Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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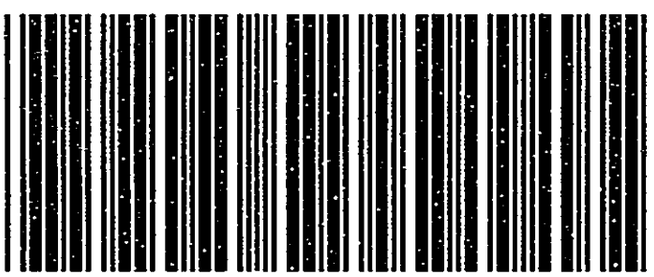
1160 Private
Albert August Kloester

36th Battalion



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36th A. I. F. Kloester, A.A. 1160,

(K. Jan 21/17. Det: D & B)

"I saw Kloesters grave in Armentieres Cemetery with a wooden cross with his name and number on it and also his Battalion. It was the end of March I saw it."

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Pte S. Kembrey, 1161,
53rd A.I.F.,
Kitchener's Hospital, C. Block,
Brighton.

Home address:
High St,
Morpeth,
N.S.W.

P1- Cd.

30th April 1917.
Maud M. Seaman.

36th Batt.
A.I.F.,

KLOESTER
A.A. 1160

"K. in A 21.1.17"

Killed in action 21.1.17 buried Bonjean Military Cemetery

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters,
2.5.17

London
7.5.17.

P.I.

36th Battn.
A. I. F.

Kloester.
A.A.A. 1160.

"Killed in Action.21.1.17."

Re No 1160 A.A. Kloester 36th Battn. Bert as we knew him. I can say truthfully that he had not the slightest pain, because his death was caused by shell and his death was instantaneous. Yes he was buried with full military honours in a soldier's cemetery and his grave has been cared for by men detailed for the work, and we his Bandmates have been looking after it. It has a nice cross on it and wreath put there by us.

Letter from:-
W. Horan.
36th Battn.
France. 30.4.17.

London.
21.5.17.

P.I.

36th Battn.
A. I. F.

Kloester.
A.A. 1160.

"Killed in Action.21.1.17."

re the death of No 1160 Pte. A.A.Kloester. This soldier was buried in a soldier's cemetery and particulars of rgistration number of grave can be obtained from the Base or Horseferry Rd. With regard to proving this soldier's identity - number initials and name correspond with those quoted in your letter of 25th April. 1917.

Letter from:-
Sgt. S. Lang.
7.5.17.

London.
22.5.17.

P.I.

A.I.F.
36th Btn.
D.Coy. "Band"
9th Inf.Bgde.A.IF.

KLORSTER
A.A. 1160

Killed in Action 21.1.17.

Buried in the Honour Cemetery, Armentieres in Grave 137. Section III. Block III Row C. German List of graves in Cemetery,
Cert. by letter from Capt. Mills. 28.7.19.

London.
7.10.19.

P.I.

36th Batt.
A.I.F.,

KLOESTER
A.A. 1160

"Killed 21.1.17"

I was with him just before his death, height 5ft 3" complexion, dark, colour of eyes, blue, slender build good rifle shot. Enlisted at Dubbo ~~Dublin~~ August 1915 Home address:- Gloice Station, Deepdene Melbourne Via ~~via~~ Australia. Address for about 18 months prior to enlistment Gilganda N.S.W. Australia. I think this is about all I can let you know at Present.

Cert. by letter from 904 W. Horan ~~Hogan~~,
36th Batt. A.I.F.,
B.E.F
France.
15.4.17.

London
25.4.17.

P.I.

36th Batt.
A.I.F.,

KLOESTER
A.A. 1160

"Killed 21.1.17"

I am in receipt of your letter dated 30.3.17 making enquiries for one A.A.Kloester It is with regret that I must write and tell you that I cannot supply you with a personal description of the person for whom you are enquiring. But the following may help you:- 1160 Pte Kloester, A.A. aged 23 years of this Battalion was killed in action on the 22nd day of Jan. 1917 and buried on the 23rd Jan. 1917. (in a Registered Soldiers' Cemetery)

Cert. by letter from 890 Cpl J.H.Wall,
France.
6.4.17.

