

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

1138 Lance Corporal
Kenneth George Adam
Brown

2nd Pioneer Battalion



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2nd Pioneer Batt
A. I. F.

Brown,
K.G.A. 1136

"Died of Wounds"

Admitted 3rd Casualty Clearing Station 4.10.17- Suffering
with Gunshot wound Comp. Fracture

Died of wounds 4.10.17

Cert, by A. I. F. Headquarters dated 7.12.17

London 8.12.17

P.I

2nd Pion. Batin.
A.I.F.

Brown.
K.G.A. 1138

"Died of Wounds"

No. 1138 L/Cpl. K.G.A. Brown 2nd Pion. Batin died in this Clearing Station at 7.10.8.m. 4.10.17 from wounds of compound fracture left femur and fractured humerus. He was buried in Lyssenthoek Cemetery Map location Sheet 17, L.22 D.6.3. Plot 20.D. Grave 3.A.

Letter from:-
The O.C.
3rd Can.C.C. Station.
12.12.17.

London.
21.12.17.

E.I.

A.I.F. 2nd Pioneers Btn

BROWN
K.G.A. 1138

"D/Wds. 4-10-17"

Brown was with a M.G. Section and killed by shell up at Ypres but I can't say what portion and was buried where he was killed, the grave probably was marked. L/Cpl. Jack Martin and Pte Wallace both of and now with 2nd Pioneers could give information.

Ref: - Tonkin P.J. 3199

2nd Pioneer

Hut.17

Westham.

London
W.A.Rand
27-2-18

P.I.

Note: Written Pte Martin & Wallace 26-2-18.

2nd Pioneers
A.I.F.

BROWN
K.G.A. 1138

"Died of Wounds 4-10-17"

In reply to your letter, I have made enquiries, but can get no news of this man. He was before my time.

Statement made in our office by

L/Cpl. Martin 3142
2nd Pioneers.

London
18-3-18

P.I.

AUSTPIONEERS. 2.

BROWN, K.G.A. 1138

D/W Oct 4th 1917. Dets.

K.G.A. Brown was in A.IV. I don't remember his number. He was about 5ft 7, inclined to be dark, clean shaven and about 26 or 27. He was mortally wounded on the night of the 4th Oct near Zonnebeke. The same shell that killed him also killed two others and wounded four. I saw him after he had been wounded and his arm had nearly been blown off. He was then taken down by S/Bs to an aid post, and I heard he had D/W the next day. I believe he was buried near Poperinghe. I saw the cross which was made for his grave. A few days before he met his death he had been made a L/Cpl. and was in command of his section.

Ref: Pte William Brooks. 3075. 2.A.S/B.
No. 7 C.C.
BOULOGNE. 16.4.18.

AGL

P1

Evre.

26th. April. 1916.

2nd. Australian Pioneers.

Brown, A. G. A. 11/8.

D/W. October. 4/1917. Date. D/B.

He was in A. Company. I knew him pretty well; he was about 5 feet 9, darkish, clean-shaven, medium build, abt 25. On the 4th. October we were outside Ypres making a road. We were coming back to billets; Brown was just in front of me. I saw him hit by a part of a shell; he was hit in the body and one of his legs was shattered. I saw S/Beyers take him away. This was close to Anzac house. I heard later on that he died of wounds.

Inf:- Private. J. Cassidy. 3804.
2nd. Australian Pioneers.
H. S. "Grentully Castle".

HFG.

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- communication

H. J. G.

Enquiring

Brown
1837.

Would you kindly have this man's name placed
in the enquiry list. He is my brother, and he is reported as
having died of measles 23. 11. 17, and I would most much like
to have further means of counselling and burial. His mother's
address is - Mrs. J. Brown, Auckland, New Zealand.

H. J. G.

117- Brown. 397!

2 Bats for sale

30 J. H. H.
New Zealand

Jr. Man

2. 12. 17

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Theo.C.

Dec

3rd Canadian Casualty Clearing
Station

B. 97

No 1138 Pte K. Y. A. Brown 2nd Pioneer Bt

died 7 hours 4-10-17

16th Batt
A. I. F.

Capt. V.

Tucker.

"Killed in Action"

15
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Killed in Action 12.4.17

Cert, by A. I. F Headquarters dated 7.12.17

London 8.12.17

P.I

(26.2.18)

L/C Jack Martin

2nd Pioneer 6.1.7.

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1138 Pte K. G. A. Brown

1st. L. Section

2nd Pioneer 6.1.7.

(D/W 4.10.17.

27.2.18.
a.2.13.

(26.2.18)

Pt. Wallace

2nd Pioneer Battalion

Ahead

G. 1.7.

abt.

1138 Pt. K. G. A. Brown

2nd Pioneer Battalion

G. 1.7.

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D/W 4.10.17.

27.2.18
10.1.13.

December 10th, 1917.

