

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

4881 Private  
Arthur Clement  
Thomson

53rd Battalion



2740103H

55rd Batn late 1st  
A. I. F.

THOMSON  
Arthur Clement 4881

"Missing" 19.7.16

No. reported Killed in Action

Cert. by A. I. F. Hdqtrs 15.11.17.

London.  
15.11.17.

S

FRANCE.

A.I.F. 53.

THOMSON, A.C. 4881.

K. July 19th. 1916.

I knew a Thomson who came over with the 15th. Reinf. to the 3rd. Batt., joined the 55th. and was transferred to the 53rd. I saw him killed at Fleurbaix on July 19th. I feel certain he is the man who is enquired for. He was in the same bay with me. He had his soft hat on. It was dented in the middle. He looked over the bay; a shot came along and cut through his hat, carrying away part of his head. I was wounded soon afterwards and did not see what happened to his body. He was a man of about 5 ft. 9 ins. height, fair, clean-shaven, and of 12 stone weight. He came from a country district of U.S.W.

Reference: Pts. H.G. Radford, 4846, D.Co.  
No. 5. A.D.B.D. Etaples. 2nd. Sept. 1916. S.

SA.

# Australian Draft.

S. W. Thomson Esq -

13 English St.

Nogarah

N. S. Wales

about

1881. Pte. A. C. Thomson

~~53 Batt.~~

8. 11. 17.

Draft

Jyoti

13 English St.

Kogarah

N.S.W.

(50) 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 1917

Miss Deakin

54 Victoria St

Westminster

London

Dear Madam.

Having heard

from No 3850. Private R. S. Byrton. A.I.F.

that you are instrumental in tracing missing men & prisoners of war. I take the liberty of asking you if you could let me have any information about my brother.

Private A. C. Thomson. No 11881. A Company.

53<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. 14<sup>th</sup> Brigade 5<sup>th</sup> Division

A.I.F. he has been reported missing since July 19<sup>th</sup> 1916. & on 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 1917, we were officially informed that he was killed in action on the former date.

We tried through the Red Cross Society & other channels without meeting with any success, & as there is still a doubt in my mind, & I believe that there

are some German Camps who do not  
allow prisoners to write, there is a  
slight possibility that he might be  
amongst them. & you may be able to  
get some information in that direction  
& set my mind at rest.

Hoping I am not putting you to any  
great inconvenience & trusting to  
get a favourable reply in the  
future.

I remain  
yours obediently  
S. H. Thompson.