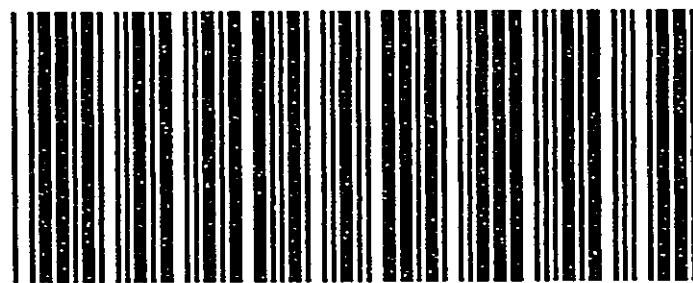


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2812 Corporal
Ted Harding

11th Battalion



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A.I.F. 11th Btn

HARDING
Cpl Fed 2812

"WOUNDED"

Wded 2nd occasion 6-5-17
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs list 29-6-17

No further report
Cert. by Rouen letter 7-7-17

Now reported wounded & missing 5-5-17
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 8-8-17

Wded & M. 6-5-17 - previously reported Wded
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 8-8-17.

London
10-8-17

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11th Battalion.

Harding T.

2812

"Wounded and Missing". 6.5.17.

Last letter received from man dated 1st April 17.

Enquirer:-

Mrs. Ted Harding (wife)
Arrino,
MIDLAND RAILWAY.

Not sent P.I.

P.P.I.
[initials]

A.I.F. 11.

HARDING T. 2812.

W/H May 5th 1917.

We were attacking at Bullecourt and he was with us.
We gained our objective and he was reported missing afterwards
I think I heard recently that he was P.W. They would know
at A.I.F. Headquarters.

Inf: Pte A.W. Mapstone. 327.
No. 2 Can Stat Hospital.
BOULOGNE. 21.9.17.

WG

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no trace P/W to date

11th Batn
AIF

HARDING
Cpl. Ted 2812

"wounded"

Killed in Action 6.5 17. prev. reported wounded and Missing
Cert. by AIF HdQ rs 20.12 17.

P & P.I.

London.
24.12.17.

11th Battn.
A.I.F.

Harding.
Cpl.T. 2812

"Killed 6.5.17"

Was in A.Coy. 3rd Pltn. called Ted. I knew him personally. He was killed instantly by shell at Bullecourt about May 6th. I did not see it happen, but was told by Sgt. Maj. Fowles A.Coy. 11th Battn. France who was next to Harding when killed. He told me about it in June, and can furnish all details regarding D. & B.

Informant:- G.J. Allington 1703
11th Battn.
Harefield.

W.G.J.

London.
22.3.18.

Note Written S/M. Fowles 22.3.18.

P.
P.I.

Bayre.

4th. May. 1918.

11th. Australians.

Harding, Corporal. T. 2812.

K. May.. 6/1917. Date. D/B.

He was in A. Company, and the 2nd. Platoon. I knew him slightly. He was fair, clean-shaven, about 5 feet 8, about 25. On the 6th. May we were holding the line. The Germans attacked us. I was alongside of Corporal Harding. I saw him fall hit I think by a bomb and killed instantly. The Germans cleared us out immediately after. We retook the trench again shortly after but I was not in the same part of it.

Inf:- Private. J. E. Brickhill. 6720.
11th. Australians. A. E. (now H.Q.)
Australian Camp.
Reuelles.

HPG

P 91

11th Battn
A.Coy.
A.I.F.

HARDING
Cpl. T. 2812

"Killed 6.5.17."

I saw him wounded at Lagincourt on the 26.4.17. He was caught by pieces of shell, which hit him about the head and body. He was taken away, in a conscious condition to the dressing station near by. I never heard or saw anything of him after that. One of the bearers who assisted to carry him to the dressing station was named Pte. Gibbings, 11th Battn, A.Coy. He has since been wounded and is now in Hospital in England, and I feel sure he will be able to give further details. I knew him well, he came from W.A. where he was farming prior to enlistment.

Informant:- L/Cpl. F. Mc Iver. 6302,
11th Battn, A.Coy, 3rd Pltn,
3.A.A.H. Dartford.

W. Oman.
London.

16.5.18. NOTE Written Gibbings 15.5.18.

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R

12th Div.
A.I.J.

