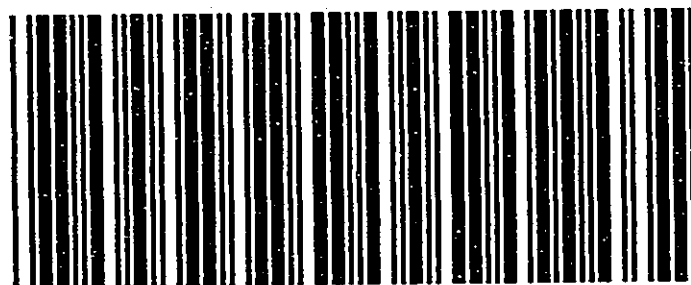


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**1680 Sergeant  
John Charles Touzel**

**16th Battalion**



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BAKER G C 16<sup>458</sup> Batt!  
Cpl Roy 8 Plat:  
B. Co.

Bel'd to be at a Training Batt! in  
England. Address Wanted  
Leave from France 3-8-17 To duty 4 Tr. Bt.

Sgt. G. B. 1680  
1007 EL 1680  
Reports Dpt. 11.10.17

16th Batn  
A.I.F.

TOUZEL  
U.N. 1790a

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TOUZEL, Sergt. J.C. 1680

M. April 11th.1917.

He came from Kalgoorlie, W.Australia. He used to be a guard on a train. I was told by Lt. Rundle of the 16th Batt., A.Co., still with his unit, that Touzel got wounded, and taken prisoner of war.

Informant: M.J. Turner, 7318  
16th Australians, D.Co.  
Ambulance Train 17.  
Havre.

RBS.

P

Written Lt. Rundle 26.10.17.

Havre

3rd October.1917.

16th AUSTRALIANS

*Touzel*  
TOUZEL, Sergt. J.C. 1680

M. April 11th. 1917.

I know Sergt. Touzel of B. Co., VIII. Pltn. I was told by Corpl. Roy Baker of B.Co., VIII. Pltn., that he had received a letter from Pt. T. Matson of B.Co., VIII. Pltn., saying that he was a prisoner of war in Germany, and that Sergt. Touzel was with him. Baker is at a Training Battalion in England.

Informant: Pt. W. Watts, 5220  
16th Australians, B.Co., VIII. Pltn.  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

RDX.

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Written Cpl Baker 12.10.17

A.I.F. 16.D.

<sup>Z</sup>  
TOUSEL. Sergt.J.C. 1680.

M. April 11th 1918.

<sup>Z</sup>  
Sergt. Tousel was in the Bullecourt stunt on April 11th 1917. and I have reason to believe that the Battn. H.Q. have received official news that he is a P/W.

Inf: Sergt. H. Ellis. 685.  
57, Gen. Hoep.  
BOULOGNE. 24.10.17.

HH.

*No trace P/W to date*

*P.*

C O P Y

Statement made by No. 685 Sgt ELLIS H. 16th Btnre No 1680 Sgt TOUZEL J.O. 16th BtnMissing 11.4.17*K. n. a*

Sir from enquiries I made of man, he was never seen after going into Bullecourt 11.4.17. I cannot give f further information as I have lost my books.

Dated at Liverpool this 13th day of November 1917.

(Sgd) H. E. LLIS.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) C. ROWLAND.  
Lieut.

23 NOV 1917

16th A. I. F.

Touzel, Sgt J.C. 1680.

(M. Apr 11/17)

"Sgt Touzel is a prisoner of War I believe. Two or 3 boys in his section told me that. They got back and he was taken prisoner. This was at Bullecourt, we were in Fritz's trench when he got taken prisoner. I don't know how they got there but they got round somehow. Capt. Somerville told me himself, that he saw the Germans turn the machine guns on the men, wounded and all".

Eye-witness:

Description: Tall, medium height, "Touzie"

Informant: Driver McGuiness, 3047,  
16th A.I.F., C. 11,  
1st London General Hospital,  
Camberwell, S.E.

Home address:  
Hart St,  
Glanville,  
S. Australia.

16th Oct. 1917.  
Needham.

*no letter P/w to date*

*Written Capt. Somerville 17-11-17.*

16th Batn.,  
A.I.F.

TOUZEL,  
Sgt. J.C. 1680.

"Killed 11th April, 1917."

"He went out of M/G Coy., into 16th Batn. On 11th April 1917 at Reincourt, during our attack. I saw him jump out on to parapet to throw a bomb, when he was killed outright by M/G bullet, hit in forehead. I was alongside him at the time. His body was left lying on top of parapet. The trench we were in was afterwards, taken by the enemy.

