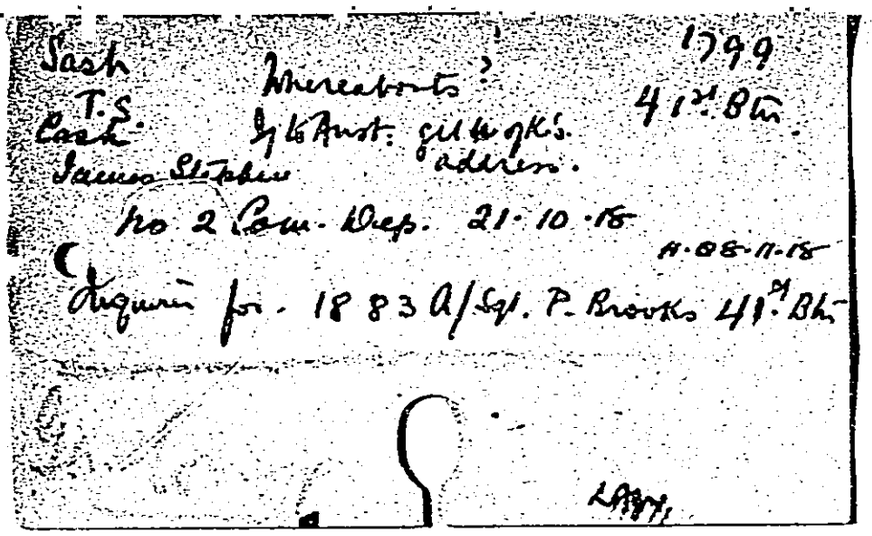
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1883 Private
Percy Brooks

41st Battalion



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James Stobbie address.
No 2 Com. Dep. 21.10.15
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Enquire for. 1883 A/Sgt. P. Brooks 41st Bn

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A'bide Cable 6.11.17

A.I.F. 41st Btn

BROOKS
A/Sgt Percy 1883

"WOUNDED"

Wounded 5-6-17 - no hospital admission
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 5-7-17

Discharged - duty 8-6-17
Cert. by Rouen letter 11-7-17.

B

LONDON
13-7-17

A.I.F. 41st Battn.

BROOKS
Q/Sgt. Percy
1883

"DIED OF WOUNDS"

Died of wounds at 41st Casualty Clearing Station 9/9/18
Cert. by Hpl. Index

London
10/9/18.

B

A.I.F. 41st Battn.

BROOKS
A/Sgt. Percy 1883

"WOUNDS"

Rejoined unit France 30-1-18
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs list 25-4-18.

London
25-4-18

B.I.
B

41st Battn.
A.I.F.

BROOKS
A/Sgt. Percy 1883

"Died of Wounds 8-8-18"

Re 1883 A/Sgt.P.Brooks. This man was admitted 8-8-18 and died at 6 p.m. the same day. He was admitted with Shell Wounds of the left shoulder and abdomen. He passed away quite peacefully and left no message. The burial took place in the local Military Cemetery. 9-8-18.

Letter from:- The O.C.,
No. 61 C.C.S.,
B.E.F. 19-9-18.

London
3-10-18

P.I.
B.

Havre. 29th. October. 1918.

41st. Australians. Brooks, A/Sergeant, P. 1885.

D/W. August. 8/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was a Private at the time he was killed. He was an acting Sergeant two years before in the 49th. Battalion (3rd. Reinforcement) He came out with me in the 'Clan Macgilvray' He was wounded on the morning of the 8th. August when we pushed off at Hamel. I was near him although I did not actually see him hit. He was seen on the Stretcher going out and that is all I can say. It was terribly foggy that morning and we were all very mixed up. It was Lieut. Hanley that told me A Brooks had died of wounds. He belongs to A. Company. Padre Mills of the 41st. Battalion, should also be able to give more details and say xhar as to Burial.

Inf:- Private. J. J. Dwyer. 1906.
41st. Australians. A. 1.
xxxxx Hospital Ship.

