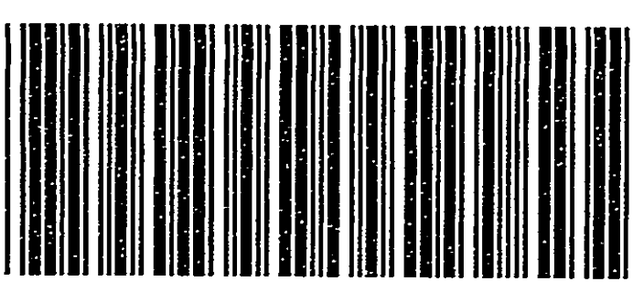
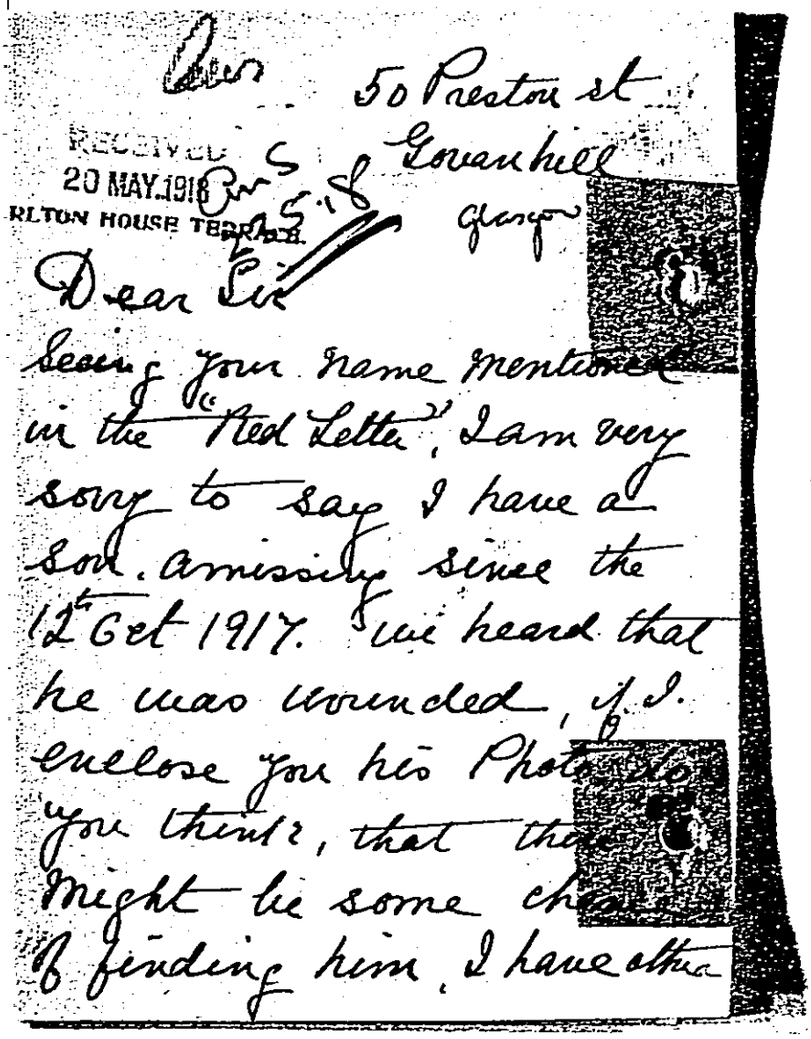
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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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125 Private James Inman

35th Battalion



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Mrs 50 Preston st
Govanhill
Glasgow
RECEIVED
20 MAY 1918
RLTON HOUSE TERRACE
Dear Sir
Seeing your name mentioned
in the "Red Letter", I am very
sorry to say I have a
Son. amissing since the
12th Oct 1917. We heard that
he was wounded, if I.
enclose you his Photo
you think, that there
might be some ch
of finding him. I have other

three Sons in the Army
one a prisoner of war Since
Jany 25/15 he is very well
indeed he is amongst the
Saxons, and I do feel
very anxious about my
dear Son who is amissing
I will enclose a Photo
hoping you will Kindly
send it back as it is
the only one I have got
hoping I will hear good
News from you.

I remain Yours Respectively

Mrs M. J. Inman

My Sons adress

No 125 Pte James Inman
35 Batt. A. Coy. 9th Brigade
Australian Imperial Forces
France.

To Mrs. M. J. Inman
c/o Preston St
Govanhill
Glasgow
N.B.

24.5.18

Kingston

Dear Madam. We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 19th inst which has been forwarded to us from B.R.C.S. Carlton House Terrace, as we are the only organisation that deals with inquiries for members of the A.I.F.

