Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6135 Private
Henry George Innes

4th Battalion



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A.I.F.
4th Bn.
R.Sqy.

HIMS
Henry George 6125

Killed in Action 5.4.17.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
26.10.19.

S & P.I.

A.I.F. 4th Bttn.
E. Cey.

INNES.
H. George. 6135.

Killed in Action. 15.4.17.

Buried Bourseies Cemetery Sheet 57c. N.E.
Cert by Capt. Hills verification list.

London.
29.9.19.

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4th Battn.
B.Coy
A I.F.

INNES,
H.G. 6155
Henry George

"Missing 15.4.17."

Killed in Action 15.4.17. Previously reported Missing.
Cert. by Hqrs 8.4.18.

London,
10.4.18.

S. & P.I.

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~~17th~~ A.I.F. H. G. INNES, 6135.

Missing 15.4.17.

At Hermies the Germans came over about 3.45 a.m. Innes was on outpost duty and was taken prisoner. It was considered in the Bn. that there was absolutely no doubt that this is a fact.

Reference: Pte. F. Brown, 6461.

No.11 Con.Camp Buchy Nr.Rouen. 16.6.17.

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A.I.F. 4. INNES, H.G. 6135.

Henry George

M.Apl.15th.1917.

I last saw Innes during the evening of 15th April in the Sunken Road near Banohies about 300 yds from our outposts. He was walking, had his tin hat off, and told me that he was wounded, and going back. He did not seem badly hit. Have heard nothing of him since. There was heavy shell fire still going on. Innes was in B.Coy, and comes from Sydney.

Informant: Pte J.E.Barry. 1078. 4.B.7. S/B.
2nd Army Rest Camp.
BOULOGNE. 7.9.17. HMH

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FRANCE

4th BATT. A.I.F. INNES. H.G. 6135.

Henry George

M.April 15th.1917.

He was in A.Coy, III Platoon. He left us just before the Bullecourt stunt with a bad leg and was for a time sent on to a farm in France, but he is back with the Transport now. I saw him only three or four days ago, he is a tall, thin man with grey hair. WSI

Ref ---Pte D.Stewart. 6086. A.Coy.
No 2 Can. Gen. Hospital
Le Treport. Sept 14th.1917

Incorrect
See Correction H.G Barry

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14-Rd.

NOTE TO AUSTRALIAN BUREAU.

Le Treport.
Sept 18th.1918

4th BATT. A.I.F. INNES. H.G. 6135

M.April 15th.1917. Henry George

In reference to our report on the above man, dated Sept. 14th, given me by Pte D.Stewart. 6088, A.Coy, I came across Pte Stewart again yesterday and he told me that he had got mixed between Innes and another man named Innwood, and that he was thinking of the latter when he gave the report. Will you please therefore cancel his report on Innes. WSI

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4th Battalion.
18th Reinforcements.
A.I.F.

INNES.
Pte. H.G. No. 6135.

"Missing 15.4.17."

Informant described Innes as about 5 ft 3 inches high, fair complexion, slight build, aged about 22. Also left Australia in the "Warra" as described above.

Informant states that on 15.4.17 the Battalion was at Lagnicourt in an advanced position. Up to 10 p.m. on the 14th, Informant and others had occupied outposts in front of the main body of the Battalion and at that hour were relieved by another party including Armstrong, Rosser, Ahern and Innes. Informant saw these men actually arrive, they passing in as Informant's party passed out. Five hours later when Informant was in the front line the Germans attacked and broke through to the left of the 4th Battalion in the portion of the line held by the 11th Battalion. Portion of the Battalion, including Informant advanced to the ridge about 80 yards from the sunken road with the intention of relieving the outpost which had been isolated but had to return to the sunken road. Reinforcements were hurried up and eventually the Germans were forced to retire and some of the guns captured by them in the first rush were recaptured and turned on the Germans. The outpost was afterwards examined but neither bodies nor wounded could be found.

Informant: Pte. G.A. Smith, No. 5774,
"B" Company, 4th Battalion.
At present in "F" Ward, No. 21 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
Georges Heights, Sydney.
Home address: "Bronsburg", Forest Rd., Arncliffe.

T.E.G.
20.2.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

March 9th 7.

No. 6768 Pte T.B.Innes,
3rd Battn.,
Camp 6 -
Lark Hill, Salisbury.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for 6135, Pte.H.G. Innes, 4th Battn., I have to inform you that he is still on duty with his Unit. There is no casualty to record.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

4th Battn.
B.Coy
A I.F.

INNES,
~~R.G. 6135~~
Henry George

"Missing 15.4.17."

Killed in Action 15.4.17. Previously reported Missing.
~~Cert. by Home Office.~~ 10.4.18

This Cancel Draft 4
No 6768. Pte T-B. James

London.
10.4.18.

3rd Bn
A.I.F.
B.9.7

S. & I.I.

August 30th, 1918

2394 Pte.C.F. Izzard.
3rd Australian Machine Gun Coy.
Gefangenenlager Schneidemuhl.
Posen. Germany.

Dear Pte. Izzard.

We have recently been asked by our Sydney Bureau to discover whether you possess any information about -

6135 Pte. HENRY GEORGE INNES. A.I.F.

who is now reported Killed in Action on 15-4-17 having been reported previously as Missing on that date. We understand that you wrote to Australia in February 1918 that Pte. Innes is a prisoner of War in Germany and in view of the official report of his death we should be very glad if you would tell us your reasons for stating this and if possible, his present whereabouts. His mother is naturally most anxious to obtain more definite news and we should be very grateful, if when you are next writing to Miss Chomley you would send us what information you possess.

