

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

5031 Lance Corporal  
Frederick Percival  
Lancelot Bawden

8th Battalion



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8th. A.I.F.

Bawden. <sup>P</sup> F.B.L. 5031.  
C Coy. 10 Pltn.

K. Oct. 4/17.  
Det. D/B.

"I knew F.E. Bawden. He was a L/C in my Coy. and had only just been made a L/R. He was in charge of the machine gun section. On the morning of the 4th Oct. 17 in front of Passchendaele we attacked. Our objective was a high hill. We gassed it and dug ourselves in. When we had dug ourselves in Lt. Meadows our Pltn. commander was discussing the position with Bawden and myself when a shrapnel shell burst about 20 yds away. A piece of shrapnel struck Bawden on the top of the chest piercing it and killed him instantly. A piece of shrapnel also struck Lt. Meadows and wounded him. I helped to bury Bawden on the spot where he was killed. I took Bawdens belongings off him and handed them into Hd.Qrs."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: *Written at Meadows 28.1.18. Letter returned. Corp Index from Lt Meadows Ret. Aust 10.3.18*

Informant: Sgt. Scott. 3470. C Coy. 10 Pltn. 8/A. I. F.

Home address: 1/2nd. Dudley Rd. Hospital, Birmingham.

12/1/18  
T.J. Currie. 144 Chelmsford Rd, North Perth, W.Aus.

8th Battn.  
D. Coy,  
A.I.F.

<sup>P</sup> BAWDEN,  
F.B.L. 5031

"Killed 4.10.17."

Refer to L/Cpl. L. Braybrock, D. Coy, 8th Battn, who is now in France, he saw him killed near Ypres, and buried him and can give full details. I believe he was killed by a shell. I knew him well, his initials are P.B.L. He came from Ballarat, where he was an Essayer prior to enlistment.

Informant:- Sgt. J. Harrison, 5100,  
8th Battn, C. Coy, 9th Pltn,  
3.A. & H. Dartford.

W. Omen.  
London.  
4.2.18.

Note Written L/Cpl. L. Braybrock, 4.2.18.

*with attached hospital H.*

8th Btn.

Bawden, F. B. L.  
Pte. 5031

Killed in action 4/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 9 ins. slight build, fair complexion, about 30 years of age, known as "Perce" and he was in C Co. Casualty was in charge of a Lewis Gun on the left of C Co. Sector, Westhoek Ridge. A shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. I did not see him killed but I saw the body 5 mins. later. I came along with Cpl. T. Meagen to see if the men were alright on the guns and found Casualty lying dead. I do not know where he was buried.

Informant:- J. R. McCarlie,  
No. 6306.

Private address:-  
Erranook Estate,  
Lubecke.

T.C.F.  
3/5/18. N.W.

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8th Battn:

Bawden, F.B.R. 5031.

K. 4/10/17.

He was No: 1 on the Lewis gun and L/Cpl. I was No: 2 (12th Platoon, C. Coy). We were on the ridge at Ypres at about 5 o'clock on the afternoon that Perce Bawden was hit by a piece of shell on the right lung. He never spoke and lived for about 10 minutes. I do not know where he is buried.

8th Battn:

Ward, J.H. Pte. 978.

11 A. Dartford. 3/7/18.

R.D.B.

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J.R.S.

A.I.F. 8:

BAWDEN, F.B.L. 5031.  
MGS.

K. Oct 4th 1917.

F.B.Bawden was in the MGS of C.Co. and his number was about 5031. He was fair, clean shaven, about 5ft 7 and about 30. I saw him after he had been killed on the 4th Oct near Hoge Craters. We held our position and his body was probably been recovered and buried afterwards.

Inf: Cpl.P.Thompson. 5781. C.X.

No. 1 C.C.

BOULOGNE. 15.7.1918.

J.F.A.

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8th Battn. NOTE TO MELBOURNE BUREAU.  
A.I.F.

PBAWDEN.  
F.B.L. 5031.

"Killed 4-10-18"

We have written to Lieut. J.T. Meadows. 8th Battalion. A.I.F.  
about above soldier. The letter has been returned. Our Hospital  
Index gives this officer as having returned to Australia 10-3-18.

London.  
14-9-18.

R.

8th Btn.

BARDEN, P. P. L.  
Pte. 5031.

K. in act. 4/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man of slight build, about 5 ft. 9 ins. fair complexion, about 30 years of age. He embarked from Australia with the 16th Rct. of the 8th Btn. on the troopship "Suffolk". Casualty was in advance at Broodseinde Ridge, Ypres, when an H.E. shell exploded alongside a piece penetrating his body killing him instantly. I saw his body and helped to bury him where he fell. A cross was erected over the grave by myself. He was in my platoon."