With reference to your enquiry re 125 Pte J. Inman 35th Batt A.I.F. who is officially reported missing since 12.10.17 we much regret to inform you that we have up to the present been able to obtain no news concerning him further than that sent you in our letter of 1.3.18, in which we stated that he was last seen wounded near Passchendaele village. There has never been any trace of him as a prisoner of war

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Rank	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Casualty.
	8th Aus. M.G. Coy			D/W. Oct 23/17. Del. D/13.

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ank.	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Home Address.
ut	8th Aus. M.G. Coy.			

F INFORMANT.

in first person).

Was Calmore killed in my
Platoon
Colgate was killed on or

R THE FOLLOWING :—

give name, number, etc., of man who told him.

mant says a man was killed, death instantaneous? the body buried, & if so where?

re any other man of same in Co. or Battalion?

RECEIVED
17 MAY 1918
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

Signature of Searcher — L. Liddell

Date of Report — 16th May 1918.

in Germany – and as so many months have now elapsed since he was first reported missing we fear there is only a very slight hope of this proving to be true. It happens unfortunately in too many cases of men reported missing after a battle or engagement that no definite news of their fate is ever obtained. It can only be assumed that they fell wounded in the confusion of the moment & that their bodies were buried either by the enemy themselves or later, by the enemy.

We are still doing our utmost to trace Pte Norman & should any news of him be received, we will at once advise you. as we fully realise your great anxiety. We are herewith returning his disc as requested.

Regretting that we are unable to send you more satisfactory news & assuring you of our sincere sympathy

HOSPITAL Netley Welsh

INFORMATION AS

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Rank
	Allport	H.A.	3101	

GIVEN BY

	SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Rank.
	Harvey	F.A.	3398	Cpl.

STATEMENT OF I

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

I ~~saw him at Pozo~~
Allport was A Co 4 Bat
I saw him ~~after~~ midday 1
He was wounded lying on
I could not mark the exa
ground in the afternoon
enemy's hands."

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? — Yes.
2. If not, of th
3. Was the ground held or lost? — Lost.
4. If Infor
(a) was
(b) was
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? — —
6. Was th name
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. — Tall fair hair
8. *Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence*

Reports should always be written very clearly in ink, or typewritten.

A.I.F.
36th. Battalion.

INMAN. 125.
James.

"Killed in Action 12.10.17",

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London,
21.10.19.

3. P.I.

35th. BATTALION A.I.F.

INMAN J. Private
No. 125.

A. Company.

Killed 12/10/17.

Informant described Inman as about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, weighing 11 or 12 stone, dark complexion, aged about 30. A Scotchman and thought to have come from the Newcastle District. Was a football player.

Informant states that they both belonged to A. Company, No. 3 Platoon. On 12/10/17 the Battalion was in action at Passchendaele. They hopped over at 6 a.m. Within the next hour Informant saw Inman hit in the shoulder by a Machine Gun Fire. At the time they were in adjoining shell holes separated by a space of about 10 yards having been held up by an enemy pill box. Later on Informant saw Inman and his mate named Longworth who had also been wounded, walking out arm in arm. They were both in good spirits. Neither man was ever seen afterwards and were apparently killed on their way back.

According to Informant Inman was a good sport and well thought of by his mates.

Informant:- Private H. Abbott, 2863,
A. Company, 35th. Battalion.
Present address:- No. 28 Hut, Randwick Military Hospital, W.E.C.
Private address:- 137 Princes Street, Sydney.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.
29/4/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A. I. F. 35.

INGHAM, J. 125.
Austin, H.H. 707.

K-A

H. October 18th, 1917.

I was President of the Board of Enquiry held about May 18th at Rivery near Amiens when the cases of men who were missing were gone into and it was decided that these two men were killed. No direct evidence of their being wounded or killed was obtainable but the decision was come to after consideration of the position in which they were last seen.

PHE.

Reference:- Lt. H.V.Lathlean. D.Coy.
L/Gun School.

P.1

Note: Informant had remembered no details so I could get no further information. PHE.

Etaples.18.6.18.

A.I.F. 35th Battn.
A Coy., II platoon.

INMAN
J. 125

"Killed in Action 12/10/17"

Was No. 1 in Lewis Gun team, I was then No. 2 at foot of Passchendaele Ridge, 12th October about 9 o'clock in morning - 30 minutes before Watson was killed, 20 yards away from the spot. Was shot in left arm, was 2 yards off me when hit - Last I saw of him was walking out just behind our lines, about 50 yards back from lines - We had been hung up at Pill Box at foot of Ridge for 3 or 4 hours 100 yards in front of lines. This was the last seem pt heard of him. Enemy were shelling heavily at time. Enquiries were made by Battalion Head Quarters and he never reached any Dressing Station. This must have been blown up by shell.

Informant:- Pte. F. W. Hunt, 282/
35th Battn., A Coy., II platoon,
Weymouth.

A.D.G.

London
25/8/18
J.E.A.