P.I.

London
30.4.17.

A.I.F. 36.D. KLOESTER A.A. 1160.

K. 21.1.17.

He was killed on 21st. Jan. at Houplines, Armentieres. He was runner to Lt. Col. Simpson. The Colonel, Lt. McGrath, his batman and Kloester were walking along a sap up to the front line when a whizz-bang got the lot of them. Sgt. Lang, Pioneer Details, 36th.Bn. could supply details of burial. Lang is still with the Bn. Kloester was a bandsman. I knew him well by sight and heard about his casualty the day it occurred.

SA.

Reference: Pte.C.J.R. Steele. 1695. C.Co.
3 A.D.B.D.

P.I. Staples.
6.4.17.

written Sgt. Lang
25-4-17

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36th A. I. F., Kloester, A.A., 1160,
D. Company,

K. 21st Jan. 1917. Ref: D & B.

Informant states that on Jan. 21st 1917 at Bunesdean? Kloester A.A., was out with the Colonel acting as his runner. A shell burst among them and the Col: Kloester and 3 others were killed and 7 wounded. Kloester was respectably buried.

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: Fair, medium height and build.

Informant:-- Pte. H.H. Hawkins, 907,
36th A. I. F.,
Southmark Military Hospital,
E. Dulwich Grove, S.E.

Home address:-- c/o J.H.Hawkins,
Gladstone Street,
West End, Hudges, N.S.W.

16.4.17.
C. Talbot.

P.I.

36th A. I. F., Klooster, Pte. A.A., 1160,

K. Jan. 21st, 1917. Det: D & B.

"I saw Klooster whom I think to have been in the band, marching the round with the Colonel, another officer and Waddup. A shell killed all four. This was on Jan. 21st 1917. I saw a tombstone, painted with his name on it in the Quarter Master's stores. This was at Armentieres where he was buried."

Eye Witness:

Description:

Informant:-- Pte. P. Blackman, 384,
36th A. I. F., B. Company,
Napsbury Hospital,
Herts.

Home address:--

P.1

6.4.17.
Gantschi.

A.I.F. 36th, Battn.

Kloester
A.A. 1160.

KILLED Jan. 21/17.

Write to Bandsman W. Horan C.Coy 36th. Battn. re Kloester.

Ref. S.B.Young 1433.
36th. Battn.
Harefield. W.16.
23.3.17.

Note Written Bandsman Horan.29.3.17.

W.Alison
LONDON.
2.4.17.

P.I.

A.I.F. 38. D. KLOESTER, A.A. 1160

K. 21. Jan. 1917.

He was killed by the same shell that accounted for Col. Simpson and Lt. McGrath. I heard about this from L/Cpl. Wall, C.Coy. 38th. Battn. who said he was near them when they were killed, and was an eyewitness of the casualty. I also had word by letter to the same effect. Wall and I were in hospital together when he gave me the facts. The casualty occurred at Houplines, Armentieres, on Jan 21.

Kloester's body is almost certainly buried in the Military Cemetery at Armentieres. SA.

Reference: Pte. D.Hamilton, 905.C.Coy.

No. 3. A.D.R.D.

Etaples
23.March 1917

H. 1. no trace of Wall in H. 1

P. 1

Written L Cpl Wall.
30.3.17

AUSTRALIAN INF. 36 KLOESTER A.A. 1160.

K. Jan. 21/1917. Det: D & B.

Kloester was a stretcher bearer and was killed at Armentieres. I cannot give the date but I think he was killed in a dugout by a minnewerfer shell. He was buried in the soldier's cemetery at Armentieres. I have seen his grave The crosses are of wood painted white with black bevelled edge. Over the name is a green and white oval - the battalion colours - and a sprig of wattle at the head and on each arm of the cross. Our Colonel, Col.Simpson is buried there too with his boys.

Informant Sergt.J.C.Harris. 1137.
No.14 General Hospital.
BOULOGNE. 16.3.1917.

P.1.

