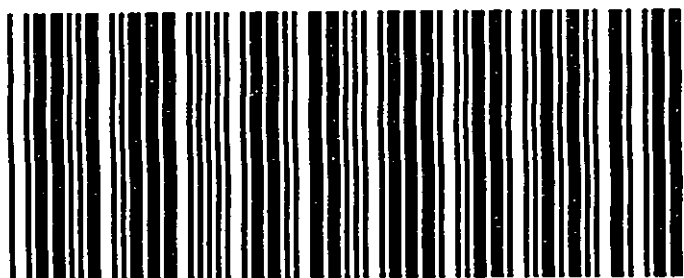


Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2778B Private
Albert Ross Rowney**

10th Battalion



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10th Battn.
A.I.F.

Rowney.
A.R. 2778B

"Missing 8.10.17"

We were on Westhoek Ridge on Oct. 8th in close reserve. Rowney and some others were in a dugout. When a shell hit them killing one man, Tom -, blew the other man's legs off, He died of wounds afterwards, and hit Rowney. This was about 2 chains away Rowney started back to our lines. He was wounded in left leg and the left arm was broken, blood was all over him. He said "The men in the humpy were badly hurt, go and see to them" He pushed through our lines to D.S. a mile away. Never heard any more of him. We held the ground. They used to shell the road heavily over which he travelled.

Informant:- A.F. Dryer 6991
10th Battn.
Harefield.

T. St. J. P. P.

London.
19.3.18.

Off. M.
P. I.
A

A.I.F. 10th Btn

ROWNEY
Albert Ross 2778B(HQ)
not -3778-

"MISSING"

Killed in action, previously reported Missing 8-10-17
ert. by A.I.F. Hqs 28-5-18.

LONDON
30-5-18

A & P.I.

794 L/Cpl.G. ROWNEY,
43rd Infantry Battalion, A.I.F.,
B.E.F.

June 4th

re 2778B ALBERT ROWNEY, 10th Battalion, A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We deeply regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported Killed in Action on 8-10-17.

We are making further enquiries in the hope of learning full details of his death and will immediately forward to you any information that we receive.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Law

SECRETARY.

R.H. Chapman, Esq.
B.R.C.S., 92, King Street,
Manchester.

June 5th.

re 2778B Albert Ross Rowney, 10th Battalion, A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported Killed in Action on 8-10-17.

We are making further enquiries in the hope of learning full details of his death and will send you any information that we receive.

Regretting the distressing character of this news.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Law

SECRETARY.

36th. April. 1918.

London, 11. 3016.

1. October. 1917. Betts. D/B.

Info:- Private J. A. Robertson. 5202.
46th. Australian. C. 11.
Australian Camp.
Korallen.

222

2nd. May. 1911.

Annals, O. P. 1506.

4. October. 4, 1917. No. 2, 3.

He was a Corporal. He was single, from Western District, Victoria.
He was killed by a shell at Abchurch Lane during the advance.
He was buried out in the open.

Inf: A. L. Solgor. 76.
39th. Australian. M.C.
No. 26. Ambulance Train.

235.

Grateful

Letter

F. C. Francis

June 13/18

A. R. Rowney
K/A.S. 10-15-18

To: Sec. Am. Red Cross Society

Dear Miss

Yours by hand of 10-15-18
re Albert Ross Rowney
Thank you very much
for the information of
the above named soldier
& will always be very
grateful to yourself & also
your Society for any
further information
that you may be able
to gather. The information

2
which you have furnished
me with is only as I have
expected but his parents
have been in a terrible
state about him & have
written me in reference
to him but something to
state it or that knowing
the good your society has
always done for the soldier I
considered you the best to
consult in the matter of
the above knowing what
information was obtainable
you would certainly obtain
furnish me with thanking
you once again

Very faithfully
A. R. Rowney

A Gift from
The Australian Comforts
Funds.

40-794
21001 G. Rowney
43rd Battalion
A.F.F.

France

April 21/18

John Red Cross Society

Could you kindly
give me any information
concerning ²¹¹⁸ Albert Ross^{St B.}
Rowney who has been
reported missing for
some few months & no
tidings of him so I would
be very pleased you
could furnish me with
any information I

A Gift from

**The Australian Comforts
Funds.**

do not know his H^{is} or
unit except that he was
in the Field Engineers

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s. Phige
Yours faithfully
G. H. H. H. H.

