

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**2237 Lance Corporal  
Harold Guy Clennett**

**26th Battalion**



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A.I.F. 26th Btn.

CLENNETT,  
Harold Guy. 2237.

Killed in Action. 5.8.16.

No reports of burial.  
Cert by A.I.F. Hdqrs. 17.7.19.

London.  
30.9.19.

H.

A.I.F. 26th Btn 4th Rfts  
D. Coy. 16th Pltn

CLENNETT  
H.G. 2237

" M. 5-8-16 "

Killed in action 5-8-16 - previously reported Missing  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqrs 31-7-17.

H & B.R.C.S.

London  
8-8-17

26th Battn.  
C Coy.  
A. I. F.

Glennett.  
Pte. H. G. 2237.

"Missing 5.8.16."

Refer to Cpl. E. G. Birch 2235, 26th Battn. C Coy. for particulars.  
See List. Pte. H. G. Glennett 2237 evidently the same man.  
The correct name is Glennett.

Witness:-

Pte. W. A. Allen 2226.  
12th Battn. A Coy.  
now Aus. P.O. Mt. Pleasant.  
Southall

P.C.

London.

30.5.17.

Note Written Cpl. Birch. 28.5.17.

H.  
P.I.

A. I. F.  
26th Battn.

H. G. Glennett.  
2237.

"Missing 5.8.16."

I have come across a lot of our Battn. boys and they all think that Pte. Glennett was killed for certain for he was not seen after the charge and nearly all the wounded was brought in.

Letter received from:-

Pte. A. Avery. 2230.

Det. B. Coy. 69th Battn. late 26th Battn.

Wareham Worgret Camp,

3.5.17.

H.  
Boulogne.

London.  
14.5.17.

Avry

12th March, 1917.

26th AUSTRALIANS

CLARETT, H.G. 2237

H. 5.8.16.

He was in D Co., 16th platoon. He was killed in the second charge at Pozieres on Aug. 31st. His body was found after the charge. Pte W. Reid of the 16th platoon, was with him when he was killed, but he was killed himself last November.

Informant: Pte A. Avry, 2250,  
26th Australians, D Co., 16th Pltn.,  
H. S. Gloucester Castle.

H  
Reid  
RGP

A.I.F. 26th. Battn.

CLENNETT  
H.C. 2237.

MISSING 5.8.16.

On 4th. Aug. I was stretcher bearing at Pozieres. The Sergeant of the Coy, who has since been killed told me that he had seen Clennett killed or severely wounded. He did not know whether the Germans got him or not. I will shortly be re-joining and make further inquiries about him. There was only one Clennett in the Battalion. He came over with me on the "Horarata"

Informant:- Pte. Avery. 2230.  
26th. Battalion.

LONDON.  
4.4.17.

H.  
Boul.

A.I.F.  
25th. Battalion.  
4th. Rfts.

CLEHNETT. 2237.  
Harold Guy.

D. Coy

"Killed in Action 5.8.16".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.  
21.10.19.

H. P.I.

August 13th. 1917.

2059, Pte. J. A. Glennett,  
A.Q.M.G. Branch,  
Bhurtpore Barracks,  
TIDWORTH.

Dear Sir,

We regret to have to inform you that your brother No. 2237 Pte. H.G. Glennett, 26th. Batta. A.I.F. is now officially reported 'Killed in action 5.8.16' previously reported 'Missing' on that date.

As we have now closed our enquiries for all last August's casualties, we regret to tell you that we have now removed Pte. Glennett's name from our lists.

We find it increasingly difficult to obtain reliable information of events which happened a year ago and we fear that there is now little likelihood of any further details being received.

Regretting our inability to help you further and assuring you of our very sincere sympathy in your loss,  
Yours faithfully,

*V. D. [Signature]*

SECRETARY.



Recd  
F.M. 10.5.17

Wareham Wargret Camp May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1917

From Plt of Army 2230

Dear Madam

Cooy 69<sup>th</sup> Batt

just a few lines to say that I have come across a lot of our batt boys and they all think that Plt Clennett was killed for certain for he was not seen after the charge and nearly all the wounded was brought in. There one boy says he who said he saw him killed but he said he has had a lot of trouble with having given notes about missing and killed so he does not wish to write to you but I think it would be best to give it up as killed. They are forming a new division here as I am in a new batt so if you wish to answer this note you can address to same so I will say good bye

*H.G. Clennett*

Remain your truly  
2230. Plt of Army D<sup>o</sup>  
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2237

H.G. CLENNETT

26 Batt A 15

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sent again on 3-4-17

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March 28th. 1917.

