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

2695 Private
Thorold Toll

4th Machine Gun Company



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A.I.F. 4th M.G.Co.

TOLL
Thorold 2695

Prisoner of War

Translation of German Death Certificate received from Mr.Wilson and passed on to A.I.F.Hdqrs 22/10/19.

Central Information Bureau. Berlin,N.W.7. 10th October 1919
Dorotheen Str.48.

It is hereby certified that there is here produced the death card of the Ref.III according to which the Australian Prisoner of War Toll, Harold, Pte., of the 4th Austr. Regt.M.G.Co., died on 1st May 1917, and was buried in the district cemetery at Corbehem, Collective grave No. 65.
Notified by the Kommandantur of Prisoner of War Camp at Cologne.
List at Ref.III. No. 16312/9.W.

J.A.
(Signed) Dr PORT

Stamp of Pruss. War Office,
Cent. Information Bureau.

London
22/10/19

P.I.
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4th M. Gun Coy,
A.I.F.

Toll,
T. 2695.

"Prisoner of War".

Died in Group Vimy 1:Bayr Rs Korps - Buried District Cemetery

Corbehem, - Grave 65.

Cert, by German Death List dated 24.9.17

London 17.10.17

P.I.& S

4th M.G.Coy.,
AIF

TOLL
T. 2695

"Prisoner of War"

In reply to yours of 8.10.17. 2695 Pte. Harold Toll born 24.4.1894 at Newcastle, 4th Australian Rgt.
Died on 1.5.17 at Corbenhem and was buried in the East Cemetery of that place. Grave No 65.
Cert. by letter from Berlin 28.11.17. forwarded by War Office 4.1.18

P.I & S

London.
11.1.18

4th M.Gun Coy
A.I.F.

Toll,
Thorold, 2695

"Prisoner of War"

Died 1.5.17 - Notification from Limburg

Cert, by German Death List dated 19.9.17

London 4.IO 17

P.I & S.

A.I.F. 4th Machine Gun Coy.

TOLL
Thorold 2695

"PRISONER OF WAR"

Killed 1/5/17 while working on an ammunition dump by our own shell fire
Groups Vimy 1 Bav.Res. Corps.
Buried Local cemetery Corbehem, France - Grave 65
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs for Capt. Mills 10/4/19

London
17/4/19

P.I.
S

4th M.G. Coy.

No 2695 - Pte.T.Toll.
No 2232 - L/Cpl. Goddard.
No 2505 - Cpl. McEntee.

M 11-4-17

"these men after Bullicourt were working behind the German lines as prisoners of war and were killed by shell fire."

Informant:- No 152 - C.M.S. R. Hudson,
Tolga,
Via Cairns,
Queensland.

E.Honck,
"Wahehe"

PERTH BUREAU.

S
Died
PW 6d

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

4th Machine Gun Coy.,
A.I.F.

TOLL, T. 2695,
Webb, Chas. 4731.
McEntee, Cpl. C.W. 2505.

M.11.4.17.
Died as P/W

"We were all together working behind the lines at Brebieres all accommodated in one hut. There were killed at Corbieham near Domai by our own shells, along with 4 other of our men. They were all buried in one grave in French Cemetery at Corbieham Were buried by 3 of our men and 1 Frenchman. No cross erected. I was not with them at the time, the men who were told us particulars.

Informant:- Pte. R.R.Hurst, 3492,
4th Machine Gun Coy.,
A.I.F.

A.D.G.
London,
19-12-18.

S. & P.I.

A.I.F.
4th H.G. Coy.

T. TOLL 2695
Chas.Webb 2731.
L/Cpl. G. Goddard 2232
1/Cpl. C.W.L. McEntee 2505.

"Died as Prisoner of War"

We were working behind the lines at Brebieres. These four men were killed by same shell on the 1st May 1917 at Corbehem along with three others. I did not see it happen, and we were not allowed to go to the funeral. They were all buried in French Cemetery at Corbehem.

Informant:- Pte. L.S. Whitbread, 3954,
4th H.G. Company P/W
Red Cross H.Q.

A.D.G.
London
31.12.18.
H.G.

S.
P.I.

A.I.F. 4th M.G. Bn.

TOLL T. 2695.
McEntee C.W.L/C.2505.
Goddard O. 1/C.2232.

"Died as Prisoner of War"

These three were killed by one of our own shells while unloading ammunitions from a train near Brebiers. They were all killed at once and badly smashed, and were buried in a French Civilian Cemetery at a place with a name like Corbie(?) near Brebiers. The Germans would not allow us to attend the funeral, but the French civilians promised us to look after the graves.

Informant:- 4040, T.F. Harrison,
4th M.G. Battn.
Repat. P/W.

London
3.1.19.
M.I.S.

Off.M.
P.I.

Toll,
T. 2695.

4th M. G. Coy,
A.I.F.

"Missing 11.4.17"

Prisoner of War -
Cert. by information from Miss Roberts dated 30.6.17. - copy of letter from Captain Mitchell 29.6.17.
"Your note of enquiry regarding Pte. Toll received this morning. I think you would be perfectly safe in cabling his people stating he was a prisoner, as a letter received from one of my officers taken prisoner at that time states Toll was captured. Further news than this I am unable to give you, but the words used by Lt. Veness were, of mine, meaning his section. The following were captured and Toll's name in amongst the list. Hoping you will hear definite news shortly,
I am
yours sincerely,
(Sgd). A. Mitchell (Capt).
C.C. 4th A.M.G.Coy,
A.I.F.

London
3.7.17

P.I.&.S

4th M. Gun Coy.
A.I.F.

T. Toll.
2095.

"Prisoner of War"

"P. of W." Letter from Miss Miss Roberts Hastings
Letter to Capt. Mitchell 29-6-17.

