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5096 Private
Bennett Townsend

17th Battalion



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A.I.F. 13/17th Bn

TOWNSEND
Bennett 5096

"MISSING"

Killed in action 3-5-17 - previously reported missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 3-1-18.

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London
7-1-18.

A.I.F. 13/17th Btn

TOWNSEND
Bennett 5096

"K/A. 3-5-17"

No trace Germany
Cent by Capt.Mills 10-10-19.

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London
16-10-19

17th BATTALION.
13th Rfts.

TOWNSEND, Private
N.B. No. 5096

"Killed 3/5/1917"

We were in action at Bullecourt and were advancing. Townsend was hit by a shell. I saw him as he fell dead. I cannot speak as to his burial. Age about 27, height 5ft.7" to 5ft.8". He was in "D" Company.

Informant:- No. 4417, L/Corporal D. Galway,
17th Battalion, 13th Rfts.

Private address:- 19 Telopian St., REDFERN, N.S.W.

G.S.A.
A.I.F. Furlough Bureau,
Sydney. 8/7/19.

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J.E.A.

Havre 24th August.1917.

17th AUSTRALIANS TOWNSEND, B. 5096

M. May 3rd. 1917.

I knew Pt. Bob Townsend of D. Co. He came over with me in the 15th to 17th reinforcement. Pt. Ted Power of the 17th Battalion, D. Co., told me that Townsend was killed at Bullecourt on May 3rd. 1917. Townsend number was in the 5000. Power is with his unit.

Informant: Pt. M.H. Mahon 5053
17th Australians, C.Co., XI.Pltn.
Australian Camp., Rouelles.

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Written Pte Power 31.8.17

GC 29.8.17

Re Ted POWER
D Co
17 Batt A.I.F
B.E.F

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5096 B
R. TOWNSEND
17 Batt AIF

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