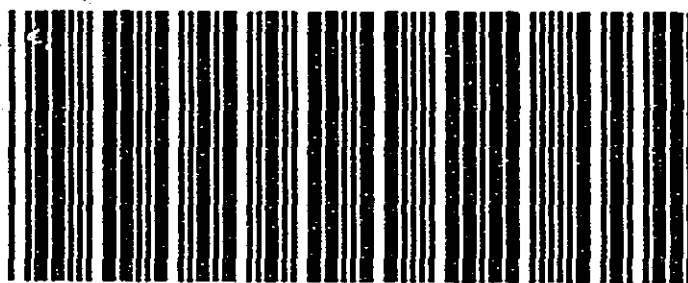


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1304 Private
William John Banwell

16th Battalion



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A.I.F. 2/16th Btn

BANWELL
Wm. John 1304

"W.G.M. 2-5-15"

K/Action 2-5-15 - no burial
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 26-8-19.

London
18-10-19

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NOTE TO ADELAIDE.

A.I.F.
16th Btn.

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not BANWELL.
J.E. 1304
William John

Wounded & Missing 2.5.15.

Your letter 21.2.18. The enclosed photo was sent for identification to 4159 Pte. W.H. Kennedy, 16th Btn. A.I.F. at Weymouth and has since been returned to us with the information that he left for Australia on the Port Denison on 26. 3.19. We are there for returning it to you for further enquiry.

London.
15.4.19.

Note. The photo of Banwell was sent from Adelaide on behalf of Mrs Banwell.
Banwell could therefore not have returned to Aust.
(See slip dated 4.9.16.)

4159 Pte. William Knuckey.
16th Bttn. A.I.F.
No 2 Command Depot.
Weymouth.

March 25th, 1919.

Dear Sir,

We enclose a postcard photograph of British Prisoners in Germany and we should be much obliged if you would return it to us together with a list of the names of those in the group. This card has been sent to us from our Adelaide Office on behalf of Mrs. Banwell who believes the soldier standing at the extreme left, marked with a cross to be her son 1304 Pte. J.W. BANWELL. 16th Battalion. A.I.F. "Missing at Gallipoli 2nd May 1915". We realise that Mrs. Banwell must be mistaken but it may put her mind at rest to know definitely the name of the soldier in the photograph.

With good wishes and hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *h. Griffiths*
SECRETARY.

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No. 9.



Darling Buildings,

Franklin Street,

Adelaide.

21st January, 1919.

Ans. 2-5-19.

Honorary Secretary,
Australian Branch,
British Red Cross Society,
Enquiry Branch,
36 Grosvenor Place,
LONDON, S.W.,

Dear Miss Deakin,

No. 1304 Private J. W. Banwell, 16th Battalion.

The mother of the above soldier has forwarded to us the enclosed photo, she being of the opinion that the soldier whom she has marked with a cross is her son who was officially reported "Missing" 2nd May 1915.

We have made enquiries and find that the photo was forwarded to Australia by Private W. H. Knuckey, No. 4159, 16th Battalion, who was a Prisoner of War but recently repatriated.

Would it be possible for you to interview Private Knuckey and ascertain from him the names of the men composing the photograph, or if he has embarked for Australia before this letter reaches you, will you kindly return this photo to us and we will then interview Private Knuckey at this end.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

Chas. A. Edwards.

Honorary Secretary.

Enclosure.

16th A. I. F.

2/15

William John
Banwell, Pte J.F. 1304

(W & K May 2nd 1915)

Informant states that Banwell is now back in South Australia, he came from Glenville, Port Adelaide, South Australia. Informant states that Pte J.W. Sullivan, 16th A. I. F. D. Coy, who also comes from Glenville, Port Adelaide, and who is at present with his battalion, gives this information, which he has received from his people in South Australia. (I have had similar information from Pte Dowling, A.J. 1331, 16th A.I.F. D. Coy, now in this hospital. He states that Pte Jones, 16th A. I. F., D. Coy informed him that he had seen Banwell on board a transport bound for Australia. P.L.W.)

Reference: Pte Chas. Norton, 1330,
16th A. I. F. Originally C. Coy,
now. H.Q. L.M.G.,
Horton County of London Hospital,
Epsom.
14.9.16. Home address:
P.L. Waterhouse. 229, King William Street, Adelaide, S.A.