P. I.
B.

WSM.

Witness Lt Hanley
Chaplain Mills 6.11.18 CP.

A.I.F. 41st Battn.

BROOKS
P. 1883. A/Sgt.

"Died of Wounds 8.8.18."

Re No.1883 A/Sergeant P. Brooks, 41st Batt.
I remember that he was reported to have "Died of Wounds on the 8.8.18." but do not know how he was hit, or where he was buried. If you will write to Chaplain Mills (M.C.) of our Battalion, I am sure that he would be able to give you all the desired information.

Letter from:- J.J. Hanley, Lieut,
41st Battn. A.I.F.
Edenhall,
Langwathby S.O.
Cumberland.

London
5.12.18.
I.E.D.

B. & P.I.

A.I.F. 41st Btn

BROOKS
A/Sgt Percy 1883
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"Colchester 9-10-17"

S.W.Face - 1st Ldn Gen.Hpl 9-10-17

Trans - Harefield 20-10-17
Cert. by Hpl Index

Conv: - discharged Weymouth 23-10-17
Cert by 'phone 20-11-17

B

London
21-11-17

A.I.F. 41st Btn

BROOKS
A/Sgt.Percy 1883

"WOUNDED"

Adm. 49th C.C.S. 27-5-18 - Gassed

Discharged to duty 22-6-18.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 10-7-18.

London
10-7-18.

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P.L.

ack R. 1883
P.C. 4.12.18 a/Sgt. P. Brooks, (cd)
9.5.2 41st Bn.
R & W. 8.8.18
B. 7 Pl 3

EDENHALL,
LANGWATHBY S.O.
CUMBERLAND.

3-12-18

Dear Miss Deakin

Your letter of 6-11-18 to hand a few days ago.

I am very sorry that I cannot give you any information concerning No 1883 a/Sgt P. Brooks 41st Bn.

I remember that he was reported to have died of Wounds on 8/8/18, but do not know how he was

-Lit, or where he was buried.

If You were to write to Chaplain Nicks (M.C.) of our Battalion, I am sure that he would be able to give You all the desired Information

Yours Faithfully,

Stanley Lee,

S.S.P.

1883

9/Sept Brooks
41st Bn
D.O.W. 8.8.16
P.I.
41st Btn. E.F.
France
18/11/16

Methodist Church of Australia
with the A.I.F.

Chaplain:- H.A. Mills

Dear Miss Deakin

In answer to your enquiry re. death of 1883 A/Sep. P. Brooks of 41st Btn.
This soldier was wounded in the fighting near Hamel on the Somme. Injuries were G.S. Wounds in left shoulder and abdomen. Death took place at 61st C.C.S. Place of burial Military Cemetery Vignacourt. France.

Trusting this information will be of service I am

Yours sincerely

H.A. Mills

P.S.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8576 8577 8578

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SECRETARY," WOUNDED AND MISSING — ENQUIRY BUREAU — AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

October 7th, 1918. Typ. again

1799 Pte. T.S. Nash.
41st Battalion.
~~Trench Mortar Battery,~~
A.I.F. ~~Hut 15.~~
~~Fr~~ Fresham Hill Military Hospital.
~~Farnham.~~

No 2 Command Depot Weymouth

Dear Sir.

In reference to your enquiry for - 1883 A/Sgt. P.BROOKS. 41st Battalion. A.I.F. We have received the report from the O.C. of No 61 Casualty Clearing Station, B.E.F. who stated that he was admitted into the hospital on 8-8-18 suffering from shell wounds in the left shoulder and abdomen, and that he passed peacefully away at 6 p.m. the same day leaving no message. The Burial took place in the local Military Cemetery on 9-8-18. We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you as soon as we receive any further report.

With all sympathy and hoping that you are recover-ing from your own wounds.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin
Secretary.

(V. W.P.)