He came from W.A.

Informant:- Pte. W.A. Sisely, 1819,  
4th M/G. Coy., P/W.,  
A.I.F.

A.D.G.,  
London,  
31-12-18.  
H.G.

P.

16th Batn.  
A.I.F.

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TONZEL,  
Sgt. J.C. 1680.

"Killed 11th April, 1917 "

"Of C. Coy. On 11th April, 1917 at Bullicourt, during our attack. We had reached our objective, the enemy's 1st line in front of Reincourt. He was killed here by Machine Gun fire. I saw his body lying in that trench. We were taken Prisoner of War later on, in the enemy's 2nd line trench.

Informant:- Pte. F.E. Meredith, 5382,  
16th Batn. C. Coy.,  
A.I.F.

A<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>D.G.  
London,  
18-1-19.  
J.E.A.

P.



A.D. 16th Battn.

TOUZEL

C.N. 1790A.

4  
"Killed 11.4.17."

Of B. Coy. He was on same gun team as myself on the 11th April at Bullicourt, we were following a tank across "No Man's Land" and had reached to within 50 yards of 1st Enemy's wire. He was killed outright by, I think, shrapnel. I saw him lying on the field. Lance Corporal S.J. Wadeson, 2714, was lying dead alongside him. Enemy had concentrated shell fire on the tank.

Informant;- Cpl. T.J. McMillan, 3532,  
16th Battn. B. Coy,  
Prisoner of War  
Red Cross

A.D.G.  
London  
2.1.19.  
H.G.

P.

16th Battn.  
A.I.F.

TOUZEL.  
Sgt. J.C. 1580

"Killed in Action 11-4-17"

On 11th April 1917 at Bullicourt. We had taken the enemy's first line trench. Touzel was standing up on parapet firing his rifle at some Germans crawling away when he was killed outright by machine gun bullet. He fell where he was standing on parapet. I was at the time in the trench about 10 yards away. We afterwards worked along the trench towards the village of Reincourt where we were taken prisoners of War.

I only knew him in Battalion. Was a good soldier.

Informant:- Pte. V.D. Fallon. 4547.  
16th Battn. D. Company. P/W.  
RED CROSS.

A.D.G.  
London.  
8-2-19.  
J.E.A.

P.

A.I.F.  
16th Btn. C.Co.

TOUZEL, Sgt.  
J.C. 1680.

Killed 11.4.17.

Description:- Height 5'10", stout, aged 28 yrs. Red Hair."  
He was instantly killed by shell at Bullecourt stunt  
on 11.4.17. He was buried on field on edge of sunken  
road in village of Moreule.

Informant:- E.J. Turner. 399  
11th Btn. A.H.C.  
A.I.F. 4.4.19.

O.S.W.  
London.  
9.4.19.  
HG.

P.

(26.10.17)

L. Rundle

A. Poy

16<sup>th</sup> Batt. A.I.F.

B.I.F.

Amt 1680

Sgt. J.C. Touzel

16<sup>th</sup> Batt. A.I.F.

M. H. H. 17.

26.10.17.  
A.I.F.

(17. 11. 17)

Capt. Somerville

16<sup>th</sup> Balto. A. I. F.

B. I. F.

Alt.

1680 Sgt. J. C. Touzel

16<sup>th</sup> Balto. A. I. F.

M. 11-4-17.

17. 11. 17.  
a. i. B.

G. C.

Cpl. Roy Baker, 16 Batt<sup>n</sup> A.I.F.  
4th Training Battn.  
Codford, Wilts.

October 11th, 1917.

Dear Cpl. Baker,

We have been making enquiries for our Perth Bureau concerning - 1680 Sgt. J.C. TOUZEL - 16th Battalion. A.I.F. reported Missing 11.4.17 and have lately been told that you had received a letter from Pte. T. Matson 16th Battn. A.I.F. saying he was a Prisoner of War in Germany, and that Sgt. Touzel was with him. We shall be very glad if you will write without delay and tell us if our informant was correct in his statement; as so far we have never received the name of Sgt. Touzel on any of our Lists of Prisoners of War in Germany and he is still considered at A.I.F.H.Q.s as Missing 11.4.17. If Sgt. Touzel is indeed a Prisoner, he is not receiving any of the Parcels of food and comforts forwarded by the Prisoners Department of the Australian Red Cross to every Australian known to be interned as a Prisoner at a definite camp in Germany, and we are anxious to forward these very necessary parcels to him without delay should he be in any German camp.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D.  
Secretary. *LM*