P.I.
S.

35th Battn
A.I.F.

INMAN
J. 125

"Missing Oct 12th 1917"

Inman was wounded when we were attacking towards Passchendaele Village having bullet wounds in shoulder, and thigh, being unconscious and quite unable to walk as we had to retire and could do nothing for him owing to the enemy's pressure, he and Tommy Blackwell had to be left there, they were together. Blackwell was wounded in the thigh while serving Lewis Gun and doing good work.

Witness:- H.A. Freeman 1718
35th Battn A.Coy.,
17th Hut
Westham

London.
4.1.18.

Off M.

Mrs.M.J.Inman,

50 Preston Street, Govanhill,

Glasgow.

4-6-

re 12b JAMES INMAN, 56th Battalion, A.I.F.

Dear Madam,

We deeply regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported Killed in Action on 12-10-17.

We are making further enquiries in the hope of learning full details of his death and will immediately forward to you any information that we receive.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) [illegible].

SECRETARY.

A. I. F. 9.

TEMPLEMAN, W. 7326.

K. October 10th, 1917.

At Ypres he was wounded. He had one leg off and died at the D/S. I saw his body. I had known him for 7 months. He was formerly a coach driver. I remember his number was 7326. (Book produced with this). I have no other particulars.

Reference:- W.H.Simpson. 7328.
St. Johns Hosp.

Staples.
3.5.18.

A.I.F. 35th Btn

INMAN
James 125

"MISSING"

Killed in action 12-10-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert.by A.I.F.Hqrs 27-5-18.

S & P.I.

LONDON
30-5-18

RECEIVED
22 FEB 1918
HOUSE

50 Preston Street
Govanhill 21/2/18.

Dear Sir.

28.2.18

I am writing to you regarding my son Reported Missing he went amissing on the 12th Oct 1917. As near as I can say he would be in that big push about Passcendale or Polscappelle, We got word from the Administrative Head Quarters Records Office London. S.W., I wrote to a chum of his, to see if he could give me any information regarding my son, but it so happened he had been in the Hospital at the time I wrote, so when he went to France again he recieved my letter, and he had seen some one who told him that my son was Shot in the Arm and that he was last seen making his way to the dressing Station he says very probably he might be a prisoner So that is all we have to go on, so while reading the Advertisement in the Red Letter, I thought I would write to you, he was a good Lad and I do hope he turns up, any information regarding him would be thankfully Recieved

I am Yours Respectfully

Mrs M. J. Inman

My Sons adress

125 Pte James Inman
A. Coy. 35th Batt A.I.F.
B.E.F.
France

He is in the Australians

March 1st, 1918.

Mrs. M.J.Inman,
50, Preston Street,
Govan Hill, Glasgow, N.B.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of 21st inst., has been forwarded to us from Carlton House Terrace as we are the only organisation that deals with enquiries for Wounded and Missing Australians. With reference to your enquiry for -1125 Pte. J. INMAN, 35th Battalion, A.I.F. - who is officially reported Missing since 12.10.17, we very much regret to forward the following unofficial report given by 1713 Pte. H.A. Freeman, of the same Battalion.

He states :- "Inman was wounded when we were attacking towards Passchendaele Village. He was hit in the shoulder and thigh and was quite unable to walk, being unconscious. We had to retire and could do nothing for him owing to the enemy's pressure".

Up to the present we regret that Pte.Inman's name has never come through as that of a Prisoner of War. We are doing our utmost to trace him and will advise you as soon as we receive any news concerning him.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy for you in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

WR.

27th June, 1918.

Mrs. M. J. Inman,
50 Preston St.,
Govanhill,
Glasgow.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry concerning No. 125 Pte James Inman, 36th Infantry Batt. A.I.F. we regret to inform you that we have received the following report from Lieut. R.V. Lathlean of the same unit, he states; "I was President of the Board of Enquiry held about May 18th at Rivery near Amiens when the cases of men who were missing were gone into and it was decided that this man was killed. No direct evidence of his being wounded or killed was obtainable but the decision was come to after consideration of the position in which he was last seen". No. 2821 Pte. F. W. Hunt, 36th Infantry Batt. No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, states that Pte. Inman was No. 1 in a Lewis Gun team, at the foot of Passchendaele Ridge on October 12th. He was wounded in the left arm, and the last time that informant saw him he was walking out, about 50 yards at the back of our lines. The enemy were shelling very heavily at the time, and it has never been reported that he reached the Dressing Station. We greatly

fear therefore that he must have been killed on his way out and buried under the gound ~~through~~ subsequent shelling.

We regret that we have been unable to obtain more definite details of your son's ultimate fate, but we are continuing our enquiries, and hope to send you further particulars at a later date.

Assuring you of oursympathy in your anxiety and loss,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

Mrs Craven