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To
The Rev A. A. Mills M.C
Chaplain 41 Battn
A.I.F

about
1888 A/Sergt P. Brooks
41 Battn
A.I.F

D/W 8.8.18
Died 6.11.18

HOSPITAL *L.Devon Plymouth. Marlow*

INFORMAT

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.
	Bogle	*R.G.*	*5122*

GIVE

SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.
Clementson	*Edward*	*2131*

STATEMENT

NOTE. *In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.*

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3 Pte R.G. Bogle was killed at
& was buried in Sunbeal
I was present at the funer

PLEASE ALSO ANSW

Was Informant Eye-Witness?	*Yes*	2. If no of	
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5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	*No*	6. Was nam	
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.	*about 5ft. 9in. Dark.*		
8. *Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence*	*Very intelligent*		

To

Lt-Hanley J.J.
41 Bttn A.I.F

about

1883 a/Sgt-P. Brooks
41 Bttn
A.I.F

D/W 8.8.18

Written 6.11.18
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ION AS TO

Rank	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Casualty.
Pte	23rd Can. E. Forces	C		K. July 29/18

EN BY

Rank.	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Home Address.
Pte	23rd N. S. F.	A	I	91 Parliament St North Sydney Australia

OF INFORMANT

in first person).

Villers Bretonneux on July 29/18
Cemetery Villers Bretonneux
Cal.

C.S.M.
C.I.

OCT 19 18
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

ER THE FOLLOWING :—

nt, give name, number, etc., of the man who told him.	—
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Had been a cook.

Signature of Searcher Vict Hendorf

Date of Report Oct. 18/18

from 1799 Pte. J.S Cash 41 T.M.B.
Hat 15.
Frenham Hall Red Hospital
Frenham
Acft. 13.9.18.
Cap for the former Wearer
of this Band
1883 Pte P. Brooks
A. Co 41st Batt
Wounded Aug 8th

10.9.18

O.C's Draft. Sept. 11.

O.C.
61st. C.C. Stn.
B.E.F. France.

1883. a/Sgt. P. BROOKS.
41st. Btn. A.I.F.

D. of W. 8.8.18.

HOSPITAL 3rd Southern General The Base Exx

INFORMA

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.
	Voullaire	R M.	3969

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	SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.
	Anderson	Robert	4128

STATEMENT (to be tak

NOTE. In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

"J remember that on July 10th, in the
out posts. L/cpl Rondia Voul
between the 6th Bn. & the 1st Bgd
had taken their objective, and the
L/cpl J. Farrell. M.M. 2 Bar (now
Sir Pinckney (now L/C) went or
& rifle near a German out post
wounded & taken prisoner. J
Farrell said he knew nothing

PLEASE ALSO ANSW

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? — no
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8. *Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence* — very intelligent & seemed accur

Miss V. Sharp,

3, Freemantle Rd, Cotham,

Bristol.

26th April, 1918.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your enquiry about -

1985 Sgt. PERCY BROOKS, 41st Battalion, A.I.F.

We are glad to inform you that since he rejoined his unit in France on January 30th, 1918, no further report has been received for him and we can only advise you to write to his unit.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) F. Sec.

SECRETARY.

20th A.I.F.

Hardman. Sgt. J.P. 396
A Coy.

K. Jan. 1/18.
Det. D/B.

"I well knew Sgt. Hardman. He was at Le Touquet near Armentieres and was killed on Jan.1st 1918. He was buried near LeToquet and I have seen his grave, two or three days after he was buried. There is a Cross on the Grave put up by the Pioneers with his name on it."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Pte. Geo. Sutherland. 1305
20th A.I.F. D Coy. 16 Pl.
Beaufort Hospital,
Bristol.

Home address:
Sydney.
Australia.

13/4/18,
A.Hamilton Jenkin

pc. 23. 4. 18.

3 Freemantle Rd
Gotham.
Bristol.

21-4-1918

To the Officer of Command,
of the 41st Batt.
Australian Inf.

Dear Sir,

I should be most grateful if you could give me particulars concerning my Cousin Percy Brooks. I have not heard from him since March 14th & I am naturally most anxious.