JT

HOSPITAL 1st Southern General Dudley R

INFORMATIC

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Ra
	Crook	H. C	1524	Pt

GIVEN

SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Ra
Evershed	Dan	1532	Cp

STATEMENT OF

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NOTE. In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

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On 30 July 1916 just behind our fron
me that Harry Crook (a signaller)
been shot by a stray bullet in the
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PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

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2. If not, give of the ma
3. Was the ground held or lost?
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6. Was there any name in Co
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. very thin about 20 years 5. 6 or he came from Sydney understood an fore arm uncertain which and the si
8. *Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence* Yes Quite Intelligent

HOSPITAL

To Sgt. LANG
Pioneer Detailed
36th Batt A.I.F
B.E.F.

For A.A. KLOESTER. 1160.
D. Coy 36th Batt
A.I.F.

Killed 21.4.17.

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

S.W.
25.4.17.

ans. 12.3.17 163 Ashley Gardens
9/3/17 Victoria SW I

Dear Sir

I am writing to know if you have heard anything regarding the ~~Death~~ Death of 1160 Pte. A. A. Kloester who was killed on the 21st of Jan. 1917

D. Coy Band
36th Rifle Battn
9th Inst. Inf: Brigade
3rd Division
A. I. F.

I have already written to you about three weeks ago, His Captain wrote to me to say you would be able to tell me where he was buried & about his personal effects: I would be so very

grateful if you will kindly supply me with this information as I am so very anxious to know

Yours Truly

(Miss) May Sims

RECEIVED
1 O MAR 1917

Miss May Elms

Filing Copy 5/4/17

Go Mrs Kennaway

163 Ashley Gardens

S.W.

Dear Madam

We beg to inform you of a further unofficial report about No 1160 Pte AA Kloester 36th Bn A.I.F from a man of his unit -

No 905 Pte D Hamilton who was in the 3rd Australian Divisional Base Details reports that Pte Kloester was killed by a shell at Houplines, Armentieres on January 21st & is almost certainly buried in the military cemetery there.

We are making further inquiries & will advise you immediately on receipt of ~~your~~ information

Yours Fly

KELLY
Sgt. J. E. 769.

A.I.F. 5th. M.G.Co.

P.I.

DIED OF WOUNDS 26.11.16.

He died at the clearing Station Hospital at Healy (?) I grew his grave on the 27.12.16, in the cemetery adjoining the hospital.

Ref. Inf. E.W.Roberts, 31.
5th. M.G.Co.
Dartford. 23.8.17.

A.P.M.
L.P.J.
LONDON.
29.3.17.

Lcpl Wall
C.Co 36. Batt
A.I.F
B.E.F

for

1160 A.A. Kloester
K. 21. Jan. 1917 36. Batt
A.I.F.

J.H.
30.3.17

Bandsman W. Horan
C. Co 36th Batt.
A. I. F.
B. E. F

for
1160
Pte. A. A. Kloester
36th Batt.
K. 21.1.16 A. I. F.

7th
29.3.17

43rd Battalion A.I.F.—contd.		
Co.		
D.	Nowland, T. H. 2595.	M. Aug. 8/16.
A.	Peacock, A. 3154.	M. Aug. 8/16.
	Perkins, C. O. 3399.	W. Until M. 29/9/16.
	Peterson, G. O. 3031.	M. Aug. 31/16.
	Quan, W. 4385.	M. Aug. 8/16.
	Richardson, Lieut. O. R.	K. Aug. 9/16. Det.D./B.
	Robertson, A. G. 4696.	W. and M. Aug. 6/16.
	Sansom, C. F. 3991.	W. and M. Feb. 16/17.
	Sinclair, G. A. 3994.	W. and M. Aug. 6/16.
D.	Skinner, R. T. 4714.	W. and M. Aug. 6/16.
	Spriggs, D. C. 696.	M. Aug. 8/16.
K.	Stewart, Sergt.-Major W. 3316.	W. and M. Aug. 8/16.
B.	Taylor, J. 4012.	W. and M. Aug. 6/16.
	Tilbrook, G. E. 3039.	M. Aug. 8/16.
G.	Telano, P. 4022.	K. Aug. 6/16. Det.D./B.
	~~Verrall, S. 3858.~~	~~K. Oct. 1/16. Det.D./B.~~
	Woods, M. E. 3777.	W. and M. Aug. 6/16.

