Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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5461 Private
Crompton Seville

13th Battalion



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13th Battn.,
A.I.F.

SEVILLE,
Crompton. 5461.

"Unoff. M. since 11th Jly."

Missing in France on 14-8-16.
Cert.by - A.I.F. Headquarters on 21-9-16.

Missing on 31-8-16.
Cert. by- letter from 3rd. Echelon on 5-12-16.

Killed in Action on 14-8-16 - previously reported missing on 14-8-16.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' List of 12-3-17.

P.I.

London,
16-3-17.

Off.M.

13th A. I. F.

Seville, Pte. C. 5461,
A Coy.
(M. Aug: 14/16.)

Informant states that on August 13th about midnight N.W. of Pozieres near Mouquet Farm, he saw Seville in the German trench. Seville said he had been hit in the thigh and had pulled a piece of the bullet out but thought some was still there. Turner told him he had better get back to the dressing station and thought this would be quite possible. This was the last informant saw of Seville; he thought he had got back to the dressing station.

Reference:-- Pte. H. J. Turner 5188,
13th A. I. F.
Spalding Hall Hospital,
Hendon.

Home address:-- 8, Marmion St,
Camperdown,
Sydney,
N.S.W.

Oct: 29th
Evans.

13th Australian Infantry Force. Seville, C., 5461,
C. Coy.,

M. Aug. 14th. 1916.

Informant states that on 4th Aug. 1916 he saw Seville's head blown off at Pozieres.

Informant:-- Pte. G. Brown, 5329,
13th Australian Infantry Force,
No. 5 Croydon War Hospital,
Stanford Rd., Norbury, S.E.

Home address:-- (He has no other address and is likely to be at the Hospital some time.)

19th Jan.
Mrs. R.B.Ransford,

Re
Pte C. Seville 54161
13th Bn.

The Infirmary
Alma Rd
Rotherham
22 Mch 1917

Dear Madam

Thank you very much for Note this morning and kind message of Sympathy there are unfortunately more than we care to count in the same position as ourselves Thanking you again

yours Gratefully
(Miss) M. Seville

The Infirmary
Alma Rd
Rotherham
14 Nov. 1916

Dear Madam

Thank you
very much indeed
for your note and
information it
contained re
Private C. Seville
of the Australian forces
It is wonderful
how you uncath it
from comparative
strangers, it is nice
to know that some-
one sees him, Hell
of the mining is like
a drowning man
clutching a single
piece of floating
straw

Thanking you
again
Yours Gratefully
M. Seville
(Matron)

Monday 16.10.16.

The Infirmary
Alma Rd
Rotherham
Yorks
16th Oct 1916

Dear Madam or Sir

Thanks Very much for your note of the 26th Sept re Private C. Seville 13th Bttn (5461) reported Missing 14-8-16

On Monday 9th Oct the following advert. appeared in the "Daily Despatch"

Copy

Mrs Seville whose address has been given as 2 Temple Terrace, Thornaby Lancashire, and who is the next-of-kin of No 5461, Private C. Seville Australian Imperial Force, is requested to communicate with the Australian Enlisting Office, 130 Horseferry Rd Westminster London S.W. Thos Howe

communicated with this office immediately but have not received (as yet)

The address should be. Mrs Seville
2 Lingle Hill Terrace
Shorncliffe
Royston
Nr Oldham
Lancashire

slightly different to the advert:

Of course his Parents are naturally anxious and since the advert: appeared, Mrs Seville has received a returned letter, written on Wounded, I should be so grateful if you could give me any information, I am so sorry to worry you I know how busy you must be

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully
(Miss) M Seville
Superintendent of Nurses

The Infirmary
Alexandra Rd
Rotherham

15 Nov 1916

Dear Madam

Please excuse me worrying you again, but my brother "the father" of course is like most fathers grief stricken and has written asking me to forward enclosed envelopes, to see if they will help you in tracing No 5461 Private C Seville of the Australian forces

one my brother says is dated that the above "Seville" received ~~his~~ visit on 12 Sept 1916 and he was officially reported "Missing" on 14 Aug 1916

Am enclosing envelopes if they will be

due to you

There is of course a month in difference

Sorry to trouble and thank you very much for all your kindness

United thanks from all concerned and many thanks in anticipation

I am

Yours very Gratefully

M. Smiles

P.S. Will you kindly return envelopes and enclosing stamps for same

TELEPHONE No. 225.

Aus. 22.11.16.

Mrs C. Broadbent
Nov. 20

I shall be most grateful if you will send me the home address of
C. Seville 5 4 61
13th Batt. Aus. I. F.
Missing Aug 14th 1916
in the Enquiry list

RECEIVED
21 NOV. 1916
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE.

Final draft. 3-10-49.

Miss M. Seville
The Infirmary
Alma Road.
Rotherham

Re.
5461 Seville. C. 12 Bn

A. R. C.

ack. Sep. 16. 16

The Infirmary
Alma Rd
Rotherham
13 Sept 1916

Dear Sir or Madam

I have been advised to write to you as I am informed
Nothing has been heard from the
the following. Since My Son
address inclosed and I read
your letter returned unopened
I should be extremely grateful
if you could give me any information
or advise me how to write for Sound
first address.

C 5-461 Private C. Scriven
13 Battalion. A. O. B. D.
c/o 4. P. O.
B. E. F. France

address changed
No 5461 Pte C. Scriven
13 Battalion. A. I. F.
France

He was with the Australians

Having come from Australia to Egypt and passed on to France I hope you will excuse our troubling you, I know you are very busy

Please find enclosed stamped addressed envelope for a reply

Yours faithfully

(Miss) M. Scudder

The Secretary
"Head Quarters"
The Red Cross Society
France

26th September 1916.

