Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3027 Private Horace Hamilton Browne

18th Battalion



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Med Casualty

18th Australian Imperial Force — Browne H.H., 3027.

(Unoff. M. Jan/'16 at sea)

Informant states that "Browne was supposed to sail from Sydney on the 20th Dec., 1915 for Egypt but did not actually sail until about the 20th January 1916. He was safe in France when Informant left at the end of July."

Reference: Sgt. S. Kerr 3880,
18th Australian Imperial Force, C.Coy.,
Stoke War Hospt.,
Newcastle, Staffs.

Home address:
Headquarters 18 Batt.,
Australian Imperial Forces,
France.

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wife.

London,
August 8th 1916,
M. Dix.

18th. A. I. F.

Browne, H. H. 3027.

(H. at Sea January 1916.)

Informant states that on Thursday Oct: 7/15 between Alexandria and Lemnos, on S. S. "Menominee" a man named Brown with a number near this one (thinks he was a sergeant) dropped overboard and was not picked up.

Reference:-- W. Storm, 2016,
Trench Mortar Battery,
5th Brigade, 2nd Division,
Colchester Military Hospital.

Sept: 29th
G.R.B.

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18 A.I.F.

BROWNE
H.H. 3027.

Rep. M. at sea from transport.

No report of casualty.

Cert. by:-

3rd Ech. G.H.Q., M.E.F.

CAIRO.
24/3/16

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A.I.F. 18th Battn.

BROWN
H.H. 3027

Missing at Sea - Jan 16.

On the voyage from Australian to Egypt (he was Editor of ships paper) he was sleeping on deck, this was about 6 days out from Sydney - Private Tom Dawson sleeping beside him - found he had gone - the belt and cap was left - Sentry reported heard some noise or scream but did not think it was anything verdict that he walked over in his sleep or sucide.

Ref. Sgt. Ward,
3251
Ward 27
Harefield Hosp.

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D.P.Dicksen.
27-9-16

A.I.F. 18th Battn

BROWNE
H.H. 3027

Unoff. Missing Jan/16 at Sea

Witness states that from the troopship "Menominee" on Oct 7th 1915. The above fell, or threw himself over board (probably the latter) somewhere between Alexandria and Lemnos. He was seen hanging on to a lifebelt and a boat was lowered, but failed to rescue him, so he must have been drowned.

Witness - Storm W. 2016
18th Battn.
3rd Aux. Aust. Hospital Dartford.
19-11-16.

W.L.W.
London
27-11-16

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54 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.,
12th August, 1916.

Victoria 8858.

No. 3027,

Private H.H.Brown,

18th Australian Infantry Battalion,

B.E.F., FRANCE.

Dear Sir,

We have received enquiries through our Sydney Bureau - since your people have evidently not received any letters from you for the past six or seven months. We believe that you are with your Unit, as there is no report of any casualty at A.I.F.Headquarters.

Hoping you will relieve your friends' anxiety by writing to them and to us,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.