2230. Pte. A. AAVROY  
26th. Batt.  
Holborn Military Hospital,  
M I T C H A M.

Dear Sir,

We have had a request from the relatives of 2237  
Pte. H. G. Glennett, 26th. Battn. of whose death you gave us a  
report, asking that we might question you again concerning him.  
Could you give us any personal description or tell us where he  
came from, or where we might get further information about him?

You will understand how anxious they are that  
there should be no mistake as to the identity of the man.

We sincerely hope you are now progressing well.

Yours faithfully.

V. D.

SECRETARY

(MR.)

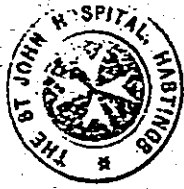
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March 24<sup>th</sup> 1916

Dear Sirs  
From P. C. of Army  
2230 Hobbs in Hospital

just a few lines to say that I received  
letter from you and was no anclor-  
me in it I suppose it was a mistake  
but I would like to know what you  
want I may be leaving in a few more  
days

I remain your truly  
P. C. of Army 2230  
I ward Hobbs in Hospital  
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ack.



A. Block.  
6-3-17.

The Secretary,  
Wounded & Missing Bureau.  
London.

Sir, you might remember about two months ago I wrote from Hitchener Hospital, Brighton, asking if you had had any news of my brother No 2237, Pte. H. J. Bennett D Coy 26<sup>th</sup> Batt. who was reported missing from the 5<sup>th</sup> Aug. last year.

I must thank you very much for the required information and also kind sympathy, and am asking you to forward any further information if any to the above address.

As I am likely to be in England some time and will be moved to another hospital should you give me any information as to a



12th January

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No. 2059. Pte. J.H. Clemmett,  
Bomb. 9th Battery. A.I.F.  
No. 3. Australian General Hospital.  
Ward D.S.  
Brighton.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry re your brother No. 2237. Pte. H.G. Clemmett, 26th Battn. A.I.F. we are very sorry to say that so far, we have been unable to obtain any information beyond the official report "Missing" 5.8.16. We are endeavouring to find out where your friend No. 4087. Gunner, H.W. Morgan, 1st Battalion, A.I.F. is in hospital, and directly we get news of either man will forward it to you immediately. Will you send us your address if you are moved before you hear from us.

With deep sympathy in your great anxiety, and wishing you a speedy recovery,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

V. D.

10.5.17

Pte. A. Avery D. Co.  
(Late 26th Battn.)  
69 Battn. A.I.F.  
Worret Camp  
Wareham.

Dear Pte. Avery.

Very many thanks for your letter of May 3rd in answer to our enquiry about 2257 H.Q. Clonnett 26th Battn. A.I.F.

We are sorry that your friend who actually saw Pte. Clonnett killed does not wish to send the eyewitness information that is of such value to the relatives. We are enquiring on behalf of Pte. Clonnett's people in Tasmania, and we know that it is of very great comfort to the relatives to learn what actually happened to their man, more particularly if the eyewitness can truthfully assure them that death was instantaneous and therefore not painful. We regret your friend has found the Red Cross enquiries troublesome, but if he only realised how much the details mean to the relatives so far away, he would understand the nature of our enquiries better, and if a man is reasonably careful and considers fully whether the man about whom he is talking is indeed the person for whom enquiries are being made, there should be no question of making mistakes.

With best wishes

V. D.  
Yours faithfully *flu*

ack M.

The Secretary,  
U. S. M. Inquiring Bureau.  
Sir.

Could you kindly inform me if anything has been heard of my brother, who has been missing since August 5<sup>th</sup> last at Poitiers. Up till October 23<sup>th</sup> when I was wounded I had not heard anything, but have been hoping that some definite news may have come to hand since.

I lost his number when being transferred to the different hospitals on my way over from France but I think it was 22<sup>3</sup>67, the remainder of his address was Pte. H. C. Bennett, D. Company, 16 Platoon, 26 Battalion 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div.

Could you also inform me which hospital the following man is in, No 4087 (or thereabouts) Gunner H. D. Morgan, 9<sup>th</sup> Battery, 3<sup>rd</sup> L. I. Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> A. I. C.

Hoping it will be not be asking too much of you,

Yours faithfully

No 2059. J. H. Bennett Bomb. 9<sup>th</sup> Battery.  
(Present address) No 3 Aust. Gen Hospital. Ward D3. Brighton.

8-1-17