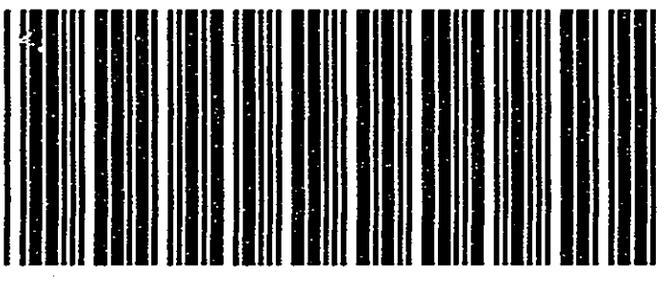
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1851 Lance Corporal Thomas Templeton Baird

13th Battalion



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A.I.F. 13th Battn.

BAIRD.
L/Cpl. Thomas T.
1851.

"Prisoner of War"

Interned Stammlager. Limburg.

"My health is fairly good".

Cert. by Extract from letter received from man dated 24/3/18.

London
24/3/18.

OFF.M.

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A.I.F. 13. BAIRD, T.T. 1851

M.April 11th.1917.

This man was a signaller and it came out in Brigade Orders about ten days ago, that he had escaped with others of the 16th battalion., and Private Baird was the only one of the 13th They escaped from Lille, but Private Baird was recaptured. Whether he would be shot for that I do not know, but I think most likely he would be. Two men got back all right, belonging to the 16th Battalion, and they brought back valuable information, and they are going to the War Office to give it. It was they who told about Private Baird.

Informant: Pte D.H.Munro. 2876
Dublin 83 General
BOULOGNE. 7.6.17.

See Parsons report

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13th Battn.
A. I. F.

Baird.
T. T. 1851.

"Missing 11.4.17."

L/Cpl. Baird escaped about a week or ten days before we did from the working party. He was caught within a few hours and was confined to a cell. He kicked the door down and got 14 days solitary confinement for it. He would not be shot. He was getting the same rations although supposed to get bread and water.

Informant: ~~Pte.~~ L/Cpl. Parsons. 5763.
16th Battn.
(Escaped Prisoner of War)

London.
20.6.17.

Off.M.

NOTE Witness was clear and quite reliable in all his information. He was twice interviewed, the second time verifying his previous report. In all cases L/Cpl. Parsons was able to supply the rank, number or initial of the missing man. He gave most of the information from memory. He feared to raise suspicion by attempting to compile a complete list from his fellow captives. Naturally he only knew a small percentage of them, but his memory seemed excellent and he was most anxious to supply all possible particulars I understand a full report of L/Cpl. Stewart's and L/Cpl. Parson's experiences has been sent to Australia by Lt.Cpl. Murdoch.

13th A. I. F.

Baird, T.T. 1851,
A. Company

(M. Apl 11th/17)

"I heard that Pte Baird escaped from the German Camp with 3 others. Baird was recaptured by the Germans whilst crossing their front line. I heard this from the 3 others who escaped and this took place at Le Gresnoy on 11th April 1917."

Eye-witness: No, heard from the men who escaped as detailed above

Description: Scar on left side of head

Informant: 2nd Lt Louis McIntyre,
13th A.I.F., A. Coy,
Kitchener Hospital,
Brighton.

Home address:
Berry,
New South Wales,
Australia.

P.W

23rd June 1917.
M. Graham.

[redacted]

13th Batt,
A.I.F.

Baird,
T.T. 1851.

"Prisoner of War"

Captured Riencourt 11.4.17 - Interned Limburg

Cert, by German List dated 23.6.17

London
10.8.17

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13th Bn.
A.I.F.

Baird
Thos. T. 1851

Prisoner of War.

Copy Extract , Rheinbach, Strafanstalt., Berlin 6.12.17.

"Sir ..... I visited this prison on Novr. 25th 1917 and was courteously received by "Director" Trautmann, who accompanied me during my inspection. The prison is one of the most modern buildings of its kind in Germany, and is efficiently equipped. being installed with central heating, electric light, bath, hospital, church, e tc. The prisoners cells measure 22 cbm. and contain beds which are furnished with spring mattresses At the time of my visit there were only two British Prisoners interned here, Viz..... and Thomas Baird, No.1850. 13th Bn. Australians, who was sentenced to three years imprisonmenton a charge of being an enemy-soldier found in civil clothing behind the lines. Thomas Baird has been interned here since Octr 22nd last. He seems to be low spirited. The Director informed me that at the end of three months. Baird would be sent to work all day in the fields. Baird stated he would be glad to receive parcels containing bread, and the Director promised to write to

13th Bn.
A.I.F.

Baird
Thos. T. 1851

Prisoner of War.

Limburg Camp in the matter".

Extract from a Report made by Dr. Hookstra dated 6.12.17
Received by this C.P.O.W. Committee from the Minister Resident,
Netherland Legation, Berlin.

Forward by Central Prisoners of War, Records J.D. 21.1.18

London.
29.1.18.

Off. M.

[redacted]

13th Battn. A.I.F.

BAIRD L/Cpl. T. T. 1851.

"Prisoner of War"

Interned Stammlager Limburg.
Have received my first bread parcel also your clothing parcel. Am as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

Ext. P.C. recd. from man
Dated 23/4/18.

Off M.

A.I.F. 15th Battn.

BAIRD
T.T.1881

"REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR"

Arrived Dover 5/12/18
Cert. by List from A.I.F. Hqrs 5/12/18

London
11/12/18

OFF.M.

A.I.F.
13th Btn.

BAIRD
T.T. 1851

Missing 11.4.17.

Pay book found in German War Office, Berlin, Sept. 1919.
and forwarded by Capt. Mills, sent A.I.F. Hqrs 23.9.19.

London,
9.10.19.

Off.M.

September 1st, 1917.

Mr. A.McDougall,
108, Burnbank Rd,
Hamilton, Scotland.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 23rd inst, we beg to state that 1851 Pte. T.T. Baird,
13th Battalion,
A.I.F.

is a prisoner of war in Germany, his name having come through on a German list dated 23.6.17.

We regret that 6548 Pte. J.McDougall,
16th Battalion,
A.I.F.

is still officially "Missing" as from 11.4.17 and so far his name has not come through as a prisoner of War.

You might write to Pte. Baird in Germany, who might possibly be able to give you news concerning his fate. Letters to him should be addressed as follows:-

KRIEGSGEFANGENENSENDUNG.
British prisoner of War.

1851 Pte. T.T.Baird,
13th Australian Infantry Battalion,
Kriegsgefangenenlager Limburg/a/Lahn,
Germany.

If we should obtain any unofficial evidence or any news concerning your soj we shall at once advise you.

We shall be glad to hear what reply you receive from Pte. Baird.

Assuring you of our sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

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