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Dear Sir

Of our four bachelor sons who volunteered for the war Sept'ber 1914 & Oct'ber 1915 respectively, one a 2nd Lieut'n was killed in action in France July 1/16, the last our youngest was taken a prisoner by the Turks in Palestine with some 20 others such 28/8/18 he with several others including three Australians being wounded were taken to Damascus Hospital, the remainder went direct to Kelebek Camp on the Baghdad Railway. When our Son & the others had recovered from their wounds they were sent end of Sept'r to Kelebek.

One of the former after a slight attack of dysentery went from the Camp Hospital to a Convalescent Camp called Afion Kara Hissia, has now returned home & reports he was told by other prisoners who came to Afion of the death of our Son from dysentery end of June or early in July. We received a letter dated June 20 where our Son writes he is pretty well & hopes we are the same.

In a letter from Damascus Hospital he speaks highly of the three Australians remarking if they came to England with him he should give them a good time of it. We are anxious to get news of our Son, and the British Red Cross advise us to ask you for the names and addresses of those wounded and afterwards sent to Kelebek, assuming you may have a record.

We should be very grateful if you could give us the information.

Stamped addressed envelope herewith.

W.S. Booth

Yours faithfully
W. S. Booth