

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2863 Private
Leon Elie Turbe**

34th Battalion



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A.I.F. 34th Bn

TURBE
L.E. 2863

"M. 9-10-15-18.

Previously reported missing 9--10-5-18 - now reported killed
in action 5--5-5-18

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 6-1-19.

London
8-1-19

OFF.H.

A.I.F. 54th Batta.

TURBE
Leon Elis 2863

M. 9 - 10/5/18

No trace in Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10/10/19

London
24/10/19

OFF.M.

34th Battn.
A.I.F.

TURBE
L.N. 2863

"MISSING 9/10-5-18"

We were advancing near Morlancourt in the night and got into a trench; we occupied one end and the Huns the other. They bombed us out at daylight. He was last seen in the trench when we came out. We did not know whether he was wounded or not. I knew him well.

Informant - Winney.Pte.C.H. 2689
(Correct)

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34th Battn.D.Coy. 15th Pltn.
Bathnal Green Hosp.

H.Walters.

14-10-18

London

1.11.18

H.G.

Off.M.

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Statement made by No. 2689 Pte. WINNEY, C.H. 34th Bn. A.I.F.
re No. 2865 Pte. TURBE. L.E. 34th Bn. A.I.F.

"Missing 9/10.5.18."

At about 10 p.m. one night we attacked the trenches occupied by the Boche and next morning we found that we (the 34th Bn) were only holding one end of it while the enemy held the other. He bombed and drove us back to our former position. Pte Turbe 2865, was last seen by me (Pte Winney) in the trench. As to whether he was taken prisoner or not I cannot say.

Dated at
Military Hospital
Bethnal Green.

For Red X *off M.*
(Sgd) C.H. Winney, Pte.
Statement made and signed before me
(Sgd) R.H. ? Lt-Col R.A.M.C.T.
O. i/c Military Hospital
Bethnal Green.