

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

**4625 Private  
Harold Brunskill**

**3rd Battalion**



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3rd Australians

Brunskill H. 4625,  
A. Company.

(W. & M. July 22-27/16)

I saw Brunskill during a bombardment lying in a sap. He appeared to have his leg broken. It was at Pozieres on 25th July.

Bye-witness: Yes

Description: Tall, dark.

Informant: Cpl. R. Cooke 4148,  
3rd Australians, A. Coy.,  
Kitchener's Hospt.,  
Brighton.

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Perth,  
West Australia.

May 16th 1917,  
Mrs. Macdonell.

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BRUNSKILL, H. 4625.

W. & M. July 22-27, 1916.

I know he was killed last July 23-27th. Struck by a shell. My informant was G/B Ackling who has himself since been killed in action. He had found him wounded and was carrying him down when the shell killed him. This was at Pozieres. I never heard anything of his burial.

Reference:- Pte. J. Morrison. 4517.C.XI.  
No. 1 Can. Gen. Hosp.

PHE.

Etaples  
13.6.17.

A. I. F. S.A.

BRUNSKILL, H. 4625.

W. & H. July 22-27, 1916.

A Court of Enquiry was held about June 18th at which I was present, the President being Major Carter, and it was ascertained that Brunskill had been killed in action. He was seen in our front line trench at Pozieres with both legs broken, about July 23rd. On 3 succeeding days very heavy shelling and he was not seen again. He was not in a position to be taken prisoner and could not walk.

Reference:- Lieut. H.D. Robb. H.Q. Intelligence Dept.  
L. Gun School.

PHE.

Etaples  
25.6.17.

G. Hume Gancel

3rd Battn. A.Co.  
A.I.F.

BRUNSKILL.  
4625. Pte

Wounded and Missing 22-27/7/16.

I knew Brunskill - he was at Pozieres - he got his leg broken there, but I didn't see it. His number is much the same as mine, we went away together in the same ship - he was an Englishman and joined in Sydney. He was tall, fair, and had a red face. I heard afterwards that he was in England - I heard this at Etaples.

Informant: O'Connor, J. Pte 4650.  
3rd Battn. C.Co. A.I.F.  
No. 4 Australian General Hosp.  
RANDWICK.

H.S.E.  
27/7/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

G. Hume Gancel

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3rd Batt.  
A. Coy 14 Rfts  
A.I.F.

Brusnell  
Harold 4625

"Killed in Action"

Killed in Action on or about 25.7.16 - Previously reported  
wounded and missing 22/27. 7.16

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 11.7.17

London 13.8.17

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3rd Battn.  
A.I.F.

Pte.H. BRUNSKILL.  
4625.

"Killed in Action".

In reply to your enquiry I regret to say that the grave of 4625 Pte.H.Brunskill 3rd Battn who is stated to have been killed at Pozieres, 25th July 1916 has not yet been located, and all enquiries so far have proved unsuccessful.

The facts have been noted, and I will write to you again later on if any information is obtainable.

I am very sorry not to be able to send you a more satisfactory reply.

Letter from:- C.O.  
Graves Registration.  
WAR OFFICE.

London.  
1-6-18.

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