

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

4740 Private
Archibald James
Bower

8th Battalion



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A.I.F. 8th Batn

BOWER

4740
A. J.

Wounded-Aug-Sept.

Wounded 18-8-16

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 25-10-16.

Killed in Action 18-8-16

Cert. by letter from 3rd Echelon 4-11-16.

London
20-11-16

H.

France.

A. I. F. 8.

BOWER, A. J. 4740.

Killed
W. unoff. M. August 18th. 1916.

His brother, Chas. Bower, is with the
battn. and could give full information.

Reference: Marchant, W.R.S. 4833, A.I.,
St. John's Hospital.

Staples.
5.1.15.
FJB.

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Written Re Bower 1823.07

A.I.F. 8.

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BOWER A.J. 4740.

W. Duffin. 18.8.16.

Bower had a brother in the Bn. who told me more than a fortnight ago that his brother's pay-book and disc had been handed in and from this he was convinced that his brother had been killed.

RCP.

Reference: Pte. J. Hawkins. 4796.
1 A.D.B.D.

Etaples.
12.1.17.

M.

A.I.F. 8th Battn

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Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 15-11-16 & 22-11-16

Killed in Action 18-8-16 - Previously reported Wounded

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 20-1-17.

London
23-1-17.

H.

8th A. I. F.

A. J. BOWER, 4740.

Wounded, Unoff. M. 18.8.16.

He was killed on the right of Pozieres. His pay book, wallet and disc were brought in by a man in the 19th Batt. I am his brother and am absolutely confident that he has been killed.

Reference: Pte. C. R. Bower, 5343.

No.12 General, Rouen. 29.1.17.

FS.

8th Aus. Imperial Force

Bower, Pte. A. J. 4740.

A Coy. 4th Pltn.

Killed A. (N.Z.)

(W. Unoff. M. Aug. 18, 1916)

The record of my Brother, A.J. Bower's death, his pay book, disc and wallet were at Batt Headquarters (France) a week or so after Aug. 18, 1916. My brother was one of those who went over on Aug. 18th to take a trench 150 yards forward when the German fire wiped most of us out. I have written home to this effect. Sergt. Lay, No. 37, A Coy. Aus. Imp. Force told me on Jan. 23/17. that he knew Pte. A. J. Bower was killed on Aug. 18th but did not like to tell me before. To the right of Pozieres.

Eye witness - No. Sergt. Lay, 37. A Coy. 3th Batt. A.I.F. told him.

Description :- 5' 9", fair, blue eyes, about 12 stone, 21 years old. scar on calf of right leg.

Informant :- Pte. Charles Robert Bower, 5343, A Coy. 4th Pltn. 3th Aus. Imp Force 3rd London Gen. Hospital, Wandsworth, S. *9m.*

Home address :- 23/2/17. Mr. J. Bower, C.A. Steven-son, Guthridge Parade, Sale, Gipps Land, Victoria, Aus. *written Sgt Lay 23.17*

A.I.F.
8th. Battn.

"R. in A. 18.8.16"
"Missing"

BOWER
A.J. 4740

About No. 4740 Private A.J. Bower who was killed about 18.8.16. The deceased soldier was in my Platoon and when we had a Roll Call after the attack, he was missing, and his identification disc was handed in to Headquarters a couple of days later and I believe he was buried in a soldier's grave between Contal-mason and Loquet Farm, but I don't think it would be possible to recognise the exact spot where the grave is, as so many others were buried about the same place.

He was a fairly tall chap about 12 and 2 stone in weight and rather fair, he also had a brother in my platoon but ^{who} also has lately been admitted to Hospital and at present he is in No. 6 London General Hospital and at present he is Wandsworth, and he may be able to supply you with fuller particulars. His address is No. 5545 C.R. Bower, 3rd. London General Hospital Wandsworth, England.

Cert. by letter from Sgt. ^L Say,
B. E. F.

London.17.4.17.

A.I.F.
8th. Battalion.

BOWER. 4740
ARCHIBALD JAMES.

"Killed in Action 18.8.16."

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

NAME

DATE

BY WHOM

PLACE OF BIRTH

London.

14.14.10.19.

ARCHIBALD JAMES BOWER

4740

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Acc.
F.M. 104.17

4740 A. J. BOWER & BATTAL

K.A. 18.8.16

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France

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To the Secretary.

In reference to your inquiries about
N^o 4740 A. J. Bower who was killed about 18.8.16.
The record shows some very little about him. He
Bolt Call after the attack he was missing and his
disc was handed in to the Quartermaster a couple of days later
and I believe he was buried in a Soldier's Grave between
Contalmaison and Mequert Farm but I don't think
it would be possible to recognize the grave, as so many
others were buried about the same place.

He was a fairly tall chap about 19 and 5 stone in
weight and rather fair. He also had a brother in
my platoon but who has lately been admitted to
hospital and at present he is in N^o 3 London General
Hospital Wandsworth and he may be able to supply
you with fuller particulars. His address is N^o 5343.
The R. Bwp. 3rd London General Hospital Wandsworth
England.

Hoping this few particulars will be of some use
to you

I will remain your Faithfully

Ed. Lay

March 9th.1917.

37. Sgt. Lay.
A. Coy. 8th. ^Battn. A. I. F.
B. E. F.

4740. Pte. A. J. Bower, 4th. Platoon. A. Coy. 8th. ^Battn. A. I. F

Killed in Action 18-8-16,

A. J. Bower, P M for E M.

March 17th.1917.

Pte.Chas.Bower.
8th.Battn. A.I.F.
B.E.F

Dear Pte.Bower;

We have been requested by our Melbourne Bureau to make enquiries for your brother 4740.A.J.Bower, 8th.Battn.A.I.F. reported Killed in Action 18.8.16, and have been told that if we applied to you, we should find that you know all details in connection with your brother.

We should be very grateful if you would write and tell us if our informant was correct in his statement and that you have written home to tell your people all you know. If there are any points on which you are not quite satisfied, we should be glad if you would send us all the information you possess, when we would instruct our searchers to continue their enquiries on these lines, and acquaint you later with the result.

^{Please}
Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your brother.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.
SECRETARY. *flu.*

12th April 1917.

Sgt Fay,
8th AustL Inf: Btn:
B.E.F.

Dear Sgt Fay,

Very many thanks for your letter of March 28th in answer to our enquiry for - 4740 A.J. Bower, 8th Battn, A.I.F.. The information you have sent will be of much assistance.

We shall write to, or interview, his brother at Wandsworth Hospital, as you suggest he may be able to supply us with fuller particulars, and thank you for giving us his address.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

V.D

Shu.