52nd BATTALION A.I.F.		
	*Avery, A. J. 3279.	W. and M. Sept. 3/16.
	Barley, H. 5035.	W. Sept. 3/16.
	Berge, A. 4097.	M. Sept. 3/16.

163 Ashley Gardens
Victoria
SW. 1.

5/5/17

To the Secretary

Dear Madam

In reply to your letter re. death of Pte. A. G. Kloester 1160. I am very grateful to you for being so kind in giving me the Information, you have, I may mention Pte Kloester was Brother to my Sister's Husband in Australia. I I knew him so well, & spent so much time in his Company before he went to France, again thanking you for your kindness,

Yours Faithfully
May Rhus.

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1160 A.A. KLOESTER France 6.4.17.

36th Battn A.I.F.

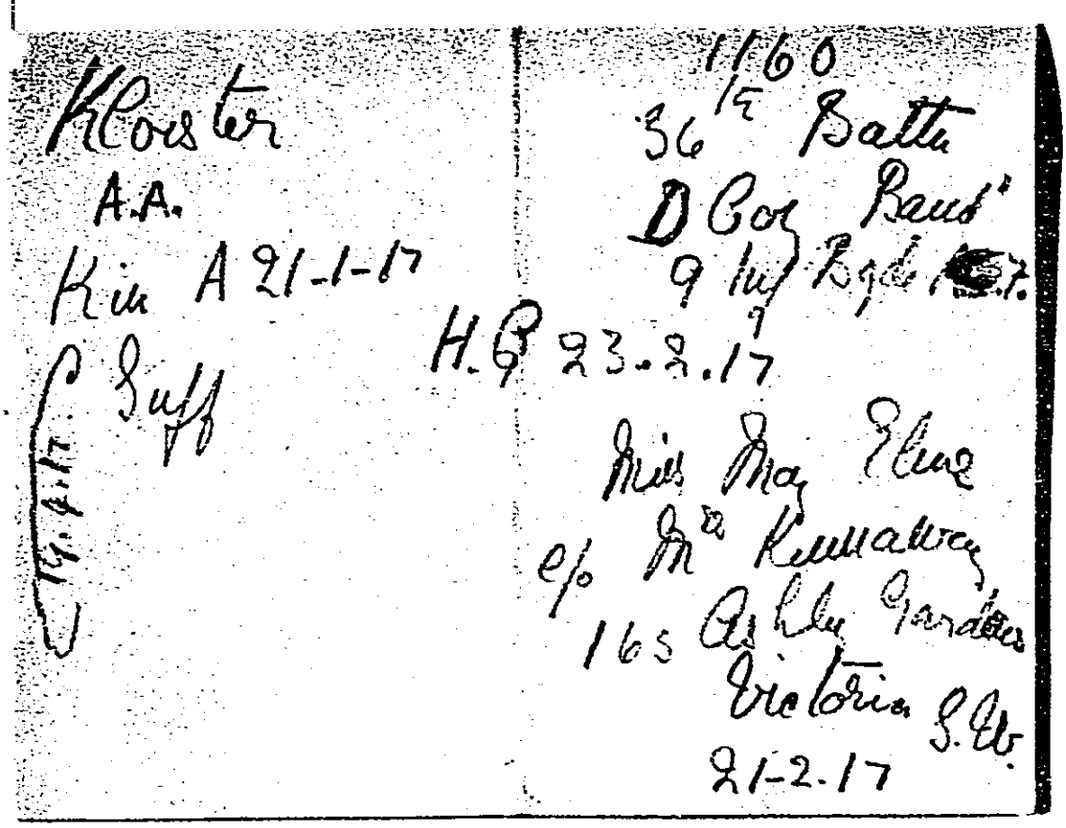
To the Secretary
Wounded & missing
inquiry Bureau

