Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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763 Private Edward James Thornburrow

31st Battalion



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A.I.F. 31st Battn.

THORNBURROW
Edward James 765

Prisoner of War

Translation of German Death Certificate received from Capt.Mills and passed on to A.I.F.Hdqrs 4/10/19.

Reichswehr-Befehlsstelle
Prussia.

Berlin,N.W.7.23rd September 1919.
Dorotheenstr 48.

It is hereby certified that there is here produced the grave card of the Ref.II.D. according to which the Australian Prisoner of War Thornburrow, E.J.(765) Pte of the 31 Btl. 5th Div. 8 Brigade, C Company, died at Haubourdin, on 2nd August 18., and was buried in the soldiers' cemetery Haubourdin, Grave 438.,
Notified by the Res.Field Hosp. 8 Haubourdin. List at Refs II.D. 16272.

J.A.
(Signed)
Kekule v Stradonitz.
Captain.

Seal of Prussian War Office
- Central Information Bureau.

London
7/10/19

OFF.M.
P.I.

31st Batt.
A.I.F.,
C.Co

THORNBORROW
763
E.J

"Prisoner of War."

The English soldier Thornborrow E.J. of the 5th Division, 8th Brigade 31st Batt. was admitted to the Lazarett on 21.7.16 wounded in the abdomen, and died on 2.8.16 at 11 a.m. buried in the local cemetery at Haubourdin; the grave is marked with his name.

Cert. by O.C. Lazarett,
14.12.16

London
23.1.17

Off.H.
P.I.

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

THORNBURROW.
Ed.James. 763.

Prisoner of war

At Res. Feldlz: 8 Hambourdin - with rifle shot wound in abdomen.
Cert. by - German List dated 2-9-16.

Off.M.

London,
27-9-16.

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

THORNBORROW
E.J. 763

"Prisoner of War"

According to information received from the Reserve Feld Lazarett 8 Haubourdin, the English soldier Thornborrow E.J. 5 Div. 8th Brigade 31st Batt. died at 11 a.m. on 2.8.16 as the result of his abdominal wounds, and was buried at the local cemetery at Haubourdin.

Cert. by letter from (J.A.)
Major,
Kriegsminstierum,
Central Information Bureau
46 Dorotheen Street,
Berlin, N.W.
20.12.16.

London
23-1-17.

A.I.F. 31st Battn

THORNBURROW
Edw. James 763

PRISONER OF WAR

Personal effects in Germans hands
Cert. by German Nachlassliste dated 11-1-17

OFF.M. &
P.I.

London
7-2-17

Kgl. Pr. Kriegsministerium.

Zentral-Nachweise-Bureau.

England



An

das Britische Rote Kreuz
Australische Abtlg.

London S.W.

54 Victoria Street
Über Rotterdam, Feldpostlaß 42

HEEKESSACHE

P.M. 20.

RECEIVED
17 JAN 1917

Casualty Branch,
War Office,
Alexandra House,
Kingsway,
London.W.C.

The reference in the enclosed communication to the death of Pte. G. J. Thornburrow. 31/ R.D.F.

has been brought to the notice of the Secretary of the War Office by the Postal Censor. A note of this information, which has been received with regret, has been made with a view to its notification to the next-of-kin and other necessary official action.

Kriegsministerium.
Zentral-Nachweise-Bureau.

Nr. _____

Berlin NW. 7, den 20. Dezember 1916.
Dorotheenstr. 48.

Nach Mitteilung des Reserve Feldlazaretts 8 zu Haubourdin ist der englische Soldat Thornburrow, E.J. 5. Div. 8. Brig. 31. Batl. C.Komp; am 2.8.16 vormittags 11 Uhr infolge seiner Verwundung (Bauchdurchschuss) verstorben und auf dem städtischen Friedhof in Haubourdin beerdigt.

J.A.

Major.

An

das Britische Rote Kreuz
Australische Abteilung

London S/W.
54 Victoria Street.

Acc. (LAW) 23.1.17

7 Whitehall Pk Rd
Gunnersbury
W.

14-1-17

Miss Chomley

Dear Madam

Excuse me troubling you but have you heard anything of my son 763 Pte E J Thornburrow 31st Batt A.I.F who is a prisoner at Wahn, in Germany I have never had a line from him since the P.C. you saw that I received in ~~Jul~~ August, so I thought perhaps as you are sending him parcels, that perhaps you might have heard in some way, I should be so grateful for the smallest scrap of information concerning him

Yrs truly
N. Thornburrow
(his mother)

Died wds
August 12th
Capt 21 July.

Feldlazarett. Hasbordin & Wiesbaden Soldiers Cemetery in grave No 438 Sm. C.I.

re Pte E.J. Thornburrow 763 3/1st Batt

January 17th. 1917

MRS THORNBURROW
7, Whitehall Park Road,
Gunnersbury
W.

Dear Madam,

I am very sorry to say that we have not heard from your son at all. We have been sending him regularly every week since we had his name.

If anything was really wrong, the parcels would be sure to be returned, as that is nearly always done if the Prisoner cannot be traced.

I will write to someone in the camp and enquire about him.

Hoping you will get some news soon.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary

25th January -7.

Mrs H. Thornburrow.
7 Whitehall Park Rd.
Gunnersbury.
W.

