

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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2012 Private  
Thomas Henry  
Tedford

31st Battalion



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A.I.F. 31st.Bn.  
A. Coy.

TEDFORD.  
Pte.T.H. 2012

"Killed."

On 19th July 1916, at Fleurbaix, Private Tedford was killed by shrapnel at about twenty past six. He was a little short and a dark chap. Had brother in same battalion.  
Informant is intelligent,

Reference;- Private R.Wm. Sheppard, 1561  
31st Battn. A.I.F., A.Coy. 15th Sec  
Footing hospital. 9/8/16

London  
26/9/16  
W.Low.

Off. M.

FRANCE.

A.I.F. 31.

TEDFORD, 2012.

M. July 20.1916.

I only knew 2 Tedfords in the 31st. Batt. One of them, W.E. Tedford, No. 78, is now wounded in England, and I have heard from my son who was with him in hospital. The other Tedford transferred from the 25th. to 31st. They were both in the Band. I saw the latter Tedford lying out dead in No Man's Land at Fleurbaix on the morning of 20.7.16. I was quite close to him as I was looking for my son and am quite sure it was Tedford and that he was dead. This man was about 5 ft. 6 or 7 ins. fair, thick-set. He came from Maryborough, Queensland. and was a brother of W.E. Tedford.

References: Sgt A.L.C. Compton, Bandmaster.  
No 5.A.D.B.D. Staples. 21.9.1916.

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31st Australian Imperial Force.

Tedford -

2012. T.H.

(N. July 20, 1916.)

Informant states that on July 20, 1916, at Fleurbaix (?) during the attack I saw Tedford killed by shrapnel in between the trenches.

Reference: R.W. Sheppard, 1561,  
31st A.I.F.  
Tooting Hospital.

13th September, 1916.  
H. Grattan Bushe.

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31st. A. I. F.

Tedford, 2012. T.H.  
A Coy.  
(M. July 20/16.)

*write 19.9.16 -*  
Informant states that on July 19th at Fleurbaix Tedford had his head blown clean off. There were two brothers, one of whom went back the previous day wounded, and one who went in the charge. Brach, a Red Cross Stretcher bearer, was his informant.

(Note. Brach is now at Broomland Convalescent Hospital, Langton Green, Kent.)

Reference:--

Pte. Edward Smith, 291,  
31. A. I. F. A Coy.  
Tunbridge Wells General Hospital.

Sept: 4th  
Campbell.

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A.I.F. 31st Battn. A.Coy.

TEDFORD  
P.A. 2012

M. 20-7-16

"About No.2012 P.A.Tedford, A.Coy, 31st Battn. On the night of July 19th, we stretcher bearers found him just near the trench now held by the Germans, he was quite dead and we concluded he must have been killed by concussion as there were no marks about him. I don't know if this is the man you mean, as we know him as Tom, but there was only Tedford in A.Coy, so it must have been him. His brother W.Tedford is at present in England wounded. Both these men come from Maryborough Queensland.

Ref. Pte E.H.Ford,  
France, 20-9-16.

London

Off.M.

2-10-1916.

31 A.I.F.

Tedford, 2012.

M. 20th July 1916.

Have intimated his death. There were two brothers Tedford.

Informant:- Toll, Col. 31 A.I.F.

E.S. 'Newhaven'.

Calais. 31st. Oct. 1915.

R.A.K.

8/11/16  
W. A. K.  
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September 11th 1916.

Private Brach,  
Aust. Imperial Force.  
Broomland Convalescent Hospital,  
Layton Green. KENT.

Dear Sir,

We hear that you can give us some information about No. 2012  
Private <sup>T.</sup> Tedford. A. Company, 31st Battalion, who is said to have  
been killed on July 19th at Fleurbaix. We shall be most glad to send  
any details to his people in Australia who must be very anxious to  
hear of him.

Apologising for troubling you and thanking you in  
anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

V. S.  
Rn L.D.

Secretary,



Broomlands Hospital  
Langton Green  
Sunbridge Wells.  
Kent 12-9-16

Dear Sir or Madam

In reference to Pte J. Sedford  
N<sup>o</sup> 2012 A. Coy 31 Battalion I never seem to see him but  
he was killed in No mans land in the attack. Pte  
Astor Ford seem him and his address is H.Q. 31 Batt  
this is all that I can tell you re Sedford I wish I  
could give a fuller account but I never seem him myself  
His Brother is a Stretcher Bearer in the 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Yours faithfully  
Clarence Brack  
H.Q. 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion

8858.

15th September, 1916

Pte. Hector Ford,  
31st Aust. Inf. Battn.,  
Headquarters,  
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We hear that you can give us some information about No. 2012, P. I. TEDFORD, A. Coy. 31st Battn, who is said to have been killed on July 19th at Fleurbaix. We shall be most glad to send any details to his people in Australia, who must be very anxious to hear of him.

Apologising for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

V. D.  
K. F. D.

Secretary.

~~10th~~ October 1916.

Pte. H. H. Ford,  
Stretcher Bearer,  
31st Australian Inf. Battalion,  
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of the 20th September about 2012 P. ~~4~~. Tedford. It will I am sure mean a great deal to his relatives to hear on such reliable evidence that he was killed at once, and did not lie suffering in No Man's Land for hours.

I see by our Hospital Index that W. Tedford went to Perham Downs fit for duty on 18th August, and by this time he will probably be again with the battalion. He will no doubt have written home himself, but so many of ~~the~~ missing men have nobody to write to their people, and the Red Cross collects evidence about every Australian Soldier officially reported to be missing, and sends the information to Australia, so that relatives there may enquire at the bureau in the Capital of their State if they wish.

With all good wishes,

Yours truly,

*K/S*

Secretary.