K.21.1.17. P.1 (cd)

Dear Madam 2

// I am in receipt of your letter dated 30.3.17. making inquiries for one A. A. Kloester, It is with regret that I must write and tell you that I cannot supply you with a personal description of the person for whom you are inquiring. But the following may help you. No 1160 Pte Kloester. A. A. aged 23 years of this Battalion was killed in action on the 22nd day of Jan 1917. And buried in a Registered Soldier's Cemetary on the 23Rd Jan 1917. // hoping you meet with further success I Remain Etc

890 Cpl Wall. J H



Kloester
A.A.
Kin A 21-1-17
C Suff
14.4.17

1160
36th Batt
D Coy Bard
9 Inf Bgde [illegible]
H.G 23.2.17
Miss May Elme
c/o Mrs Kennaway
165 Ashley Gardens
Victoria S.W.
21-2.17

11th April 1917.

Miss May Elms,
163 Ashley Gardens.
Victoria. S.W. 1.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry for a photograph of the grave of No. 1160. Pte. A.A. Kloepfer, of the 56th Battn.A.I.F. we beg to inform you that such is sent solely to the next of kin by the Graves Registration Bureau, which is the only organisation dealing with this subject.

As soon as we learn the place of his burial we shall send them an application and if his grave is registered they will forward the photo at their earliest convenience.

We regret therefore, that it is impossible for us to obtain a photograph for you.

Yours faithfully,

V.A.
Secretary.
A.A.N

c/o Mrs Kennaway
163 Ashley Gardens
Victoria SW

21/2/17

RECEIVED
22 FEB. 1917

To the Australian Red Cross.

Dear Sir

I am wishing to know if you would be kind enough to give me particulars concerning the Death of 1160 Private A. A. Klouda
D bay 36 Band
36th Rifle Battn
9th Infantry Brigade
A. I. F.

who was killed in Action on the 21st of January last, I should be so very grateful for any news concerning him at the time of his Death, it will be a great relief if you will kindly do this for me, trusting I am not putting you to too much trouble

I Remain
Yours Truly
Mary Klouda

March 14th.1917.

Miss.May Elms.
163.Ashley Gardens.
Victoria.
S.W.1.

Dear Madam;

In answer to your letter of the 9th.March referring to the death of 1160.Pte.A.A.Kloester,36th.Battn.A.I.F. We are very sorry to say that up to the present we have no details to give you, as most of the information of this kind comes from men in the same regiment, it follows that it must often be very slow in coming in.

We will of course let you know as soon as we have any news to communicate. With reference to Pte.Kloester's kit and personal effects,they are sent direct to his next of kin by A.I.F Headquarters and are never received by us.

Assuring you of our desire to help you;

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

SECRETARY
per V.D.

28th March 1917.

Miss May Elms,
C/- Mrs Kenrgway,
165. Ashley Gardens.
S.W.1.

Dear Madam,

Referring to your inquiry for details of the death of No. 1160. Pte. A.A. Kevester, 56th Batn. A.I.F. we beg to advise you of the receipt of an unofficial report from No. 1137. Sgt. J.C Harris, 56th Battalion who was in hospital in France.

He reports that Pte. Kevester who was a stretcher bearer was killed by a minnenwerfer shell while in a dugout and was buried in the soldiers cemetery at Armentieres.

Informant has seen his grave over which is a white wooden cross with a black bevelled edge. Over the name they have placed the Battalion colours -a green and white oval - with a sprig of Wattle at the head and on each arm of the cross.

We are continuing our inquiries and hope soon to have further details to send you.

Yours faithfully,

V.B.
Secretary.
L.Aug

163 Ashley Gardens
Victoria
SW. 1.

RECEIVED
30 MAR 1917

29/3/17

Dear Madam,

In reply to your very kind letter of to-day regarding the death of No 11160 Sr. A. A. Kloeden, I am most grateful to you for all your trouble you have taken in sending me the information you have, it is consoling to know how well his grave is being cared for,

If it is possible, will you kindly thank Sgt: Harris for his kind information, for me, I hear at the British Red X obtain photographs of the Graves, do you think it is possible for me to obtain one, as I do so wish to have one.