Dear Madam,

We hear that you visited our Prisoners of War Department yesterday and that you were told that your son No. 765. Pte. E. J. Thornburrow, 31st Battn. A.I.F. died as a prisoner of War. We now forward you the particulars in case you were not told everything.

He was taken prisoner on July 21st. and died of his wounds at the Reserve Feld Lazarett Hanbordin on August 2nd 1916. at 11 a.m. He was buried in the local cemetery at Hanbordin in a grave marked by his name.

This information was received from the German Red Cross and from the Officer in Charge of the hospital in which your son died. From the German Death List dated Dec. 23rd. we hm learn that the number of your son's grave is No. 438. We feel that it may be some consolation to know that your son died in hospital and that he was buried

His was the supreme sacrifice in giving his life for his country. In the meantime, we can only offer our deepest sympathy in your sorrow and loss.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary. P. h. for L.A.W.

13th February 1917.

E. J. Thornburrow. 763
31st Batt.

Mrs. Thornburrow,
7, Whitehall Park Rd,
Gunnersbury, W.

Dear Madam,

We beg to inform you that we have had a report 11-1-17. stating that your late son's personal effects are in the hands of the Germans.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary P.M for A.C.

November 9th.

Geehrter Herr,

Ich würde Ihnen zu Dank verpflichtet sein wenn Sie mir Mitteilen wollten ob:- Thornburrow, Edward James, No. 763, C. Coy. 31st. Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, in dem Reserve Feldlazarett 8 von Haubourdin sich befindet? Sollte dies der Fall sein so teilen Sie mir bitte mit die Art seiner Wunden und seinen jetzigen Zustand, aber sollte dies nicht der Fall sein haben Sie die Güte zu Teilen in welchem Lager oder Lazarett er sich jetzt befindet.

Hochachtungsvoll,

PD

Secretary.

An den Herrn,
Oberstabartz,
Feld Lazarett 8
HAUBOURDIN.

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH, BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
"THE SECRETARY,"
WOUNDED AND MISSING
— INQUIRY BUREAU —
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH B.R.C.S.

54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

November 9th. 1916.

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Hochachtungsvoll,

Vera Deakin

Secretary.

An den Herrn,
Oberstabsarzt,
Feld Lazarett 8
HAUBOURDIN.

Der Englische Soldat Thornburrow E. J. der 5. Div., 8. Brig. 31. Batl., C Komp. ging am 21.7.16. im Lazarett zu. Verletzung: Bauchdurchschuß. Gestorben am 2.8.16. Vorm. 11 Uhr. Grabstätte auf dem städt. Friedhof in Haubourdin. Das Grab ist mit Namen bezeichnet.

Den 14.12.16.

Der Chefarzt:

[illegible]

COPY.

(Translation).

War Office
Central Information Bureau.

Berlin N.W. 7
Dorotheenstr. 48

20th December 1916.

As reported by the Reserve Field Hospital 8 at Haubourdin, the British soldier Thornburrow, E.J. 5th Div. 8th Brig. 31st Batl. C.Coy. died of his wounds (shot through abdomen) on 2.8.16 at 11 08clock a.m. and was buried at the Municipal Cemetry at Haubourdin.

(Signed for) illegible.
Major.

To the British Red Cross.
Australian Department.

London. S.W.
54 Victoria Street.

Red Cross

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AUSTRALIAN BRANCH BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

54 VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON. S.W.

Nov. 9th 1916.

Dear Sir,

I should be obliged to you if you would inform me whether :- Thornburrow, Edward James, No. 763, C.Coy. 31st Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, is now at the Reserve Field Hospital8 Haubourdin? If this is the case will you please inform me of the nature of his wound and his present condition, but should this not he the case will you have the kindness to tell me at what camp or hospital he is at present.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) VERA DEAKIN.

Secretary.

COPY.

(Translation).

The British soldier Thornburrow, E.J. of the 5th Div., 8th Brig., 31st Batl. C.Coy., was admitted to the Hospital on the 21.7.16.

Wound: Shot wound through abdomen.

Died on the 2.8.16 at 11 o'clock a.m.

Grave on the Municipal Cemetry at Haubourdin.

The Grave is marked with the name.

14.12.16.

Medical Officer in Charge.

Signed: illegible.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS
PRISONER OF WAR MISSION

763. Pte. THORNBURROW, Edward James, 31st Bn. A.I.F.

24.7.19. Berlin Information Buro. 9 cards exist:- 1. Lager 2 Death and 1 Nachlass.
Paybook sent in by Bavarian W.O. (Inform. Buro) Munich 10.2.17.
Died in Feld Laz. 8.6.Bav. Res. Div. Haubourdin.
Ref. IID. 16272.
Nachlass reported by Information Buro.Munich.
Left property 445.12.16. Z.N.

"E". List.
Progress Report. No. 9.

Australian R...
Prisoner of ...
BERLIN W. 8
Wilhelmstrasse, 70.

763. Pte. THORNBURROW. Edward James. 31st Bn. A. I. F.

25.919. Z. N. Buro Berlin.
Death Voucher received.
Died : 2.8.16. Haubourdin
Buried: Military Cemetery Haubourdin Grave No. 438.

FINALISED.

Rec'd. 4.10.19.