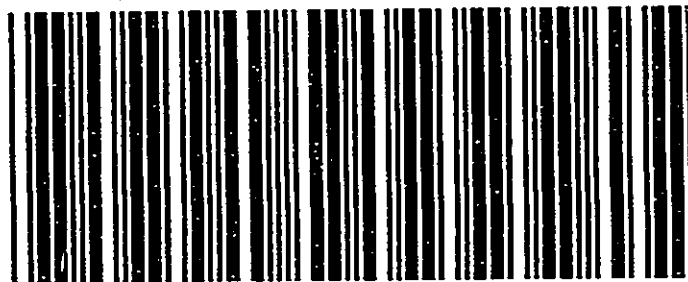


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**5040 Private
Sydney Alfred Ward**

11th Battalion



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A.I.F. 11th Batn.

WARD,
S.A., 5040.

Repatriated Prisoner of War.

Arrived Dover 4-12-18. , ,

Cert. by Inf. from A.I.F. H.Q., 5-12-18.

London,
6-12-18.

Off.H.

11th Batt,
A.I.F.

S.A. Ward,
5040.

"Prisoner of War"

Interned Limburg A/Lahn E. 2.

First letter received from man dated 6.9.17

London 27.11.17

Off M

11th Batt,
A.I.F.

Ward,
S.A. 5040.

"Missing 16.4.17"

Prisoner of War - Captured Boursiers - Interned Limburg

Cert, by German List dated ~~1917~~. 19.7.17

London 17.8.17

Off M

11th Battn.
A. I. F.

Ward.
S. A. 5060.
(& 4 others, for full list of
names see E.H.Chatterton's
report)

"Missing 16.4.17"

These men were digging a new out-post, were raided by Fritz and were captured. I saw them being marched away, I trust you will soon get to know their addresses. I was with them at at the time so the information is reliable, more I could say, but it has no bearing on the question.

Letter from:-

Pte. F.G.James 3835.

11th Battn. A.I.F.

No.2 Aust¹Aux.Hospital,

Southall. 17.7.17.

London.

27.7.17.

Off.M.

11th Battn.
A. I. F.

Ward.
S. A. 5040.
(& 4 others, for full list of
names see E.W.Chatterton's
report)

"Missing 16.4.17"

They were all on out-post duty with me at night about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the left of Cambrai Road, when we were overcome by German raiding party. I was bayoneted in the thigh and left lying. I saw these men being taken prisoner. We were all Platoon 2 of A.Coy.

Witness:-

F. G. James 3835.
11th Battn.

L. P. J.

London.
7.8.17.

Off.M.

Havre

14th July. 1917.

11th AUSTRALIANS

WARD, S.A. 5040

M. April 16th. 1917.

He was in C. Company. He came from Sandstone, Western Australia I think, but am not certain. He was relieving Post Master on the Relieving Staff of the P.O. I had known him for about 11 months. His christian name was Sydney. 5040 is about his number. He came with the 19th or 20th reinforcement to the 11th Battalion. He was a signaller and I knew him quite well and saw him every day. I was told by Pt. E.J. Kennedy of A. Company, Signaller, that he had seen ward ~~ward~~ taken prisoner of war. Kennedy was with the Battalion on the 24th June when I left.

Informant: Pt. J.J. Ryan, 258

E.S. Signallers, 11th Batt., Australians.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

CHG.

Written by Kennedy. 20.7.17 H M.

(COPY)

Statement made by No.3835 Pte James F.G. 11th Btnre No.5040 Pte Ward S.A. 11th Btn Missing 16.4.17

On April 16th at 3.p.m. we were raided by Germans in large numbers whilst we were digging an out post, myself being wounded saw the above mentioned marched away as a prisoner.

Dated at Southall the 10th day of August 1917.

(Sgd) F.G. James.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) C.S. Macintosh.

P. G. W. *off ch* *fd 2*

11th Battn
A.I.F.

WARD.
S.A. 5040

"Missing 16.4.17."

re S.A. Ward 5040 11th Battn A.I.F. I beg to inform you that he has been missing since 16.4.17. I cannot give any further information regarding him, as no information as to his fate has been received through this Battalion.

I may add I know the man referred to personally as we worked together in the Postal Department of Western Australia for many years.

Ref. letter from ^fA.G. Kennedy. 3848H. 11th Battn
France

London.
29.8.17.

Off. M.

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Re E. J. KENNEDY

11 Batt AIF

B.E.F

for 3060 or

3040.

S. A. WARD

11 Batt AIF

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Pl. S. a. Ward 5060. 5040th

11 B. H.

see under:

Sgt. L. H. Powell 3229.

11 B. H.

29. 7. 17.

Pte. S. A. Ward. 5040 or 5060

11B.M

See under

Pte. E. H. Chatterton 6250.

11B.M

27-7-17.

Adm
EM-20-217

France
21st Aug 17

Secy, Austr
Red Cross Socy
London SW

In reply to yours of
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Australia for many years.
Thanks for good wishes

5040 S. A. WARD

Yours faithfully

M/16.4.17

11 Battr A.I.F.

OFF

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(C)

E. Kennedy

3545 11th Battr

25.8.17

5848 Pte. R.J. Kennedy.
11th. Battn. A.I.F. B.S.F.

Dear Pte. Kennedy,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry,
concerning: 5040 S.A. WARD 11th. Battn. A.I.F.

We are pleased to say we have now received Pte. Ward's name on one
of our Lists of Prisoners of War in Germany - interned at the
time at Limburg an Lahn.

Probably by this time the Battalion has also been notified
of this or Pte. Ward may have communicated with friends in the
unit.

The Prisoners' Dept. of the Australian Red X has been
forwarding weekly parcels of food and comforts ever since his name
came through and we trust he is receiving them regularly.

~~Though~~ We should be very pleased to hear from you if you
know that Pte. Ward has written to friends from another address
than Limburg as Limburg is merely a collecting station from which
the men are drafted to permanent camps and if we had a more direct
address it would save unnecessary delay in forwarding of parcels.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D
Secretary. *flu.*