1/10/1918

Pourney

2778 ¹³²
AK

Albert Rose

10 Bm late

6/27 Bm

M 8-10-17

○ Orig A Coy 2 Dep 1-9-15

3 Dep 15-9-15

○ 6/27 Km 16-9-15

Trans from 27 Bm Rf5

1010 Km. Sciparum 28-2-16

Joined 15? Bm from Hq France 25-8-16

to Hq

Aug 1-15-16 at station, 118 Long Rd

○ Chickadee 11/11/2

○ Neg at Hq

○

gun.
32514 ~~Pte~~ F. A. Fernan

59th Battery A.F.A.
Ward 41
~~at~~ Hatfield

19.3.18

Re 2478 Pte G. R. Rowney 10th Batt.

M. 8.10.17

Missing Draft sent.

RECEIVED
OFFICE
OF THE
ADJUTANT
GENERAL

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OFFICE
OF THE
ADJUTANT
GENERAL

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

WALTHO,
4785

"Killed in Action 2.5.17."

I don't think I ^{can} help you in any way. Only when I was coming out from the line, I thought I saw Pte. Waltho lying in a trench. I asked some chaps that were standing near by at the time who it was and they said he belonged to the 6th Dgde. Trench Mortars. I think these chaps that I asked belonged to the same. He was very dark and had sharp features, about 5 ft. 9ins. in height. I was speaking to him the night we went into the line.

Letter from Pte. R.W. Lyons, 4784,
24 Battn. A.I.F.

London.
23.2.18.

22.18.

WALTHO
4785
24 Battn. A.I.F.
23.2.18.

To

13.3.18

Mrs M. Gregg Macgregor

Librarian

1st Aust. Hosp. at
Harefield

Dear Madam -

Re. 2448 Pte A.R. Rowney 10th Batt

Missing 8.10.17

Missing Draft sent.

MOBILITY

Richard Chapman Esq.
Enquiry Dept.

5-3-18

B.R.C.S

92 King St

Manchester

Re. 2478 B Plt A.R. Rowney
10th Batt A.I.F.

M. 8.10.17

Missing Draft Sailed.

16th February 1918.

Squirrel 2.5. No. 10346.

D/S 5th August 1917. Doc D/B.

I was told by Lieut Paul of the 6th Sde Bn., about the 15th August at Dunkirk, when we were with the Brigade, that he visited a dugout as signalling officer, where Squirrel¹ and found him badly wounded by a shell explosion; his other two mates being killed. He saw him sent to the D. Station and heard afterwards that he died of wounds. I don't know where he was buried. This was near Hemport. Squirrel was about 5 ft 6, rather stout, stout, fair hair, and fair complexion.

Inf:- B. A. R. L. Blackwell. No. 3501.

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Section 3.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS.

Library
1st A. A. H.
Harefield Park
Middlesex
9-3-1918.

20.3.18
13.3.18

Dear Miss Deakin
One of the patients here is anxious to
know about ^{2nd} Ross Rowney, C. Coy., 10th Battⁿ
who has been reported missing. Hoping that
you may be able to trace him without too
much trouble
Yours thankfully
(Miss) H. Legg MacLennan.

POSTAGE
PAID
12/21
MISS DEAKIN,
36 Grosvenor Street,
Hyde Park
London.

30.9.19.

Final Draft to

R. H. Chapman Esq.

B. R. C. S.

92 King St
Manchester

about

2778 A. R. Robney

10th B.

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The Australian Red Cross Society

(B.R.C.S.)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No.

7015-

Date May 28-1918

No. 3605-

Regimental Details of
Soldier enquired about.

Pte. H.W.G. O'Reilly
51st Battalion.

Details of Casualty.

{ Wounded (2nd 600.)

Information wanted.

{ Location & Condition

Please address all communications
to the
"HON. LOCAL ORGANISER."

TELEPHONE: CITY 2201

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY,
ENQUIRY DEPARTMENT
FOR WOUNDED AND MISSING.

92, KING STREET,
MANCHESTER.

Hon. Local Organiser: RICHARD H. CHAPMAN.

*Ans. 3-18
5-3-18*

4/3/1918

Dear Sir

We have received an Enquiry on behalf of cousin for

No. 2478 B Surname Rowney Christian Name A. R.