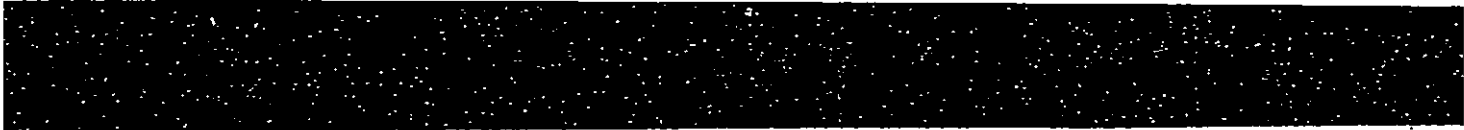
Informant:- Pte. H. L. Cooper,  
No. 5064, 8th Btn.

Private address:-  
"Yiversleigh"  
Kerang.

H.A.F.  
14/3/19.

*M. T. ...*

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A.I.F.  
8th. Battalion.  
M.C. Section.

BARDEN, 5031.  
Frederick Percival  
Lancelot.

"Killed in Action 4.10.17"

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London  
14.10.19.

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(28. 1. 18.)

Leint-Meadows

● 8<sup>th</sup> Batta. A. 7. 7.  
B. 7. 7.

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5031 Pte. F. B. L. Bawden

Co Coy. X<sup>th</sup> Pte.

● 8<sup>th</sup> Batta. A. 7. 7.

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1-2-18.  
P. P. B.

4/4/18

Leapt. L. Braybrooke

D. Coy.

8<sup>th</sup> Inf. Batta.

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D. Coy.

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LONDON, S.W. 1.

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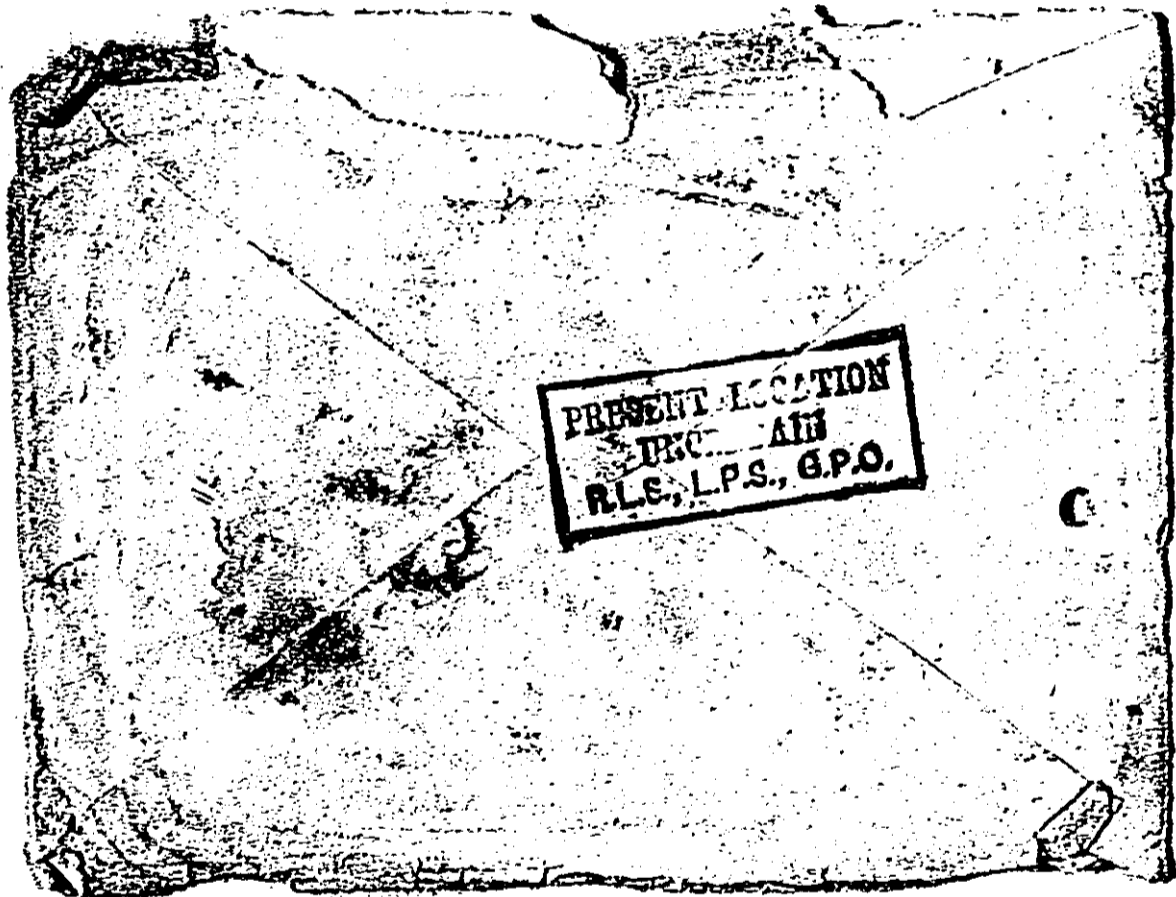
5049 Lt Col. Dr. Braybrooke

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87 Inf. Battalion

Australian Imp. Force  
LONDON  
S.W. 1  
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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

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

To: *Lt Col. L. Braybrooke*  
*D. Coy.*  
*8<sup>th</sup> Inf. Batta*  
*A. I. F. B. I. F.*

*4/17/18.*

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,  
*5031. F. B. L. Bauden.*  
*D. Coy. 8<sup>th</sup> Inf. Batta.*  
*A. I. F. B. I. F. Killed 4/10/18.*

and have been told that you may be able to help us by  
supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can  
send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially  
to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the  
field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be  
registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short  
description of his personal appearance or any points that  
might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number,  
as without these particulars delay and confusion might be  
caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have  
written.

