Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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4040 Private
John Rickatson Burton

11th Battalion



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Ans

CRB

196 Well Hall Rd
Eltham
S.E.
10/1/17

CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE.

Enquiry Dept
London S.W.

4040

Dear Sir

The father of Private C. G. Burton A. Company 11th Battalion 3rd Brigade Australian Imperial Forces has written to me to say that he was reported missing since July 25-16 Enquired at Horse Ferry Rd they said they had no news I now have a copy of a letter sent to the late father in Australia by the Chaplin The Rev John Fahey saying that with C. G. Burton was reported missing he was wounded on or about

July 24th is now in Some hospital
in England or France
Can forward you a photo of
him I required taken in France
not after he had come out of
the trenches
Any particulars you can give
will be most gratefully received

Yours Faithfully
Chris D. Burton

P.S. I noticed the small notice
in the Daily Mail since my
writing to you.

11th Btn,
A.I.F.

HUNTON
John Richardson 4040.

"Killed in Action 25.7.16"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London
21.10.19.

P.

FRANCE.

A.I.F. 11.

Burton, J.R. 4040. K. July 25. 1916.

He belonged to the Scouts Section. He left the Battalion on July 24th., sick, and was not in the charge on the 25th. I had a letter the day before yesterday, from Pte.F.H.Bourke, 4035, 3rd. Bgde., T.M.B., A.I.F., giving me this information. Burton was acting as a messenger in the action on July 23rd., and got through safely. He is in hospital somewhere. He was a my mate.

Reference: Pte.A.J.Blanch, 4041. Scouts.Section.
No.1.A.D.B.D. Staples.
"5th. Aug. 1916.

written Blanch 31-1-17 Written Pte Bourke 15.3.17

SA.

Copy.

11th Battalion, 3rd Brigade,
FRANCE,
October 10th 1916.

Dear Mr.Burton,

No doubt you have heard that your son was wounded on or about July 24th, and is now in some hospital in England or France. He was at first reported as missing. The reason of this is that, owing to the large number of wounded that have to be evacuated after an action like the taking of Pozieres, some men's names are missed until the full report comes back some days subsequently from the Casualty Clearing Hospital. I cannot say in what hospital he may be, but you will be able to find this out on application to the military authorities. Trusting that you have good news from him before now, and that he is recovering from his injuries.

I am,
Yours very sincerely,
(Sgd) Rev John Fahey.

re 4040 John R Burton A Coy 11 Bn.

A.I.F. 11th Btn
A.Coy.

BURTON
John E.R 4040

"MISSING"

Killed in Action 25-7-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 5-7-17.

P & P.I.

London
16-7-17

A.I.F. 11th Btn
~~Army~~.

BURTON
John ~~T.~~ R. 4040

July 19th

July 20th.

~~"H[illegible]"~~

Killed in Action 25-7-16 - previously reported Missing
~~Cas[illegible] by A.I.F. Headquarters 5-9-17.~~

July August Casualty dratted

Chris D. Burton Esq.

196 Well Hall Rd ~~P.S. B.I.~~

Eltham

S.E

London
16-7-17

Feb.3rd.1917. ----

Pte.A.J.Blanch.4041
Scouts Section.
11th.Australian Infantry Battn.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir;

We should be extremely grateful if you would let us know if you have heard anything further of No.4040, Pte.J.R.Burton,since July 25th 1916.

His people have been unable to trace him in any of the hospitals and he is now reported Missing. As you said in the evidence given when you were in the Base Depot, that you were a chum of his, we are appealing to you,in case you have chanced to hear any later particulars

We should be very glad to hear fromyou at your earliest opportunity, as we are anxious to give his people what news we can.

Thanking you inanticipation and trusting you are well.

Yours faithfully,

1.enc.

Secretary. P M for A C.

March 16th.1917.

4035. Pte.F.H.Bourke,
(late 11th.Battn)
3rd.Bgde. Trench Mortar.Bty
A.I.F. B.E.F.

4040. J.R. Burton, 11th.Battn. A.I.F.

Missing 25. 7. 16.

J. R. Burton,

T. D.
A.A.D

Enclosed
3 Feb 17

ack. 196 Well Hall Rd
Eltham
S.E.

To the Sec. A.B.B.R.C. Sta
254 Victoria St.
S.W.

Dear Sir

Many thanks for
yours of the 24th inst.
I am not sure of the
correct name as he is
my brothers son. I know
his first name is John
& the particulars I can
only repeat John R
BURTON (not BARTON)
No. 4040 A. COMPANY
11TH BATTN 3RD BRIGADE
Australian Forces France

He was only 18 years of
age Can send his
photo if necessary
taken just after he
came out of the trenches
for the first time &
Also enclose copy
of letter sent by
the Chaplain
Thanking you most
sincerely for the
trouble you have taken
in the matter

Yours faithfully

Leo D. Burton

Sent on
13.11.16.

RECEIVED
9 NOV. 1916

8 King's Road,
Subiaco,
Western Australia,
Sept 23rd 16

Australian Red Cross,
London,
England.

On 21st Aug, 1916 I had a communication from the Commonwealth Military Forces stating that my boy has been reported missing since 25th July 1916. He was only 18 years of age and I should be glad if you would make enquiries concerning him. Probably he may be wounded in one of the hospitals.

His address was —

4040 Private J. R. Burton,
A. Company,
11th Battalion,
3rd Brigade,
Australian Imperial Forces

I need hardly say that my wife and I

are very worried on the matter. He was a dear lad and one of the best. Would you kindly answer this letter at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,
R. R. Burton

○ Previous to joining the Forces he was a clerk in the Agricultural Department. (Government)

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Copy.

IIth. Battalion, 3rd. Brigade,

F r a n c e,

October 10th. 1916

Dear Mr. Burton,

No doubt you have heard that your son was w wounded on or about July 24th, and is now in some hospital in England or France. He was at first reported as missing. The reason of this is that, owing to the large number of wounded that have to be evacuated after an action like the taking of Pozieres, some men's names are missed until the full report comes back some days subsequently from the Casualty Clearing Hospital. I cannot say in what hospital he may be, but you will be able to find this out on application to the military authorities. Trusting that you have good news from him before now, and that he is recovering from his injuries.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd) Rev John Fahey.

December 5th.

4055 PTE.H.BOURKE
3rd. Brgde. T.M.B.
A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries as to the whereabouts of 4040 PTE.J.R.BURTON 2nd Battalion A.I.F. who is reported missing July 25th. 1916 and are told, that you think he left the Battalion, sick, before that date. We should be very grateful to you if you would write and tell us your reasons for thinking so. In case there has been ~~comprise~~ confusion with another man of the same name, would you give a personal description of the above man.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

27th January -7.

Mr C. D. Barton,
196. Well Hall Road.
Eltham.

4040

Dear Sir,

Re the enquiry for your son Pte. J.R. ~~Roberts~~ Burton ~~Barton~~, 11th Battn. A.I.F. Head Quarters report that there is a Pte. John Robert Barton, No. 2110. 25th. (not 11th) Battn. A.I.F. and there is no report that he is "Missing" nor of any casualty to him. Do you think this is your son? Will you write us and say if you wish us to make any further enquiry and if it is not your son, give us his Christian name in full and any particulars you can about him.

Yours faithfully,

for. Secretary.