Rank Pte Regiment A. 9. 7. Batt. No. 10.

Company C Plat. or Battery Bgde. 3

Officially

~~Killed~~

Reported Missing on Oct 8 1917

Unofficially

Wounded

Where France

If unofficially reported give details.

Yours truly,

R. Fawcett

p. pro.

RICHARD H. CHAPMAN.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU)

36 GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON, S.W. 1.

19.3.15

Dear Sir

We are in receipt of your letter of inquiry for
2778 Pte G.R. Rowney 10th Batt A.I.F.
~~who is officially reported missing since 8.10.14~~

We regret that up to the present we have no information concerning his fate but are making every effort to obtain it.

As you will readily understand in cases of missing men, news of their death or capture is necessarily slow in coming to hand. Six weeks is the shortest period that elapses between the date when a man is posted missing and when his name appears on the German lists.

We shall be glad if you will at once advise us should you hear from Pte Rowney in Germany, as our Prisoners of War Department supplies all members of the A.I.F. captive in Germany with regular parcels of food.

As soon as we obtain any definite news as to his fate, we shall at once communicate with you.

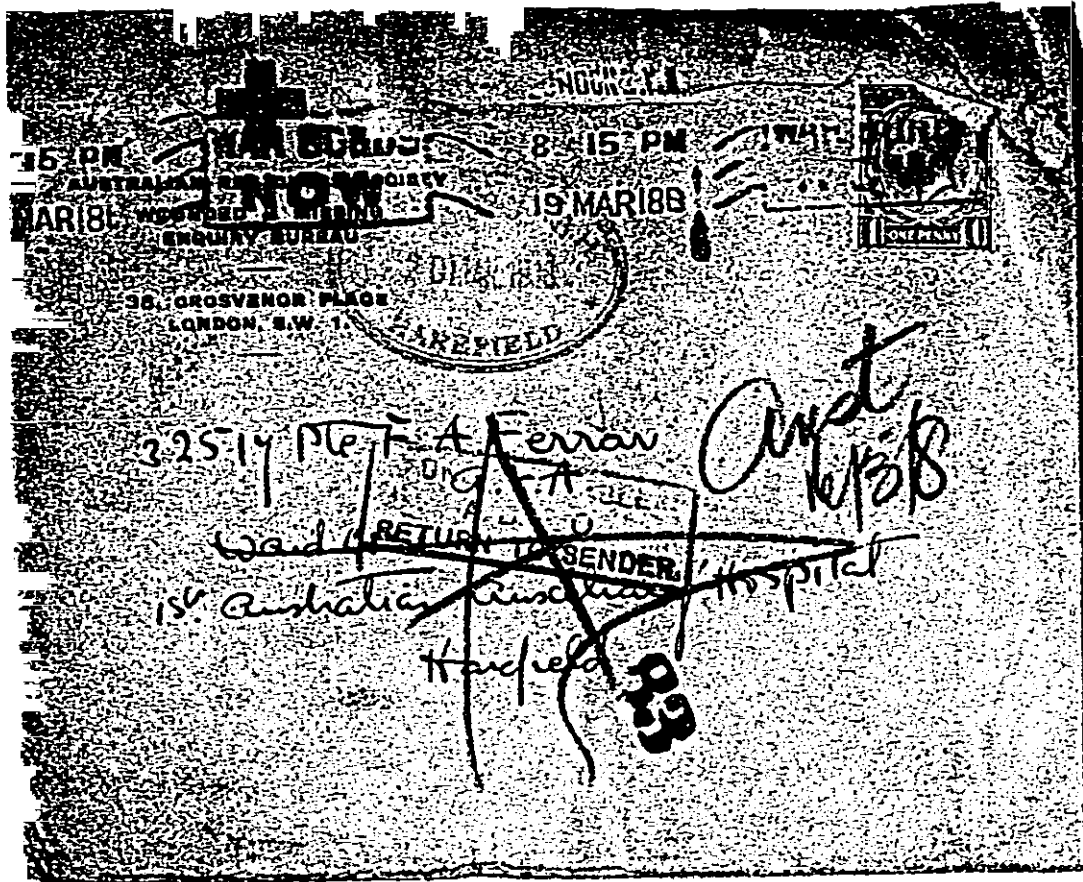
With sincere sympathy in your anxiety,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Mrs. G. A. R. R.