HARDY

T
C-1. Mod. 2812.

Killed in Action 6.5.17

No trans Germany

Capt. Mills, 10.10.19.

London/
21.10.19.

O.P. 2.1.

No 227065 Pdr Dmuro
57th Reserve Battery
R.F.A.
29/17 Larkhill
Wilt.

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1 OCT 1917
CARTON HOUSE TERRACE
A.C.K.

Sir

I am writing you on behalf of the
Mother of No. 2812 Corporal Gell
Harding, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.
No news has come from him since
May, 1917. I have been informed by
the Officer of Records, Administrative
Department, Westminster, London S.W.1
that nothing has been heard of the
A.I.F. named since 6-5-17. Knowing
from an experience of 24 days & eight
months of active service that you
are Inquiry Officer in France, & that
patients are treated in Hospital, I felt
that you would add the name of
my Mother-in-law.

Trusting you will favour me
& thanking you in anticipation
B.R.C.S. Yours faithfully,
London Dmuro

6th October 1917


227065
No 227065? Bdr. D. Munro,
57th Reserve Batta.
R.F.A.
Larkhill,
Wilts.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your inquiry concerning No 2812
Cpl. Ted Harding 11th Bata A.I.F. on behalf of his Mother
we very much regret to inform you that he was reported
wounded and missing 6.5.17. and that this information has
been officially confirmed by Headquarters.

We are making all possible inquiries, and will send
you the particulars about Cpl. Ted Harding when we receive
them

Yours faithfully.


Secretary.

227065 Bdr. D. Manz,
57, Reserve Battery,
Royal Field Artillery,
Larkhill, Wilts.

January 11th, 1918.

Re 2212 Cpl. RED HARDING, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We deeply regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Wounded and Missing is now reported Killed in Action, on 6.5.17.

We are making further inquiries in the hope of learning full details of his death and will forward to you any information that we receive.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

Law
SECRETARY.

28th March, 1918.

227065 Bombr.D.Munro,
57th Reserve Battery,
R. F. A. Larkhill,
WILTS.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that we have received another unofficial report respecting your brother-in-law - 2812 Cpl. TED HARDING, 11th Battalion, A.I.F. - which only confirms the official report of his death. 1703 Pte.C.J.Allington, 11th Battalion, A.I.F. now at Warefield, states that he knew Cpl. Harding personally, but did not see him killed. He was told by Sgt.Major Fowles, A.Coy, that Cpl.Harding was killed instantly by shell at Bullecourt about May 6th, he was next to Sgt.Major Fowles at the time, and the latter can give all details of death and burial.

We have written to Sgt.Major Fowles, and will advise you as soon as we receive a reply meantime assuring you of our continued sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

F. S. G.

SECRETARY.

To 156.5-18.

per Gibbings

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2812. Cpl T. Harding

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156.5-18.

227065 Bdr. D. Munro,
57th Reserve Battery,
R. F. A., Larkhill,
Wilts.

May 21st, 1918.

Dear Bdr. Munro,

With reference to your enquiry concerning -

No 2812 Cpl. TED HARDING, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

We have received the following unofficial report from

6720 Pte. J.E. Brickhill, 11th Bttn, A.I.F. who states that

he knew Cpl. Harding, who was fair, clean shaven, and about

25 years of age. On the 6th May they were holding the line, when the Germans attacked and informant was beside Cpl. Harding and saw him fall hit by a bomb fragment and killed instantaneously. The Germans forced them to retire immediately, afterwards and when they retook the trench informant did not return to the same part of it.

We regret that these details are so indefinite and that we are unable to continue our enquiries for a man - more than a year after his casualty occurred.

Should we receive further details however we shall immediately advise you and trust that it will be some consolation to know that his death was instantaneous.

With good wishes.

Yours faithfully

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

Ann Craven

Cross Stones
Dunington Wilts
27.5.18

Dear Miss Deakin,

Many thanks for your kind letter to my husband Sgt D Munro concerning my brother Lpl J. Harding 11 Batt Australian Forces. We have heard from his wife in ~~Australia~~ + she had it official he was killed outright, as you explain, my youngest brother has seen his grave in France at Bullicourt thanking you for making inquiries

Yours sincerely
Mrs D Munro