

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1755 Private
Clarence Powell

59th Battalion



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59th Battn.
A.I.F.

Powell.
Pte. Clarence 1755

"Killed in Action 19.7.16"

By a Court of Inquiry held on 21.7.17 Pte. Powell has been officially reported as killed in action on 19.7.16. I regret I am unable to give you any details of his death or burial. Immediately after the action on 19.7.16 thorough enquiries were made concerning him but no information was obtained whatever. He was last seen with his Company just prior to the charge.

Letter from:-

The Orderly Room Sgt.
59th Battn. A.I.F.
22.10.17.

London.
30.10.17.

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Dec. 8th 1916

AUSTRALIANS 59

POWELL. C. 1755

M. July 19/16

I know Powell well. He comes from Victoria. He is about 6ft. 1 fair, about 25 unmarried. He was wounded on the 19th July. I heard from some of his friends about a week later that he had been taken to a hospital in France.

Informant J.E. Flynn 5797

50th A.I.F.

No. 2 Gen. Hosp. (Casino)

R.B.F.

O.A.M.

59th BATTALION A.I.F.

59TH
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BATTALION

22nd October 1917.

To,
The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
54 Victoria St.
London S.W.1.

59th Btltn:
K/A 19-7-16 M

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16th inst, regarding 1755 Pte Clarence POWELL.

By a Court of Inquiry held on 21.7.17 Pte Powell has been officially reported as killed in action on 19.7.1916.

I regret I am unable to give you any details of his death or burial. Immediately after the action on 19.7.16 thorough enquiries were made concerning him but no information was obtained whatever.

He was last seen with his Company just prior to the charge.

Sergeant.
Orderly Room Sergeant,
59th Battalion A.I.F.

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15-10-17

42 Hopetoun Street
Esslemire
Melbourne Victoria

To the
Australian Red Cross
London
Australia
June 24th 1917.

Dear Sir

My husband Private
Clarence Powell has been missing
since July 19th 1916 the last letter
received from him was from France dated
July 10th 1916. he was in C. Coy 59th to Attalia.
13th Div. Brig. Last February I received a letter from
a soldier in France to say that my
husband was a prisoner in Germany but
that is all I have ever been able to find out
about him. I have often wondered if he
is a prisoner, or if he would be in a hospital
out of his mind, so I am sending you a
photo, and I would be glad if you
would give it to the people connected
with the red cross that go through the
hospitals. He was 24 years of age & has a
dark complexion dark curly hair. Brown
eyes & a full set of teeth. Hoping
I will be able to get some news through the
red cross.

Yours sincerely
Mildred Powell.

October 16th, 1917.

Mrs. Mildred Powell,
-2, Hopetoun Street,
Elsternwick, Melbourne,
Victoria, AUSTRALIA.

Dear Madam,

We received your letter of 27.6.17 in which you ask
for news of your husband No 1755 Pte. Clarence Powell,
C. Coy, 59th Battalion,
A.I.F.

We are very sorry indeed that we have no information
to give you, except what you already know namely that he is
officially reported Missing since 19.7.16. We have made
every possible inquiry about him and we wish we could give
you some hope of his being a prisoner but we fear that, as so
long a time has elapsed since he was reported Missing, without
any news being heard of him, there can now be very little doubt
as to his fate.

His name has never been on any German list sent to us of
Prisoners of War. We return the photograph you so kindly
sent us as we feel you may like to have it back. You have our
sincerest sympathy in your grief at the loss of your husband,
who has so bravely sacrificed his life for his country.

M. J. C.

Yours faithfully

October 16th, 1917.

The Orderly Room Sargeant,
69th Battalion, Aust. Infantry,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We shall be very grateful to you if you will be so
kind as to send us any information you can about

No. 1755 Pte. Clarence Powell,
59th Battalion,
A. I. F.

who is officially reported Missing since 19.7.16.

We have been unable to find out any particulars about
him, and are anxious to obtain details to send to his wife,
and most particularly those relating to his death and burial,
if you have a record of any.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

M. F. W.

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October 29th, -1917.

Orderly Room Sergeant,
R. Wildman,
59th Australian Infantry Bttn,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you for your letter in answer to our
enquiry concerning

1755 Pte. Clarence Powell,
59th Battalion,
A.I.F.

The information and details you have supplied will be of much
assistance to us, and of value to our enquirers.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

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