Should be so glad to know whether you can help me in this.

The address I wrote him is.

1883 Pte P Brooks,
A Compy.
41st Batt.
(Aus) (Inf.)
11th Brigade.
A. I. F.
France.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I Remain,
Yours truly.
Violet Sharp.)

1799 Pte.T.S.Nash.
41st Trench Mortar Battery.
A.I.F. Hut 15.
Frensham Hill Mil Hpl.
Farnham.

Sept. 14th, 1918.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your enquiry for your friend - 1883 A/Sgt.P. BROOKS. 41st Battalion. A.I.F. We very much regret to inform you that he died of wounds at the 61st Casualty Clearing Station on 8-8-18.

We have written to the O.C. of the hospital for details of his wounds, death and burial and as soon as these are received we will advise you.

With sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend and good wishes for your own recovery.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) [signature]

Secretary.

1883
2/Sgt. Percy Brooks
41 Battn
D of W 8.8.18
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This man was admitted 8/8/18
and died at 6 pm the same day.

He was admitted with Shell Wounds
of the left shoulder and Abdomen.

He passed away quite peacefully
Left no message.

The burial took place in the local
military cemetery 9.8.18.



Lt.-Col. R.A.M.C.
Comdg. No. 61 Casualty Clearing Station

Tel. VICTORIA 8576
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36, GROSVENOR PLACE.
LONDON S.W. 1.

Sept. 11th.

O.C.
61st. C.C. Stn.
B.E.F. France.

1883. a/Sgt. P. BROOKS. 41st. Bttn. A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 8.8.18 and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

Secretary.

October 7th, 1918.

1799 Pte. T.W. Sash.
41st Battalion.
Trench Mortar Battery,
A.I.F. Hut 15.
Frensham Hill Military Hospital.
Farnham.

Dear Sir.

In reference to your enquiry for - 1883 A/Sgt. P.BROCKS. 41st Battalion. A.I.F. We have received the report from the O.C. of No 51 Casualty Clearing Station, B.E.F. who stated that he was admitted into the hospital on 3-8-18 suffering from shell wounds in the left shoulder and abdomen, and that he passed peacefully away at 6 p.m. the same day leaving no message. The Burial took place in the local Military Cemetery on 9-8-18. We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you as soon as we receive any further report.

With all sympathy and hoping that you are recover-ing from your own wounds.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary. V.V.P.

November 12th, 1918.

1799 Pte. [illegible] Cash,
41st Battalion. A.I.F.
2nd Command Depot.
Weymouth.

Dear Sir.

In further reply to your enquiry for 1883 A/Sgt.PERCY BROOKES. 41st Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you of an unofficial report by a man of the same unit.

1906 Pte. J.J.Dwyer interviewed on board a hospital ship states that A/Sgt. Brookes came over on the Clan MacGilvray & was acting sergeant for 2 years with the 49th Battalion but was a private at the time he was wounded, which was on the morning of 8-8-18, when they pushed off at Hamel. He was seen on the stretcher going away to the Casualty Clearing Station that is all our informant can say for it was a very foggy morning and they were rather mixed up."