5971 Pte. W. I. Brown,
2nd Bn., A.I.F.,
3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital,
Dartford.

Dear Pte. Brown,

We deeply regret that we must confirm the report
of the death of your brother

No 1138 Pte. K. G. A. BROWN,
~~2nd Pioneer Bn.,~~
A.I.F.

which occurred on 4.10.17 (not 23.11.17) in the 3rd
Australian Casualty Clearing Station B.E.F., and we
have written to the O.C. for any further details that
he can supply. As soon as these are received we shall
advise you as we realise how very anxious you must be.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your great
loss.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

2nd Pioneer Battn.
A.I.F.

BROWN,
R.G.A. 1138

"Died of Wounds 4.10.17. Det D/B"

Brown was wounded in the left side near Anzac House. I brought him into Anzac House, used as a D/S, and he got as far as C.C.S. at Popperinge and died there. They sent word back to say he was buried, but I forget where. By the same shell Pte. Buckingham (J. I think) was killed outright. The lads went out to bury him on Westhoek Ridge. Grave marked with a cross.

Informant:- Sgt. C.T. Mackin, 448,
2nd Pioneer
Hut 12,
Westham.

W.A.Rand.

London.
12.2.18.

P.I.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU)

36, GROSVENOR PLACE

LONDON, S.W. 1.

Dec 8th 1917

No 1138 PG R. G. A Brown 2nd Pioneer Bn A.I.F

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest possible details of the Wounds, Death and Burial of the above who died in your Hospital on 4-10-17, and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

With apologies for troubling you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY

NOTE We have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience. Unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above, we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

Theo. C.

3rd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station

B. E. 7.

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Australian Red Cross Society.

No. 1138, L/Cpl. K. G. A. Brown,
2nd Pioneer Battn., died in this Clearing Station
at 7:10 A.M., 4/10/17, from wounds of comp'd fracture
left femur and fractured humerus.

He was buried in Lyssenthoek Cemetery,
Map Location Sheet 27, L 22 D 6.3, Plot 20 D., Grave 3 A.

12/12/17.

H. B. Biggan
O.C., 3rd Can. C. C. S. Lt. Col. CAMC

5971. Pte. W.L. Brown,
2nd. Battalion,
1st. Command Depot,
Sutton Venoy,
Wilts..

19th, January, 1918.

Dear Pte. Brown,

With reference to your enquiry for :-

1138. Pte. W.L.A. Brown, 2nd. Pioneer Battalion. A.I.F.

we have received information from the O.C. of the 1st. Canadian Casualty Clearing Station that your brother died of wounds in his hospital on the early morning of 4.10. 17.

His wounds resulted in a compound fracture of the left femur, and fractured humerus. He was buried in the Lyssenthock Cemetery, Map location, sheet 27. 122. D.6.5. Plot 20. B. Grave 3a.

We are applying for a photograph of the grave for the next of kin.

Further enquiries are being made for details of his casualty, and as soon as these are obtained we will advise you.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY. *RC*

5971 Pte. W. L. Brown,
2nd Battalion, A.I.F.,
No 1 Command Depot,
Sutton Veny, Wilts.

February 13th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you of unofficial evidence given by
No 448 Sgt. C. T. Mackin, of the same unit about the death of
your brother.

No 1138 Pte. K. G. A. Brown, 2nd Pioneers Battalion, A.I.F.

Informant who was interviewed at Westham Camp, Weymouth, stated
that your brother was wounded by a shell in the left side near
Anzac House and he brought him down to the dressing station at
Anzac House, from where he was taken to a Casualty Clearing
Station at Poperinghe. They were told of his death later.

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you as
soon as we obtain further particulars as we realise how anxious
you must be.

With good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Law.

SECRETARY.

6th May, 1918.

5971 Pte. W.L. Brown,
2nd Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force,
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that we have received two further unofficial reports respecting your brother -

1153 Pte. E.G.L. Brown, 2nd Pioneer Battalion, A.I.F.
which confirm the official statement that he was killed in Action.

3875 Pte. W. Brooke, a stretcher bearer, of the same unit, recently interviewed at the 7th Convalescent Camp, B.E.F., stated:-
"That Pte. Brown was mortally wounded and two others were killed, and four wounded by the same shell, near Monneboake, on the night of Oct 4th. Pte. Brooke saw him after he was wounded. He was carried down to an aid post, and Pte. Brooke heard he had died of wounds next day, and was buried near Popoinghe. He saw the cross which was made for the grave.

3804 Pte. P. Cassidy of the same unit, when interviewed lately on board the "Grantully Castle" reported that Pte. Brown was just in front of him when he was wounded and he saw him taken away by stretcher bearers, close to Anzac House. He heard

subsequently that he died of wounds.

We have now closed our enquiry, but should any further information be received we will at once advise you.

With our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *F. J. G.*

SECRETARY.