With apologies for troubling you and trusting that you are receiving your parcels regularly.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) LAW

Secretary.

8th February -7.

No. 6768. Pte. T. B. Innes,
3rd Australian Infantry Battalion.
Camp. 8.
Bank Hill.
Salisbury Plains.

Dear Sir,

Henry George

We have made repeated enquiries at Head Quarters but can find no casualty reported about your brother No. 6135. Pte. H. G. Innes, 4th Battalion, A.I.F. Are you sure he was wounded? Please let us know if you wish us to make further enquiries and we will gladly do so, but we hope you will have & had good news of him in the meantime.

Yours faithfully,

for.

Secretary.

May 29th, 1917.

6768
Pte T.B.Innes,
3rd Australian Infantry Battalion,
Red Cross Hospital,
Weymill, near Andoverm Hants.

Dear Sir, Henry George

We are in receipt of your letter of enquiry for 6135 Pte H.G.Innes B Coy, 4th Battalion, A.I.F., and very much regret to state that he is officially reported "Missing" as from 15-4-17. We regret that up to the present we have no information concerning his fate, but we are making every effort to obtain this.

As you will readily understand in cases of missing men, news of their death or imprisonment is necessarily slow in coming to hand. Six weeks is the least time that elapses between the date when a man is posted missing, and when his name appears on the German lists.

We shall be glad if you will at once advise us if you should hear from Pte Innes in Germany, as we undertake to supply all Australian prisoners with regular parcels of food.

As soon as we obtain definite news either that he has been killed or is a prisoner of war, we shall at once communicate with you.

With sincere sympathy in your anxiety.
Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

a.c.

Answered
26.5.17

RECEIVED
25 MAY. 1917
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

Weyhill.

Dear Sir, Near George 24/5/17.

I received a cablegram from my Mother asking me to find out particulars about my Brother No. 6135 Pte. H. G. Innes 4th Battallion 1st Brigade A. I. F.

If you could give me any information I would be much obliged.

I am yours Respectfully, No. 6768
Pte. T. B. Innes 3rd Battallion A. I. F.
Red Cross Hospital. Weyhill. near Andover. Hants.

P. S.

I think he was in B company No. 8 platoon.

July 5th. 1917.

6768 Pte. T.B. Innes,
3rd. Battn., A.I.F.,
Red Cross Hospital,
WEYHILL, ANDOVER. HANTS.

Dear Sir,

We have received an unofficial report concerning :-

No. 6135 Pte. H.G. INNES, 4th. Battn., A.I.F.

in which it is suggested that he is a prisoner. No. 6461 Pte. F. Brown who was in a convalescent Depot in France reported that when Pte. Innes was on outpost duty at Hermies at 3.45. a.m. on 15.4.17. the Germans attack and he was captured.

We have received no information to this effect from Germany and we must emphasise that it is purely unofficial.

Should any further news of him be received we shall advise you immediately as we know how anxious you must be.

Yours faithfully

Secretary.

October 1st, 1917.

No 6765 Pte.T.B.Innes,
3rd Battalion,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir, Henry George

We very much regret to inform you of an unofficial report about your brother No 6125 Pte.H.G.Innes,
4th Battalion,
A.I.F.

and we fear from it that he may have been killed in Action.

Informant - No 1078 Pte.J.E.Barry, who was in the 2nd Army Rest Camp, B.E.F., stated that he last saw your brother during the evening of April 15th, walking with his hat off, in the sunken road near Banchies about 800 yards our ~~supports~~ outpost He told him that he was wounded and making his way back to our lines but since then nothing has been heard of him. There was very heavy shelling at the time and it is feared that he must have been killed.

We must emphasise the purely unofficial nature of this report but we greatly fear that it is only too true for it is now so long since he was missing. Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your great anxiety.

Yours faithfully. P. M. for L A W.

16th May, 1918.

6768 Pte.J.H.Innes,
3rd Bttn, A.I.F.,
Suffolk House,
Ampton, Suffolk.

Dear Sir,

We beg to inform you that we have received from Sydney an unofficial report respecting - Henry George

6135 Pte.H.G.INNES, 4th Battalion, A.I.F.

5774 Pte.G.A.Smith, 4th Bttn, A.I.F., lately in 21st Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Sydney, stated that on April 15th,1917 the Battalion was at Lagnicourt in an advanced ~~point~~ position. Up to 10 p.m. on the 14th Pte Smith and others had occupied outposts in front of the main body of the Battalion and at the hour were relieved by another party, including Pte. Innes, Pte. Smith saw these men arrive, they passed is as he and his party passed out. Five hours later when he was in the front line the Germans attacked and broke through to the left of the 4th Battalion in the portion of the lines held by the 11th Battalion. Portion of the Battalion including Pte. Smith advanced to the Ridge about 80 yards from the Sunken Road, with the intention of relieving the outpost which had been isolated but had to return to the Sunken Road. Reinforcements were hurried up and eventually the Germans were forced to retire and some of the guns captured by them in the first rush were re-captured and turned on the Germans.

The outpost was afterwards examined but neither bodies nor wounded could be found. Pte. Smith describes Pte. Innes as about 5-3- of slight build and fair complexion, aged abour 22. He came over from Australia in the Kyrra with Pte.Smith.

The inference from this report is that he was taken prisoner but we much fear that as his name has never appeared on any list of prisoners/that he has never written from Germany and that he was not been heard of for such a long time, there is no hope of his being alive

We have been compelled to remove his name from our lists but should any further information be received we will at once inform you.

With sincere sympathy and good wishes for your own recovery.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) T. [illegible]

SECRETARY.