I do hope I am not giving you too much trouble, again thanking you for all your kindness

I Remain

Yours Faithfully

Mary Elebs

File instead of copy 21.4.17

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SECRETARY." WOUNDED AND MISSING — INQUIRY BUREAU — AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "QUESTMAN, LONDON."

54. VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

29.3.17

Bandsman W. Horan
C.Co 36th Batt. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit 1160, A.A. Kloester, 36th Bty, A.I.F. now officially reported Killed, 21.1-17 and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you could send us concerning A.A. Kloester and would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance, or any points that would help us to prove his identity

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

SECRETARY.
T.H.

ack.

163 Ashley Gardens
Victoria
SW. 1.

To The Secretary

6/4/17.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your kind letter of 36th Bde this morning re. death of No 1160 Pte. A.A. Kloester. I am so very grateful to you for all your kind information & the trouble you have taken.

This morning, I received a letter from the Chaplain, giving me the same details as you have, also enclosing my letters & my Photos, (bloodstained) found on him after he was killed.

Dear Madam, I wrote a few days ago to you, but perhaps you did not receive the letter, asking you if it is possible for me to have a Photograph of his Grave, as I do so wish to have one, I know this is done in the British Red X, but do not know if the Australian Red X do this.

Trusting I am not giving you too much trouble

Yours Very Gratefully
May Talens.

Ack
F M 21.4.17

France 15-4-17

The Australian Red Cross Society
London.

Dear Madam

Re. your letter of 29.3.17
Enquiring after 1160 Pte. A A. Kloester 36th Batt'n
A.I.F. I was with Him just before his death
Eight 6 ft 3" complexion dark colour of eyes
Blue slender build good Rifle shot Enlisted
at Dubbo August 1916. Home address Eglorice
Station Deepdene Melbourne via Australia
Address for about 18 months prior to enlistment
Gilgandra via. S.W. Australia - I think this
is about all I can let you know at present

Believe me to be
yours Sincerely
Pte W. Sloan

1160 A.A. KLOESTER 36 Battalion
36 Batt'n A.I.F. Abroad

K. 21.1.17.

P.1.2

Title in place of copy rtd. 15.5.17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SECRETARY." WOUNDED AND MISSING — INQUIRY BUREAU —
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "QUESTMAN, LONDON."

54. VICTORIA STREET.
LONDON, S.W.

25th April 1917.

No. 904. Bandm[redacted] W. Horan,
36th Australian Inf. Battn.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

Very many thanks for your letter of April 15th, in answer to our enquiry for:-

No. 1160. A.A. Kloester, 36th Battn. A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance, but for the sake of the relatives to whom these details mean so much, as you have mentioned that you were with Pte. Kloester just before his death, we should be very grateful if you would tell us what you could concerning his wounds,- if he suffered much pain or was unconscious, and if he was buried in a soldiers cemetery where the graves would be registered.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

Secretary. per Hon

28th. April, 1919.

Corporal J.H.Wall, 893
( ) Battn. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Corporal Wall,

Many thanks for your letter of April 6th, in answer to our enquiry for

1160 A.A.KLOESTER , 36 Battn. A.I.F.

We should be very glad if you would write and let us know the name or location of the cemetery in which Private Kloester is buried - in order that we may apply to the Graves Registration Union for the number for a photograph of the grave ~~for~~ hereof the next of kin.

With best wishes

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary.

1st. May. 7

Miss May Elms,
C/o Mrs. Kennaway,
163, Ashley Gardens,
S. W.

Dear Madam,

We beg to forward tow further unofficial reports concerning the death of 1160 Pte. A .A. Kloester, 36th. Battn. A.I.F.

384 Pte. J. Blackham, B. Coy. 36th. Battn., who was in Napsbury Hospital Herts on 6.4.17. said :-

> "I saw Kloester whom I think to have been in the band "marching the round with the Colonel, another officer "and Waddup. A shell killed all four. This was on "Jan. 21st. 1917. I saw a tombstone painted with his "name on it in the Quarter Master's Stores. This was "at Armentieres where he was buried."