Captured Riencourt 11.4.17 - Interned Limburg

Card. by German List dated 23.6.17

Prisoners Work draft

to Miss Roberts
C/o Room 135
Carlton Hotel P.I.& S.
Pall Mall

London
11.8.17

4th M. Gun Coy,
A.I.F.

Toll,
T. 2695.

"Prisoner of War"

Captured Riencourt 11.4.17 - Interned Limburg

Cert, by German List dated 23.6.17

London
11.8.17

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METROPOLE BRIGHTON

BRIGHTON, 9th Oct 191

TELEGRAMS FOR HOTEL "METROPOLE"

TELEGRAMS FOR VISITORS "HÔTEL MÉTROPOLE"

TELEPHONE No. 841.

Dear Madam

Thank you very much for your kindness & sympathy in letting me know the date of our Ex 269 Pte J. Toll. I shall be grateful

If you will let
me know any thing
further of you hear
Yours Sincerely
James Roberts —

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METROPOLE BRIGHTON

BRIGHTON, Thursday 191__

TELEGRAMS FOR HOTEL "METROPOLE."

TELEGRAMS FOR VISITORS TO "HÔTEL MÉTROPOLE."

TELEPHONE No. 541.

Mrs Alden Dear

To The Secretary

Dear Madam,

Thank you very much for sending me the details of the death of my Stepson Pte J. Toll 4th M. G. S. I is a comfort to have these

I have another
nephew in Hospital
in Brighton & he
is filled with
admiration for the
generosity of the
~~Australian Red~~
Cross in the way
of cigarettes &
comforts
Yours Sincerely
Jack Roberts

Enquiry for

2695 H Pte T. TOLL

4M.G.Co.

M. 11.4.17

White Card.

Enquiries (for relatives)

Miss Roberts

C/O Room 135 Carlton Hotel

Pall Mall.

Tel: Gerrard

7826 — room 135

Will cable relatives.

FM

16.6.17

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS
PRISONER OF WAR MISSION

2695. Pte. TOLL. Thorold. 4th Mach. Gun Coy.

24.7.19. Berlin Information Buro. 2 Death, cards exist.
Reported by Kommandtur of Kriegs Gef. Lag. at Koln.
Buried in Collective Grave No. 65.

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"E". List.

Progress Report. No. 9.

October 5th, 1917.

Miss Roberts,
C/o Mrs.Levy,
Metropole Hotel,
Brighton.

Dear Madam.

We deeply regret to inform you that

No 2695 Pte.Thorold Toll,
4 Machine Gun Coy.,
A.I.F.

is reported to have died as a prisoner of War on 1.5.17 and we have as yet no further details.

We are writing to the German Red Cross in the hope of obtaining a detailed account and as soon as a reply is received we shall advise you, as we realise how anxious you must be. This sad news was cabled to our Sydney Bureau on 3.10.17 and they will advise his relatives.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

SECRETARY.

November 2nd, 1917.

Miss Roberts,
C/o Mrs.Levy,
Metropole Hotel,
Brighton.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that

No 2695 Pte.T.TOLL,
4th Machine Gun Coy,
A.I.F.

who died at Vimy in German hands, is buried in Grave No 65, in the Corbehem District Cemetery.

These details were obtained from a German death list dated 24.9.17, which has just come to hand and we hope that further particulars will be given by the German Red Cross to whom we wrote on 8.10.17.

Trusting that it will be some comfort to have these few details.

Yours faithfully,
LAW

SECRETARY.

Miss Roberts,
C/o. Mrs Levy,
Metropole Hotal,
BRIGHTON.

22nd. January 1918.

Dear Madam,

We have received an answer to our letter to the German Red Cross with reference to your Nephew :-

2695 ~~Sapr.~~ Pte. T. Toll, 4th. Machine Gun Coy. A.I.F.

but we regret to say they give us no further particulars beyond those which we have already received from the German death list and which we have already sent you, namely that he died 1. 5. 17. at Corbenhom and was buried in the east Cemetery of that place, Grave 65.

We fear we have no further means of obtaining further information and must now close the enquiry.

With many regrets.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

LB for B McC.

January 13th, 1919.

Miss James Roberts,
C/o Mrs. Levy,
Hotel Metropole.
Brighton.

Dear Madam.

In reference to your enquiry for details of the death of your nephew 2695 Pte. T. TOLL. 4th Machine Gun Coy. A.I.F. while prisoner of War in Germany. We beg to inform you that we have received two unofficial reports from men of his Unit, who have lately returned from Germany.

3492 Pte. R.R. Hurst of that Unit stated that they were all working behind the lines at Brebieres, living together in one hut. On April 11th/17 they were at Corbieham near Douai when one of our own shells fell and killed instantly 4 of our men - your nephew amongst them. They were all buried in one grave in the French Cemetery at Corbieham but no cross was erected or were the other men of that unit allowed to attend the burial. This report is confirmed by one from 3954 Pte. L.S. Whitbread of the same Unit who was also present when your nephew was killed.

Hoping this report may be of some assistance to you, and that it may be some consolation to know that he died instantaneously.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

2695. Pte J. Lolle
4th M.G. Co

52 Macleay St
March 21st Sydney.

To the Secretary.

Your letter of Jan 13th has just reached me, giving me the sad details of my nephew's death (Pte J. Lolle) for which I thank you & also for the kind sympathetic interest you have always shown me.

I remain Yours Sincerely
Janet Roberts.

Australian Red Cross Society.
Prisoner of War Mission.
BERLIN W. 8
Wilhelmstrasse, 7.

2695 Pte TOLL Thorold 4th Mac.Gun Coy.

4.9.19. Stuttgart. Feldlaz. 255,259,&505.No Record.

Rec'd. 9.10.19.