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1826 Private
Harold Clifford Brooke

3rd Pioneer Battalion



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A.I.F. 3rd Pion: Btn

BROOKE
H.C. 1826

"K. in a 9-1-17 ~~acts~~ nature of an accident"

Accidentally Killed (electrocuted) 9-1-17 - Buried at Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery Armentieres
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 8-4-17.

London
10-4-17

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3rd Pioneers.
A.I.F.,

BROOKE
H.C. 1826

"Acc. K. 9.1.17"

Being a Pioneer Batt. this unit took over the care and maintenance of an Electric Power Station, in one of the towns on this Front. Pte Brooke together with ten others, had charge of the Power plant, Pte Brooke acting as Switch Board Attendant. Immediately after his death a Court of Enquiry was convened to investigate the cause of death etc., and although no one actually saw Pte Brooke meet his death, the following information was gained "Pte Brooke acted as Switch Board Attendant at No 1 Power Station and was cleaning Switchboard, when he accidentally touched one of the terminals and was electrocuted. First Aid was rendered, and he was immediately conveyed to the 10th Field Ambulance, but death took place before arrival there. The Court of Inquiry submitted a Finding of "Death due to misadventure"

Cert. by letter from The Adjutant,
3rd Austr. Pioneer Batt.
B.E.F.
14.4.17.

London
24.4.17.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN
PIONEER BATTALION
A. I. F.
No. P.108117

THE SECRETARY,
Wounded & Missing Inquiry Bureau,
Australian Red Cross Society,
54 Victoria Street, LONDON, S.W.

Dear Madam,

Reference your letter of 11th instant, requesting details of the accidental death of No.1826, Pte. H.C. BROOKE, late of this Battalion:-

Being a Pioneer Battalion, this Unit took over the care and maintenance of an Electric Power Station, in one of the towns on this Front. Private BROOKE together with ten others, had charge of the Power plant, Private BROOKE acting as Switch Board Attendant. Immediately after the death, a Court of Inquiry was convened to investigate the cause of death etc., and although no one actually saw Pte. BROOKE meet his death, the following information was gained.

"Private BROOKE acted as Switch Board Attendant at No.1 Power Station, [redacted] and was cleaning Switchboard, when he accidentally touched one of the terminals and was electrocuted. First Aid was rendered, and he was immediately conveyed to the 10th Field Ambulance, but death took place before arrival there. The Court of Inquiry submitted a Finding of "Death due to misadventure".

Yours very truly,

CAPTAIN.&.ADJUTANT,
For C.O. 3RD AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTLN. A.I.F.

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14/4/1917. O.

"Cecil K"

1826. H.C. BROOKE/3 Pioneers

(Dec K. 9.1.17)

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11th March 1917.

The Commanding Officer,
3rd Australian Pioneer Battn.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We should be very grateful if you would give us details of the accidental death of No. 1826. Pte. H.C. Brooke, 3rd Australian Pioneer Battn.

We have received an enquiry from Melbourne and any information you are able to give us will naturally be of great value to his friends.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

V.B.

Secretary.
L.A.N.