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

2973 Private
William Lewis Laing

53rd Battalion
January 5th, 1917.

The Military Advisor to the Commonwealth
Australia House
Strand.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your enquiry re No. 2973 Pte. William Lewis Laing
53rd. Bn. A.I.F., we regret to say that so far we have no information
beyond the fact that he is officially reported Missing 1917/18.

His name has not come through on the lists of Prisoners. Should
we be able to obtain any news, we shall forward it to you immediately.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Secretary
January 5th, 1917

MRS. J.B. LAING
Raftuma
McLeod St.
Moosman
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your enquiry re your son no. 2973 PTE. W.L.

LAING 63rd. Batt forwarded to us by Lt. Col. HAYWARD, we
regret to state that so far, we have no information as his name
has not come through as a prisoner, but we assure you that
we are making every effort to obtain some news, which we shall
forward immediately it comes to hand to our Sydney Office,
Delton Buildings, 115, Pitt Street, so will you make further
enquiries there and we trust that soon there may be something
definite to ease your terrible anxiety in which we deeply
sympathise.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Secretary
0. 2973  Pte. W. L. LAING
  COY. 53rd BN.

Officially reported MISSING July 19th. '16

Enquirer:

Mrs. J. B. Laing
Kaituna
McLeod St.
MOSMAN, SYDNEY

On Records in Wounded & Missing Dept. Boulogne. No information yet received. Wounded & Missing Dept. think Miss Deakin 's not got Parent's address, and would like to have it.
NOTE TO SOULOGHE.

re 2973 Wm. L. Laing 53rd Battalion A.I.F.

We deeply regret we have been unable to obtain any news except that he is officially reported Missing 19.7.16 and his name unfortunately has had to be taken off the list.

London 28.7.17.
Signed and dated, July 1916.

To 1916

The M. L. Lawing

10th Company
53rd Battalion
A. J. St.
Lug file

53rd Battn.,
D. Coy.,
14th Bde. A.I.F.

Missing July.

Inquirer:

Mrs. Sewell
Beachcroft Mansions
Hopetoun Rd
Strathfield

Miss Davis,
Bradfield,
Ormonde Parade,
Huntersville,
Sydney, N.S.W.
Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of October 23, 1916, expressing your desire to know if I am in a battle-staff.

I have been living in a state of suspense about my health since my return to New York.

I am willing to give you any information you may require.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Lueck, D.

Company, 53rd. Kottaki

Officially reported missing on July 14th, 1916, wounded in the head and back. I am a prisoner of war. It would be a relief to us to know if anything has
Dear Sir, there are many internment camps in my district, and I belonged to many different hospitals. When I was called to Scotland in July 15th, he appeared to be well and happy, as he wrote in an optimistic vein. We had four letters from D.C. in July. He was a most kind and considerate man. I always wrote to the world, not using...
From the possible engagements Company
531
we do not know what part of
France the Company was in at that
date. I need not tell you what
a relief it was to be able to write
"The Australian Red Cross Com-
nissary." My husband saw 4th
Lancer Officer a friend in a Cattle
ship last month. Well
I am beyond enough to make
enquiries at the different
Internment Camps. I can
do that for you, and if you can
locate my dear one,
I shall be eternally grateful.
With best wishes,
Faithfully,
[Signature]
[Date] 13th.
No. 2973  Private  W.T. Dearing

G Company
53rd Battalion
11th Infantry Brigade
A.I.F.

France

Missing since July 1916
Last seen in Nov. 1916
Wounded 8th Nov.
Age 22
Born: Sunderland.
Enquiry included in W.H.M. Cable
Enquiry included in Referred Cable
Name and Address of Enquirer

W. Eust
Holmeadale Rd
W. Midland
(Mother)

Relation of Enquirer to Enquirer:
Yes, of card

State if Next-of-Kin:

Mr. Henry Pressey
m. 1880
24-9-49.

Mr. Mason.
Sydney Morning Herald Office
54-56 York Street
Sydney.

Mr. Sewell.
6 Beadcroft Mansions
Copley Road
Sheffield.

Re 2973. Louis W. L. 52 - Bu.
Valley House Post office
Combe Martin

T. Devon

Sept 26th 1919

Dear Miss Ishy Brown

Many thanks for your letter re

2973 having C.S. 53rd Bn.

Has been forwarded home here.

Should any further information come hand regarding the above, would you kindly com-
municate with address
At post direct instead of Wm.  

Thanking you for troubling so much in the matter 

Yrs faithfully 

May Sewell.

Miss Davis  

"Maylirest"  

Port Hacking Road,  

Caringbah  

Sydney  

N.S. Wales
Private Inquiry

Mrs. Mason
Sydney Morning Herald
58 Fleet St.
F.C.

(for brother)

Enquires for

2973 W. L. Lawson
D. Co

53 Battery
Missionary 19-7-16

[Signature]
HOSPITAL Northumberland War Hop.

Surname: Smith
Christian Name: C S
Regtn. No.: 676

Surname: Hoeller
Christian Name: 
Regtn. No.: 614

STATEMENT
(to be taken)

Smith was slightly wounded at the B in August. He was sent to December.

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER
Eye-Witness?

3. Was the ground held or lost?

4. If lost, was the

5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?

6. Was name

7. Give Informant’s description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.

8. Searcher’s opinion of Informant’s accuracy and intelligence

[Signature]
OPENING OF THE
TARONGA PARK
ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
OCTOBER 7TH 1916

Anzac Band Programme
for Official Opening of Zoological Gardens.

March: "Heroes of Gallipoli" Band
Waltz: "Flowers of Australia" Band
Cornet Solo: "A Perfect Day" BANDSMAN HOLLAND
Cornet Duet: "Ida and Dot" Band
March: "There, There, There" Band
March: "In Ranks of Firing Line" Band
Idyll: "Harvest Moon" Band
Scena: "La Misere" Band
Cornet Solo: "Sunshine of Your Smile" BANDSMAN HOLLAND
March: "General Joffre" Band

BY THE HONOURABLE THE PREMIER OF N.S.W.
W.A. HOLMAN, M.L.A.

C P MAYALL, Bandmaster
W A MELVILLE, A O. FRASER,
Manager, Secretary