Miss M. Seville,
The Infirmary,
Alma Road,
Rotherham.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that 5461 Pte. Crompton Seville 13th Battn. was officially reported missing 14-8-16. So far his name has not come through on any of our lists of Prisoners, but we will let you know at once if it does so. We are making enquiries now, and will do our best to obtain news which shall be forwardéd to you immediately.

With sincere sympathy in your anxiety,

Yours faithfully,

October 23rd.

Miss.M.Seville.
Superintendent of Nurses.
The Infirmary
Alma Road.
Rotherham
Yorkshire.

Dear Madam,

We are in receipt of your letter of October 19th and beg to inform you that A.I.F.Head Quarters state that they wrote on October 19th.to his parents about No.5461. Private.C.Seville.13th.Battalion.A.I.F. so we presume that the they have heard by now. We have no further information than that he is officially Missing, but we are making inquiries and shall let you know as soon as we hear anything further.

Yours faithfully.

V.D.

Secretary.
L AW.

November 9th.

Miss M. Seville
The Infirmary,
Alma Road,
ROTHERHAM.

Dear Madam,

We have received an unofficial report from No. 5188 Private D. J. Turner, 13th. Battalion, A.I.F. who was in Spalding Hall Hospital, Hendon, London. He states that on August 13th. about midnight north west of Pozieres near Mouquet Farm, he saw No. 5461 Private C. Seville, 13th. Battalion A.I.F. in a German trench. He-Seville- said that he had been hit in the thigh and had pulled a piece of the bullett out but thought that some was still there. Turner advised him to get back to the dressing station and thought that he had done so. He knew nothing further about him.

We shall let you know if we hear anything further,

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary.

L.A.W.

Re Seville Pte C. 5461. 18th Nov.

18th November

Miss. M. Seville,
The Infirmary
Alma Road,
Rotherham.

Dear Madam,

We are returning the enclosed envelppes - nothing further can be found out at Headquarters, but we are trying 3rd Echelon in France, and hope they may throw some light on the matter. Though we have not much hope if the poor fellow had rejoined his unit, surely he would have got a letter through to you by now,

Yours truly,

D.

Secretary

Nov: 23rd

Miss C. Broadbent,
The Hollies,
Lubchford,
Warrington.

Dear Madam,

Your enquiry to the B.R.C.S. has been handed on to us. We are glad to be able to tell you that the home address of 5461 Pte. C. Seville, 15th Battalion, A.I.F. is as follows:-

2 Temple Hill Terrace,
Thornton,
Royton,
Nr Oldham,
Lancashire.

Yours faithfully,

Y D

Encs.

January 31st.1917 --

Miss.M.Seville
The Infirmary
Alma Road
Rotherham.

Dear Madam;

We have just received further unofficial information about No.5461.Pte.C.Seville,13th.Battalion. which only serves to confirm the other reports we have previously forwarded.

No.5329.Pte.C.Brown,13th.Battn.writes, theaton 4th.August 1916 he saw Seville killed at Pozieres.

The following is Private Brown's address at present,should you wish to communicate with him.

No.5429.Pte.C.Brown,
13th.Australian Infantry Battalion,
No.5.Croydon War Hospital,
Stanford Road.
Norbury. S.E.

Should any other information come to hand, we shall immediately advise you.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

P.M. for A.C.

The Infirmary
Alma R^d
Rotherham
1 Feb: 1914

Dear Madam

Thank you very much indeed for the Note received this morning re Pvt L. Seville it is kind of you to make such minute inquiries. I have written to the address you have sent me also to Pvt L. Seville's father & mother.

Thanking you again
Francaise
Yours Gratefully
M. Seville

21st March 1917.

Miss M. Seville,
The Infirmary.
Alma Road.
Rotherham.

Dear Madam,

No. 5461. Pte. C. Seville. 15th Battn.
Prev. Reported Missing 31st Aug. 1916.

With reference to your inquiry for the above soldier, who was previously reported Missing, we very much regret to inform you that he is now reported officially as "Killed in Action" on that date.

We shall at once forward to you any further information that we receive as we fully realise your anxiety for details.

May we express our sincere sympathy in your sorrow and loss.

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

Secretary.

pro L.A.W.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS,
WOUNDED & MISSING
ENQUIRY BUREAU.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS,

36 Grosvenor Place.

S.W.1.

5-10-19.

Finished

Dear Madam,

We beg to inform you that this office is now closing down and all our records are being sent to Australia. If you wish for any further inform tion concerning;-

8461. Seville. C. 13th Bn

we should be glad if you would advise us, as soon as possible, so that we may send your enquiry to our offices in Australia. At the same time you will understand that it will take many months before you will receive any further information, as every enquiry will have to be sent to Australia and dealt with from there.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Lilian A. Hotchkiss

Hon. Secretary.

P.S. When replying kindly quote particulars

Miss M. Seville
The Infirmary
Alma Road.
Rotherham.

Reply

Dear Madam
We heard Officially that the above was killed in action, but I received a letter from a soldier who was in a captured trench with him & saw him "The above" off to the dressing station, previous to that, I had a letter from me in the same mail stating that the above had saved his life with carrying him a considerable distance & then unfortunately he had returned only to meet his fate Thanking You for your kindness I remain Yours faithfully M. Seville

P.S. see my correspondence I have sent to Mrs Lay Passed 9 months ago Please give enquiry

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS,
WOUNDED & MISSING
ENQUIRY BUREAU.
36 Grosvenor Place.
S.W.1.
9-10-19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS,

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(Miss) Lilian A. Wh[illegible]

Hon. Secretary.

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Alma Road.
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