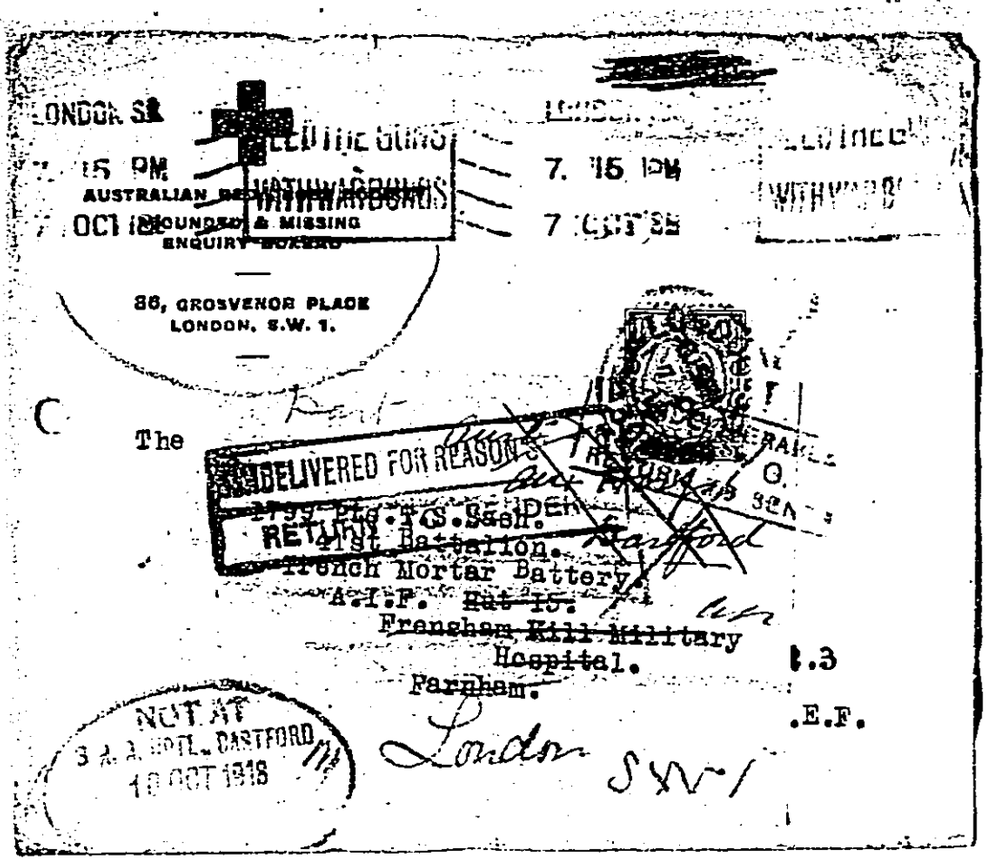
We have written to two other men for details and as soon as we receive replies we will advise you.

Trusting you are making good progress and with good wishes to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.


