

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1620 Private
Irvine Pryde

51st Battalion



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51st Btn.
A.I.F.

PRVTS
Irvine 1620.

"Killed in Action 3.9.16"

No trace Germany

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
25.10.19.

Off. H. & P. I.

A.I.F. 51st Bth 1st Rfts

PRYDE
Irvine 1620

"M. 3-9-16"

Killed in Action - 3-9-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 5-5-17.

London
9-5-17

CHP.M. &
P.I.

RECEIVED 34 Bruntsfield Place
28 SEP 1916
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE, Edinburgh

To British Red Cross, Sep 27/16

I write to ask you as
a favour if you would be
kind enough to assist in tracing
my son as I was informed on
the 21st Sept by the Sergeant
of his company that he had
been missing since their last
engagement I will be very

grateful for any information
you may be able to give me

I enclose a small donation to
assist your funds

I remain,
Yours Sincerely,
H. Pryde.

No 1620 Pte Irvine Pryde,

1st Reinforcement.

51st Battalion,

13th Brigade,

Australian Infantry, E. F.

30th. 9. 19th

Final draft

Des. Mr. Trevelyan

34.1 Branksfield Place
Edinburgh

Re

1620 J. J. J. de

57th. 10. 19th. at -

Information obtained
locally (if any) or from
letters.

Enquiry included in
W.S.M. Cable

Enquiry included in
Deferred Cable

Name and Address of
Enquirer

Relation of Enquirer to
Enquiree.

State if Next-of-Kin.

No.

of

No.

of

146 June 1918
Mr. M. A. Winter
40 Cecil St
Victoria Park
Mother

Yes

On cards
Inc.

Henry Long Secretary.

May 26th, 1917.

Mrs. H. Irvine,
34, Bruntsfield Place,
Edinburgh.

Dear Madam,

No. 1680 Pte Irvine Irvine, 51st Bn. A.I.F.

We very much regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported "Missing since 8-9-16", is now officially reported Killed in Action on that date.

We are making every possible enquiry for details of his death, and will advise you immediately on receipt of such information, as we fully realise your great anxiety.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your sorrow.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary.

L.A.W.

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2nd October 1916.

Mrs. M. Pryde,
34, Brunstfield Place,
Edinburgh.

Dear Madam,

We have received your enquiry for your son No.1620
Pte Irvine Pryde, 51st Battalion, A.I.F., who is missing, and
regret very much that we are unable to send you any information.
We shall make all possible inquiries for him, and try to get
some particulars for you, as we realise how very anxious you
must be to know something definite.

We acknowledge with thanks your Postal Note for 2/6
and have handed it over to the Secretary ^{the post office} for the General Funds.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy, and that we will
let you know as soon as we hear anything.

Yours faithfully,

L.S.

(LAVI)

3rd October, 1916.

Mrs. H. Pryde.
34 Bruntsfield Place,
Edinburgh.

Dear Madam,

In furtherance of our enquiries for 1620 Pte Irvin Pryde, 51st Batta
A.I.F. we have been informed by Headquarters on October 3rd that he has been
missing since Sep. 3rd, and we have, at present, no further details. We are
making all possible inquiries and shall let you know as soon as we hear the
result, as we quite realise your great anxiety about him and also how much
you will appreciate the smallest piece of definite information about him.

Assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

I. B.

LAW.

RECEIVED
12 JUN. 1918
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

34 Bruntsfield Place
Edinburgh.

4th June 1918

Dear Sir

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I wish to apply on behalf of
my son ¹⁶²⁰ Pte Irvine Pryde of
The 51st Batt. Australian Infantry
who went amissing on the 3rd Sept. 1916
in France of whom nothing has been
heard of since I would be glad if
you could give me any information
regarding him

18.6.18
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Yours Sincerely

I. J. Pryde

19th June, 1918.

Mrs. M. Pryde, 34, Bruntfield Place,
Edinburgh, N. H.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of 7th inst. has been forwarded to us from B.R.C.S. Carlton House Terrace, as we are the only organisation that makes enquiries for members of the Australian Imperial Forces.

With reference to your enquiry for
1620 Pte. I. Pryde, 51st Infantry Battalion, A.I.F. we
very much regret to inform you that he is now officially
reported killed in action on 3.9.16. having previously been
reported missing on that date. In spite of our
continuous efforts to do so we have never been able
to obtain any definite news of his fate and we fear
there is little hope of particulars being received
now so long a time after the date on which he was last
reported missing.

It happens unfortunately in only too many cases of men eventually reported killed after a big engagement that no definite information is ever

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obtained concerning them. It can only be assured that they feel unnoticed in the turmoil and confusion of the moment and that their bodies were buried either by the earth thrown up through subsequent shelling, or later by the enemy. Those men who fail to report after an attack are first officially recorded as missing, later a board of enquiry is held, in which the general circumstances of the attack, the unofficial evidence of other men of the battalion and the non-appearance of the missing men in hospital or as prisoners of war

are taken into account, and are used as the basis on which a man is officially reported killed in action.

Should we ever receive any news concerning Pte. Bryde we shall at once advise you.

Regretting we are unable to send you more satisfactory news, and assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.