Yours faithfully,

*(Miss) Mrs. Deakin*

Secretary.

*In hand.*

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38, GROSVENOR PLACE  
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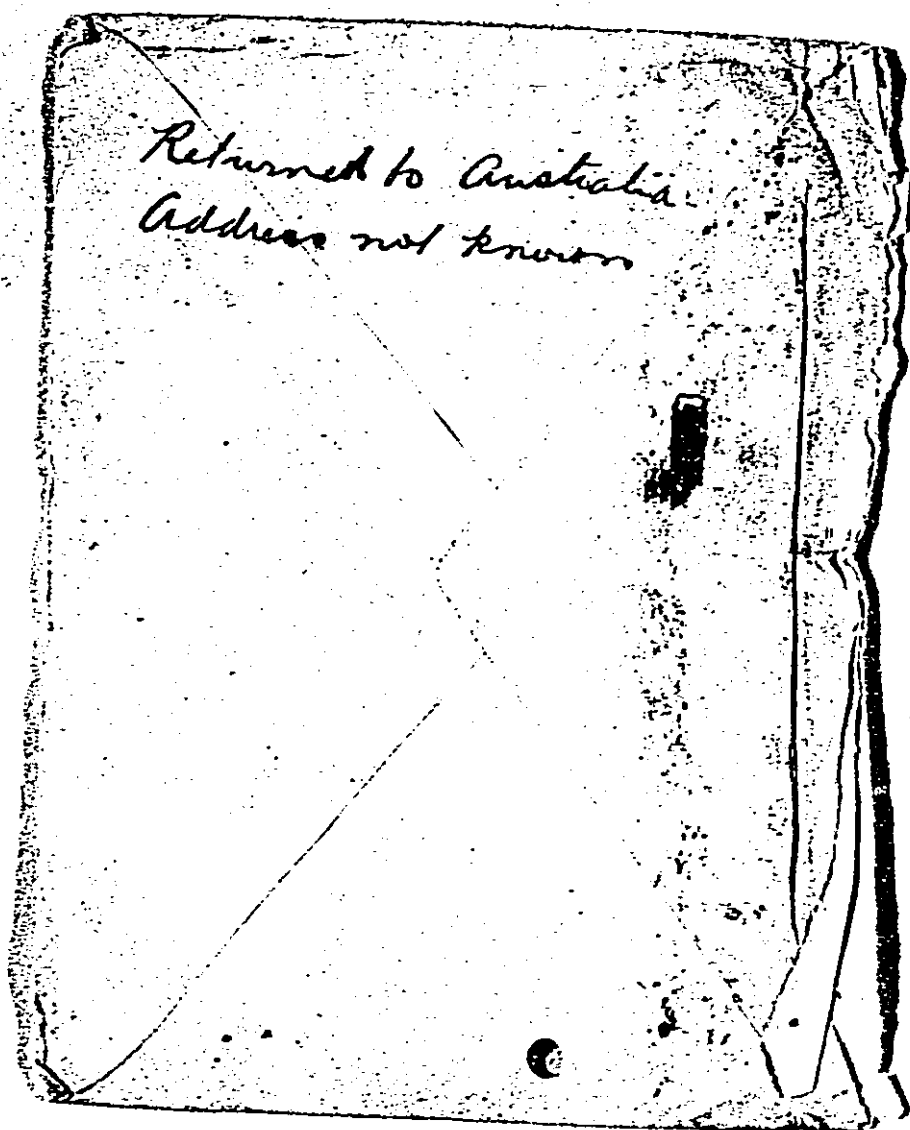
*Mr Commandant*  
*Quinn Kelly*  
*Lieut. J. Meadows B 87418*  
*8<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion*

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RETURN TO SENDER

*London*

*J.W. / P. Quirk*  
*10<sup>th</sup> 18*  
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*B. 8. 7.*



Returned to Australia  
Address not known

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Telegraphic Address:  
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

Lieut. Meadows

8<sup>th</sup> Balto. A.I.F.

B.9.7.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit

~~5231~~ Pte. F. B. L. Bowden C Coy. 8<sup>th</sup> Pte.

8<sup>th</sup> Balto. A.I.F. K. 4-10-17

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Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY.

**NOTE** In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identification of the soldier about whom you are writing.