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1799 Pte. T. S. Cash

41 Bttn. A.I.F.

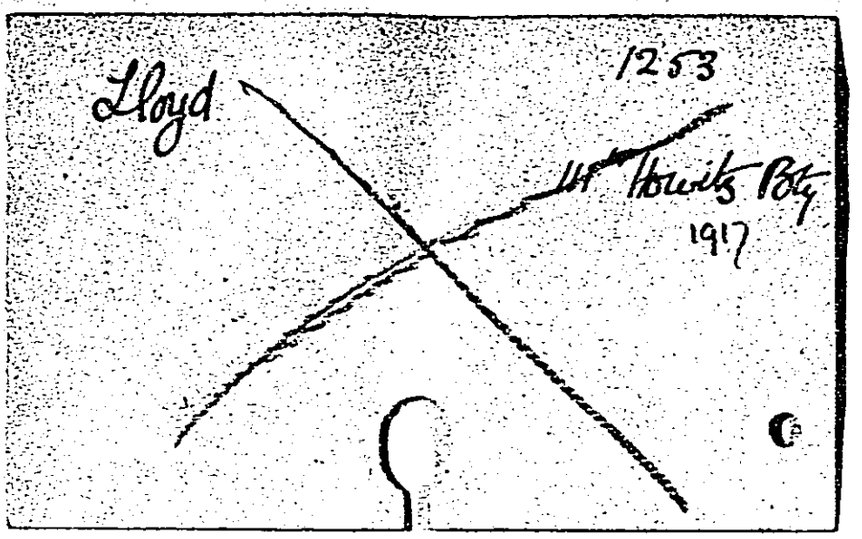
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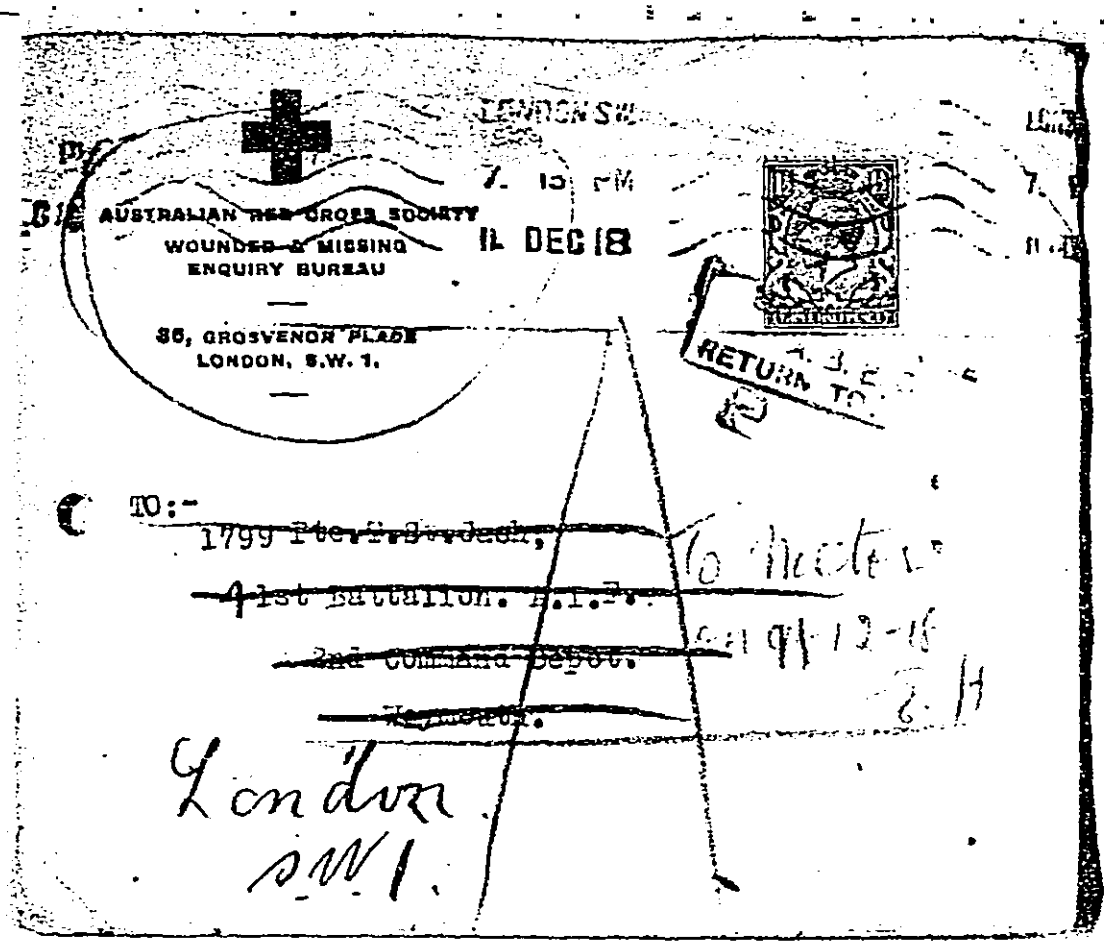
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File under 1883

A/Sgt. P. Brooks

41 Bttn. A.I.F.


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36, GROSVENOR PLACE
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LONDON, S.W. 1.

December 11th, 1918

1799 Pte.T.St.Cash,
41st Bttn. A.I.F.
2nd Command Depot.
Weymouth.

Dear Pte. Cash.

In further reply to your enquiry re 1883 A/Sgt. P.BROOKS. 41st Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that Chaplain A.A. Mills writes as follows:-

"This soldier was wounded in the fighting near Hamel on the Somme. His injuries were Gun shot wounds in left shoulder and abdomen. Death took place at the 61st Casualty Clearing Station. Place of burial is Military Cemetary Vignecourt. France."

Trusting you are making good progress.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

Kbm.