

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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Lieutenant
Frank Fearnside

49th Battalion



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A. I. F. 49th Battn.

FEARNSIDE
F. Lieut

"WOUNDED & MISSING"

Wounded and Missing 11.8.18 Previously reported Missing and
Wounded 12.8.18

London
11.9.18

OFF.M

A.I.F. 49th Battn.

FEARNSIDE
Lieut. Frank

"WOUNDED & MISSING 11/8/18"

Prisoner of War Camp unknown - Wounded.

Wire from Copenhagen received by B.R.C.S. 17/9/18.
Cert. by Information forwarded by Telephone message 17/9/18.

London
18/9/18.

OFF.M.

Havre

28th Sept 1918.

Australians. 49.

Fearnside Lieut F.

W/M 8th August 1918.

I knew him well, for about 9 months. He was thin, of medium height, and had rather gray hair, and was clean shaven. I was with him at the time at Bray holding the line. We had just done a successful stunt, and were in the trench when the Germans put up a great bombardment and Lieut Fearnside was hit by a piece of shell. I don't know where he was hit. I saw him walk out from the front line, wounded, and from what we all know he must have walked into the German lines. The line was at right angles, and it would be quite easy to do this without knowing it.

Inf:- Pte F.W.Hennessy No:3174.

A.I.F. 49. B. Vill.

Hospital Ship.

I knew him well, he had gray hair, was clean shaven, and about 5 feet 6". We had just done a successful stunt and were in the trenches at Bray. The Germans put up a heavy bombardment and Lieut Fearnside was hit in the arm and shoulder. I saw him walk out wounded. The trench was at a peculiar angle and difficult to find one's way out of, and as no more was seen of him we gathered he must have walked by accident into the German lines and was taken P/W.

Inf:- L/Cpl F.S.Bennett No:5051.

A.I.F. 49. B. Vill.

Hospital Ship.

P.W.

PP.

Havre. 21st. September. 1918.

49th. Australians. Fearnside, Lieut. Z.

W. & M. August. 8/1918.

He was in B. Coy. On August 8th. in the morning at Messines
Lieut. Fearnside took over my Platoon, No. 5. and I went to No. 8.
Lieut. Fearnside went over with No. 5. and going over got wounded.
This ~~Lieut.~~ Brown of B. 5. told me he said this is what happened
when the Lieut. got wounded. Sergeant Brown said he was told which
way to make for the C.O.S. but this was a very awkward place to get
out of as Fritz occupied one side of the road & we the other. Lieut.
Fearnside must have gone direct into Fritz' line in mistake for our own.

Inf:- Sergeant. H. S. Sinkins. 2193.
49th. Australians. B.
Hospital Ship.

JED.

c^s W.D. 6/11/18
P.W.
Written Brown CP.
2.10.18

49th Battn.
A.I.F.

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FARNSIDE
Lt. F.

"Wounded & Missing 128-18"
Now P/W

Re Lt. Farnside, 49th Battn. All the information I can supply is that he was wounded near Bray on the night of the 10/11th August. He started for the R.A.P., and has not been seen since. Through enquiries, since made, I learn that he is now wounded and a P/W in Germany.

Letter from:- Brown. Sgt. G2W.,
49th Battn.,

London
16-10-18
D.W.B.

Off.H.

49th Battn.
A. I. F.

FEARNSIDE.
Lient. Frank.

"Prisoner of War."

Interned Furstenberg.

Certified by wire from Copenhagen 9.10.18.

Off. M.

A.I.F. 49th Battn.

FEARNSIDE
Lieut F.

"REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR"

Arrived England

Adm. Prisoner of War. Hpl. London 12.12.18 - Shell wound back and
right leg

Cert. by I.B. 632 of 17.12.18

London
26.11.18

OFF.N

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Supt. Pt. Brown
V Platoon B. Co
49 Batta
A. I. F.

about

Lt. Fearnside
49 Batta
A. I. F.

With Aug 11/18

Written 2.10.18
M.S.

France.

9. 10. 18.

Lieut F. Farnside

49 Bn

W. 4th. now P. 5th. W. 11-5-18

off in 3 (C)

Acc. P.C.
15. 10. 18
W.B.

to the Lieut.
Lieut. F. Farnside.
49 Bn.

Re your communication of the 2. 10. 18
in which you enquire into the fate of
Lieut. Farnside 49th Bn. The information
I can supply is that he was wounded
near Bray on the 10th of Aug.
He started for the P.A.P. and has not
been seen since.

Through inquiries since made I learn
that he was wounded in France of the
10th of Aug.

W.B.

W.B.
10. 10. 18.