith
letters of Administration of the
estate of my son 2nd Lt. A. L. J. Jones
Royal Garrison Artillery
I shall be obliged if you

S.S. Cas./518.A.

2nd August, 1918.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you your representation regarding the death of your son, 2nd. Lieutenant A.L.G. Jones, Royal Garrison Artillery, has been sent to France.

The authorities there have determined that it is to be recorded "Killed Accidentally".

With their report the Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry have been received from which it is established that a fire broke out in the North Western Tower of Chateau. That 2nd. Lieutenant Jones, who was in a room above that in which the fire occurred, got out of a window and tried to climb down the wire lightning conductor. Another got on to the wire at the same time with the result that the wire broke and both fell to the ground from a height of about 75 feet.

The Military Secretary desires me to convey to you his deep sympathies in the sorrow caused by this unfortunate accident.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

William L. Jones
Colonel,
Controller of Officers' Casualties.

Lieutenant-Colonel J.B. Jones,
Taj Dyrrig,
Llandaff,
Cardiff.

Memo to Base as per copy attached 20/8/18

Reply from Base states this officer was
killed in action on 6/5/18.

M.S. Cas

4th inst. I have now received a letter from Major R.M. Goldney of the Battery stating that my son was at the Observation Post the top of a building when the bottom part was set on fire. Thinking he could not get thro' the flames he apparently tried to make his escape down the lightning conductor, which however did not bear his weight, he fell to the ground & died a few minutes later.

It seems to me clear from this

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TELEGRAMS SECTION
MAY 12 1918



Ty Dyfrig
Llandaff.

May 12th 1918

The Secretary

War Office London

Sir,

With reference to your wire of 9th inst. informing me that my son 2nd Lt. A.L.G. Jones 252 (S) Battery R.G.A. had been accidentally killed on the

Ty Dyfrig,

Llandaff.

12th May, 1918.

G.H.Q. AND LONDON.	
Date	23-5-18
No	P597/4
CASUALTIES.	

The Secretary,
War Office, London.

Sir,

With reference to your wire of 9th inst. informing me that my son 2nd Lieut. A.L.G. Jones, 252 (S) Battery, R.G.A., had been accidentally killed on the 4th inst. I have now received a letter from Major R.M. Goldney, C.C., the Battery stating that my son was at the Observation Post the top of a building when the bottom part was set on fire. Thinking he could not get thro' the flames he apparently tried to make his escape down the lightning conductor which however did not bear his weight, and he fell to the ground and died a few minutes later.

It seems to me clear from this that he was killed in action and I shall be obliged if you will consider whether it cannot be so described in the records.

I am,

Sir, Yours obedient Servant,
(sd.) J.V.W.A. Jones.

REPORT ON ACCIDENTAL OR SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES.

To be rendered in accordance with instructions on the back of this form.

1. Number, Rank, Name, and Unit of injured man. 2nd Lieutenant. A.L.G. JONES. 252nd Siege Battery. R.G.A. Date of Casualty. 4/5/18.

2. Nature, Location, and Severity of injury. (N.B. Field Ambulance to be notified at once if wound is believed to be self-inflicted.)

KILLED

3. Short statement of the circumstances of the case. (Signed statements of witnesses to be attached to this form.)

A fire broke out in the North Western Tower of VIANERTINGER GEMMEL. The above named, who was in a room above that in which the fire occurred, got out of a window and tried to climb down the wire Lightning Conductor. Another got on to the wire at the same time, with the result that the wire broke and both fell to the ground, from a height of about 75 feet.

4. Commanding officer's opinion as to whether the man was:—

- (a) In the performance of military duty.
- (b) To blame.
- (c) Whether any other person was to blame.

YES.
NO.
NO.

AG's BRANCH
A.H.Q. 3rd TUNELAW.
1 JUL 1918
CASUALTIES.

Date

Commanding

5. (a) Opinion of G.O.C. Brigade.
(b) Disciplinary action taken or proposed, whether against injured man or another.

Accidental.
Fire caused by disobedience of orders.
Sgt. FRASER, Private SCOTTS and Gunner. BOOTH, 252nd Siege Battery R.G.A., to be tried by Court Martial.

Date 5/18.

Commanding 1st Brigade

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The worst thing I know was that the fire was in the North Western Tower of VIANERTINGER GEMMEL. I was in a room above that in which the fire occurred, and I tried to climb down the wire Lightning Conductor. Another got on to the wire at the same time, with the result that the wire broke and both fell to the ground, from a height of about 75 feet.

...ERS, Old Leichen, British Armies in France.

MESSRS. COX & CO.'S SHIPPING AGENCY, LTD.,

16, Charing Cross, London, S.W.

The undermentioned effects of the late

2/Lieut. A.L.G. Jones, R. G. A.

are forwarded herewith, by registered post.

INVENTORY.

- ✓ Wallet. Photos &c
- ✓ Two Cheque Books
- ✓ 1 (damaged) Pocket Flask
- ✓ 2 Silver Match Boxes
- ✓ Silver Cigarette Case
- ✓ Silver Wrist Watch
- ✓ 1 Tie Pin
- ✓ Cards etc.

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