SIGNATURE



28.3.18.

Mrs. N. Gregg-Mac Gregor.
Library.
1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital.
Harefield.,

Dear Madam..

With reference to your enquiry concerning ~~He2778~~ Pte A.R. Rowney, 10th Battalion A.I.F., we have now received the following unofficial report, of his death from No. 699. Pte. A.F. Dryer, 10th Battn. 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital Harefield. He states that they were on Westhook Ridge on October 8th in Close reserve, and Rowney was in a dugout with several others, when a shell fell amongst them. Pte Rowney was wounded in the left leg and arm, and started walking back to our lines, saying before he went, "The men in the humpy were badly hurt, go and see to them." He pushed through our lines to a Dressing Station a mile away, and nothing more was ever heard of him. Our troops held the ground, but the road over which he travelled was being heavily shelled at the time we regret details are so indefinite, but hope that they may be of some comfort to your enquirers.,

Yours faithfully.

W. Craven
SECRETARY.

28.3.18.

R.H. Chapman Esq.,
Enquiry Department.
B.R.C.S., 92. Kings Street.
Manchester.,

Dear Sir.

With Reference to your enquiry concerning No. 2278 Pte. A.R. Rowney. Loth Battalion A.I.F. we have now received the following unofficial report of his death from No. 699 Pte. A.F. Dryer, 10th Btn. 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital. Harefield. He states that they were on Westhook Ridge on October 8th in Close reserve, and Rowney was in a dugout with several others, when a shell fell amongst them. Pte Rowney was wounded in the left leg and left arm, and started walking back to the lines, saying before he went "The men in the humpy were badly hurt, go and see to them". He pushed through our lines to a dressing Station a mile away, and nothing more was ever heard of him. Our troops held the ground, but the road over which he travelled was being heavily shelled at the time we regret that these details are so indefinite, but hope that they may be of some comfort to your enquirers..

Yours faithfully.,

W. Craven
SECRETARY.

9th May, 1918.

794 L/Cpl. C. Rowney,
43rd Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force,
B.M.F.

Dear Sir,

2778 B 10 Bells
With reference to your enquiry of 31st April, for
Pte. ALBERT ROSS ROWNEY, we much regret to inform you that
there is a 2778 B Pte. Albert Ross Rowney, 10th Battalion,
late 27th Battalion, A.I.F., who is officially reported missing
since 8-10-17. Although there is no record of his ever having
been in the Field Engineers - we fear this man must be the
subject of your enquiry as he is the only one of the name in
the A.I.F.

We regret to forward the following unofficial report
given by 6991 Pte. A.F. Dryer, 10th Bttn, A.I.F. on 19-3-18,
while in 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield.

He stated:- We were on Westhoek Ridge on Oct 8th, in
close reserve. A.R. Rowney and some others were in a dugout when
a shell landed killing one man and among others wounding Rowney.
He started back to our lines. He was wounded in the left leg and the
left arm. He said "The men in the humpy are badly hurt - go and
see to them." He passed through our lines to the dressing station
a mile away. I never heard any more of him. He held to ground.
They used to shell the road heavily over which he travelled."

As there has never been any trace of Pte. Rowney as a
prisoner of war we very much fear he must have sustained some

further casualty on his way back.

We are doing our utmost to obtain further and more definite news concerning him and will advise you as soon as we succeed.

Regretting we are unable to send you more satisfactory news and assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Mrs Ryan*

SECRETARY.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS,
WOUNDED & MISSING
ENQUIRY BUREAU.

AUSTRALIAN RED-CROSS,

36 Grosvenor Place,

S.W.1.

30.9.19.

Dear, Sir

We beg to inform you that this office is now closing down and all our records are being sent to Australia. If you wish for any further information concerning; -

2778 A. R. Rowney 10² Bu A.I.F.
we should be glad if you would advise us, as soon as possible, so that we may send your enquiry to our office in Australia. At the same time you will understand that it will take many months before you will receive any further information, as every enquiry will have to be sent to Australia and dealt with from there.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Lillian A. Whybrow.
Hon. Secretary.

R. H. Chapman Esq.

B. R. C. S.

92 King St.

Manchester

8, St. James Square,
Manchester.

We shall be glad if any further information which may come to hand
L. Whybrow
2/10/19