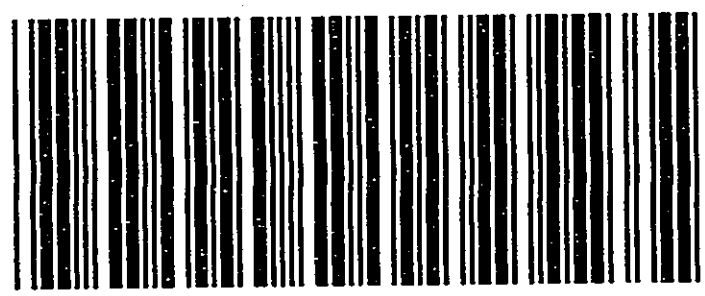
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

6008 Private
John Killian Fletcher
Dredge

49th Battalion



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In the 1917 Cas. Lists

a 6008 Pte DREDGE J.K.F of
49th Bn (previously 9th BN
is shown K.I.A. 27.9.17

On nom. rolls (embarkation)

a 6008 Pte DREDGE J.W. (John WILLIAM)
of 9th Bn is shown K.I.A. 27.9.17.
Appears one and the same.

A. Trenton
21/5/92

NO ENQUIRY.

9th Battn.
A. I. F.

Dredge.
Pte. J. 6008

"Supposed killed."

I had this identity disc given to me to hand in to the Battalion Headquarters on the 3rd October 1917 but I got hit and never went to H.Q. Pte.E.J.Mann 3333 C.Coy.5th Battn. A.I.F. had found it the same day in the pocket of a dead man.

Informant:-
Robert Archer 4134
5th Battn.A.I.F. C.Coy.
11th General Hospital.

G.W.Thomson.
14.11.17.

London.
21.11.17. Note Disc sent to H.Q. herewith. M.
" Written Pte.Mann 19.11.17.

9th Battn..
A.I.F.

No Enquiry

DREDGE.
J. 6008

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A Pocket-book containing disc belonging to above, compass and letterr forwarded to us B.R.C.S. on 16th Nov. (see report by Robert Archer) On examining the pocket-book to-day 10.12.17 we find it still contains a disc, which was evidently not attached as stated on our report 21.11.17. We are now forwarding the disc to H.Q. and the other things to our Melbourne bureau to be sent to Pte.Dredge's next of kin.

London.
10.12.17.

M.

G-C

November 20th, 1917.

3333 Pte.F.J.Mann,
C.Coy, 5th Battn,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Pte. Mann,

We have lately received through one of our Hospital Searchers, a disc engraved No 6009 J.DREDGE,
9th Battalion,
A.I.F.

This was given him by a man of the 5th Battalion, now in Hospital, who said that you had given him this disc, (which you had found in the pocket of a dead man) to hand to Battalion Head Quarters, but he himself was wounded before he could deliver the disc to Head Quarters and so asked that it should be handed to the Red Cross Society.

We should be very glad for the sake of the relatives, if you would kindly write and give us any details you could concerning the soldier in whose pocket you found the disc. Do you think it was the owner of the disc, as there is the possibility, if he were carrying the disc in a pocket, that he might have picked it up or taken it from the body of another soldier. Did you make sure that the dead soldier was not himself wearing a disc, and was there anything you could tell us about this man that might help us to prove his identity?

We should be very grateful for any information you could send us.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY, V.D.

Telephone No.: REGENT 6640.
Telegrams: "NATIONALLY, CHARLES."

BRITISH RED CROSS
—AND—
ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

ENQUIRY DEPARTMENT
FOR
WOUNDED AND MISSING,
18 Carlton House Terrace, S.W.1

Gen. Comms.
G. Branch Base
8 Fa Jan

Dear Miss Deakin 16-11-17

I am enclosing a pocket book containing disc, letter & compass. Pte Archer who gave it to our Searcher is in the 2nd London General Hospital.

Yours Truly

B. Whitbread