

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

832 Private  
Harold Lilburn  
Commins

18th Battalion



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A.I.F.  
18th Bn. D. Coy.  
late 20th Bn. C. Coy.

CORPINS  
Harold Lilburn 852

Killed in Action 2.8.18;  
No trace in Germany.  
Capt. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.  
16.10.19.

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Alger  
The Queen  
Buckingham Palace

July 8/17

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9 - JUL 1917

CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

Dear Sir

With reference to the O  
reports by Pte Brooker of No 75 AIF  
of the burial of Lieut Jefferson  
& Pte Comins (?). I have seen Brooker  
again today owing to a discrepancy  
in the dates, and it now appears  
that he has made a mistake in  
the name Comins which should  
be Commis and his report does not  
refer to the casualty of the former  
one (K. March 31/17) but to another  
man of a similar name who was  
killed at the same time as Lieut  
Jefferson <sup>or about</sup> May 10 at Bullecourt.  
Please make the necessary

alteration in the name and date. There is at present no enquiry in the Red X list with regard to Commin, but Brooker now seems quite consistent and clear about the details and it might be worth while to preserve his report about this man in case the information is wanted later.

I enclose a supplemental report concerning Lieut Jefferson.

Brooker is convinced that the graves were entirely destroyed by shell fire and that there was no sign of either the painted white cross <sup>marked Jefferson's grave</sup> or of the <sup>actual of the Commin</sup> extemporized one when he saw the place again a few days later.

Yr faithfully  
A. G. Campbell

P.S.  
The reports to be corrected or added to were dated (& posted) July 6/17 and referred to

Pte Comins F. B. 3286 K March 31/17  
(which is a mistake & refers to Commin K May 10/17)

& Lieut Jefferson J. M. K May 10/17  
both of the 53<sup>rd</sup> AIF

John S. ...

Campbell

Osgerd  
The Green  
Richmond Surrey

July 3/17

Dear Miss Deakin

On going over the new  
list of missing with Pte  
J. L. Wilkinson (1<sup>st</sup> AIF no 6335)  
in the Richmond Military Hospital  
today, he tells me that a mistake  
has been made in describing  
the casualty about which he  
gave me information a short time  
back as Dutterford T-5207 1<sup>st</sup> AIF  
when it should refer to the previous  
name on the list, Pros. H.V. 6301.

All the information given in  
my report including Mrs

as well to send me the  
sub-monthly supplement of mine  
in another month this month.  
I am just beyond of a certain  
reports tonight (to Central Bureau)

5207 T RUTHERFORD

1 Batt A, F

6301 H. V. ROSS

1 Batt A, F

of the month

21st

CNMF

description "a dark man  
about 5'10". We called him "Vic"  
refers to Ross & not Thurford.  
You have no doubt received the  
incorrect report by Miss Mine  
(forwarded from Carlton House) and  
so would it be possible to arrange  
to have the necessary correction made  
and the report transferred from  
Thurford's "dossier" to Ross's?  
I don't understand how the  
mistake arose.

Yrs faithfully  
A. G. Campbell.

P.S. I hope you have safely received  
the batch of reports of the 25<sup>th</sup> A.F.  
about which you were

Kind enough to see me the  
other day. When your note  
of June 12<sup>th</sup> and arrived I had  
already interviewed the Cpl  
Bennett whom you mentioned  
as being able to give information  
about Lieut L. Shaw and you  
have no doubt received the  
report before this.

The July list does not appear  
to include most of the 25<sup>th</sup> A.F.  
casualties. I see that in the  
Australian part there is a reference  
to a "supplement of 15<sup>th</sup>" which  
I have never received. Perhaps,  
in view of the large proportion  
of Australians in the 25<sup>th</sup> A.F.  
Military Hospital, I ought

A.I.F. 18th Bn.  
"P" Coy. late 20th Bn.  
"O" Coy.

COMMS.  
Harold Lilburn. 858.

"What report".

Identified by relatives with Jas. Greene alleged P/W and shellshock case whose portrait appeared in Sydney "Sun" 13.6.19.

Cont by Sydney letter 19.6.19.

Wrongly identified. Jas. Greene is alias Jas. Parkin deserter from 1st South African Army (see our report to Sydney)

Comms R/A. France 8.9.16.

No burial report held.

Cont by A.I.F. HQrs List. 11.9.19.

This enquiry is being sent to Germany in the hope of some burial records being held there.

See 2674 Martens S.B. 45th Bn.  
6903 Wilson W.J. 35th Bn orig 19th Bn.  
2063 Cooper J.O.L/Sgt. 45th Bn.

London.  
2.9.19.

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