907 Pte. H.H, Hawkins, 36th. Battn states that on Jan.21st.1917 at Bunesdean(?), A.A. Kloester was out with the Colonel acting as his runner. A shell burst among them and the Colonel Kloester and three others were killed. He adds that Kloester was duly buried.

Should we receive any further news we shall at once advise you.

Yours faithfully,

Secret.

3rd May 1917.

Miss May Elms,
C/- Mrs Hounsway,
163 Ashley Gardens.
S.W.

Dear Madam,

Further unofficial details are to hand about the death of No. 1160. Pte. A.A. Kloester, 36th Battn. A.I.F. and we beg to advise you of the same.

No. 1695. Pte. C.J.R. Steele who was in Base Details in France reports that Pte. Kloester was killed by a Whizzbang at Houplines, Armentieres, on January 21st. while walking along a sap to the front line. Pte. Kloester was a bandsman and was runner to Lieut.-Col. Simpson.

No. 904. Pte. Horan writing from France reports that he was with him just befors his death and describes him as 5ft.3" in height, and of slender build with blue eyes and dark complexion. He enlisted at Dubbo and lived for about 18 months before that at Gilgandra, New South Wales. His home address was the Police Station, Deepdene, Melbourne.

Hoping that these details will be of some help.

Yours faithfully,

V.K.
Secretary.

Ack
F.M. 16.5.17

7th May 1917

The Secretary
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau

Sir

With reference to your enquiry re the death of No 1160 Pte Kloester A.A. This soldier was buried in a soldiers Cemetery & particulars of registration number of grave can be obtained from the Base or Horseferry Rd. With regard to proving this soldiers identity Number Initials & name correspond with those quoted in your letter of 25th April 1917.

Death was due to Shell Fire & was instantaneous

1160. A KLOESTER

Yours faithfully

S Lang Sgt.

KA.21.F.17

36 Battn A.I.F.

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Australian Red Cross Society. May 6th

Miss May Elms
C/o Mrs Kennaway
165 Ashley Gardens.
S.W. 1

Dear Madame,

We beg to advise you that No. 1160 Pte. A.H. Kloeste 56th Bn. A.I.F. is buried in the Bonjean Military Cemetery, Armentieres.

Trusting that this information will be of some help to you,

Yours faithfully,

YAW

Secretary.

17.5.17.

Bandmaster W. Horan
56th Battn. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

Very many thanks for your letter of April 30th in answer to our further enquiry about

1160. A. Kloester 36th Battn. A.I.F.

It will be a very great comfort to our enquirers to learn through you, that death was instantaneous, and they will also greatly appreciate the care his friends have taken of his grave.

As you have told us Pte. Kloester was buried in a soldier's cemetery, we shall now be able to apply to the Graves Registration Unit for a photograph for the next of kin.

With best wishes

Yours faithfully

V. D

Secretary.

17.6.17

Sgt. S. Lang.
56th Battn. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sgt. Lang

Very many thanks for your letter of May 7th in answer to our enquiry about

1160 A. Kloester 56th Battn. A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance.

Yours faithfully

V. D -

Secretary.

25.5.17.

Miss Mary Elms
C/o Mrs Kennaway
163. Ashley Gdns.
S.W. 1.

Dear Madam.

We feel that it will be some consolation to you to receive the following unofficial report of the death of [redacted]

No. 1160. Pte. A.A. Kincester 36th Battn.

from Pte. W. Horan who wrote to us from the 36th Battn. in France He says that they knew Pte. W. Kincester as Bert and adds,

"I can say truthfully that he had not the slightest pain, because his death was caused by a shell and his death was instantaneous. He was buried with full military honours in a soldiers cemetery and his grave has been cared for by men detailed for the work, and, we, his Bandmates have been looking after it. It has a nice cross on it and wreath put there by us"

Trusting that it will be a comfort to you and your sister to know that his death was swift and painless and assuring you o f our sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend

Yours faithfully

V.D

Secretary.
LAW