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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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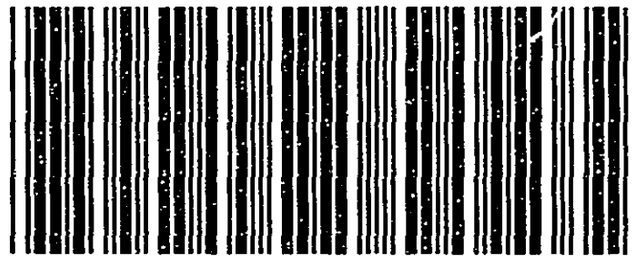
4779 Private
Robert Carrington
Forland

53rd Battalion



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53rd Battn.,
A.I.F.

FORLAND,
R.C.(HQ) 4779.

Wounded.

Wpunded on 19-7-16.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 10-10-16.

Wounded 19-7-16 - Further enquiries now in progress.
Cert. by - 3rd. Echelon on 20-11-16.

Wounded & Missing 19-7-16.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' List I.B.101. 8-12-16

London,
11-12-16.

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3rd Batt.
A.I.F.,

FORLAND
R.C. 4779

"Missing."

This man is in the Missing List but his mother has not received an official notification which she would like to have. Her address is:- Mrs. Forland, Condobolin, N.S.W.,

Cert. by British Red Cross Society,
Carlton House Terrace,
20.2.17.

London
22.2.17

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A.I.F. 53rd. FORLAND, R.C. 4779

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There are two Forland's, one is S.C. and the other is R.C. I cannot tell which is which, but one is now in the 14th Light Trench Mortar Battery, Australians, and the other is a prisoner of war from what his brother, who is a pal of mine told me.

Informant: Lce.Cpl.W.H.Smith, 4851
H.S. "St. Elizabeth"
BOULOGNE. 16.3.1917.

EFN

3055 W. Foreman 55 R.G.W.

Written Pte. Forland (S.C.) 23.4.17 Not sent on

A.I.F. A.Coy. 53rd.Battn.

FORLAND
R.C.Pte. 4779.

No. 4779, Private R.C.Forland "A" Coy. 53rd. Battalion. Officially reported "Wounded and missing" Mentioned in our cable of the 7th. October. A letter has been received from Private Max Gavel of the 53rd. Battalion, dated 6th. October stating that Forland had written about the middle of September saying that he was in one of the base Hospitals.

Ref. Wounded and Missing Bureau,
Dalton House,
115, Pitt Street,
Sydney. Feb.7th/17.

Written Pte Gavel 14.4.17

LONDON.
2.4.17.

15.6.17

53rd Battn.
A. I. F.

Forland.
R. C. 4779

"Wounded & Missing 19.7.16"

Cpl. MacGavel called into the office when over on leave to give information concerning the abocve soldier in answer to our enquiry and said "I knew R. C. Forland well, he and his brother Sid. and myself were all at the same school in Condoblin, N. S. W. and came away from Australia together. Sid. was in the Trench Mortar Battery at the time of the charge on 19.7.16 and he and I both made exhaustive enquiries after and since that date and have never been able to discover anything about his brother. The statement on the slip from Sydney 7.2.17 refers to a letter written to my mother in which I told her that a man I had met by chance in France and who, like myself, knew the two Forlands had told me he knew R. C. Forland to be in hospital somewhere. I naturally hoped this was true and told my mother who is a personal friend of Mrs. Forland and would probably have told her this.

London. 8.8.17.

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London.
16.8.17.

14th. April, 1917.

4783 Private Jas Maxwell, Gavell,
53rd. Battn., A.I.F.,
B.E.F.

Dear Private Gavel,

We have been requested by our Sydney Bureau to make enquiries concerning :

4779 R.C. FORLAND, 53rd. Battalion, A.I.F.,

Wounded & Missing 19.7.16. We have been unable to obtain any definite information about Pte. Forland, but a letter from our Sydney Bureau (7.2.17) states " a letter had been received from Pte. Max Gavel of 53rd. Battn. dated 6.10.16 stating that Forland had written about the middle of September saying that he was in one of the Base Hospitals."

Wes should be very grateful if you would kindly write and tell us from which Base Hospital, Pte. Forland wrote you in Sept., as his bname has never appeared in our Hospital Index and we have been unable to trace his admission to any Hospital either here or in France.

Hoping to hear from you soon in order that we may help to relieve the suspense of his people.

Yours faithfully,

V. D

Secretary.

25th April 1917.

Pte. S.C. Forland,
14th Light French Morter Battery.
A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Private Forland,

We have been requested by our Sydney Bureau to make enquiries for:-

No. 4779. R.C. Forland, 53rd Battalion A.I.F.
Rep. Wounded & unofficially Missing July 1916.

and have been told that you are the brother of R.C. Forland and believe him to be a Prisoner of War.

We have never received your brother's name on any of the Lists of Prisoners of War from Germany, and if you know him to be indeed a Prisoner will you kindly write without delay and give us the address of the Camp in Germany in which he is interned. For until we receive an exact address for any Australian interned in Germany, we are unable to send him the weekly parcels of food and comforts forwarded by the Prisoners Dept of the Australian Red Cross to every Australian known to be interned at an exact address.

We shall hope to hear from you shortly.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.