Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6848 Private
Joseph Price

4th Battalion



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A.I.F. 4th Battn.

PRICE
Joseph 6848

"REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR"

Arrived Hull 4/1/19
Cert. by List from A.I.F.Hqrs 7/1/19

London
10/1/19

OFF.M.

A.I.F. 4th Battn.

PRICE
Joseph 6848

"MISSING 11/9/18"

Prisoner of War - "Wounded"

Cert. by Frankfurt List 1324 - received 23/10/18.

Mr Joseph Price,
Boldon Colliery
Durham.

London
24/10/18.

OFF.M.
& P.I.

A.I.F. 4. PRICE, J. 6848.

M. September 11th, 1918.

He was left in a deep dugout in charge of 8 or 9 prisoners; we were somewhere about 6 kilos. in front of Peronne. The Germans attacked and got behind us and we had to fight our way out and had no time to tell Price to come away. We saw the Germans swarm over the dugout and they must have taken Price P/W. They held the place for 24 hours and when we retook it we did not find anyone in the dugout and there was no sign of a struggle, so I do not think Price was killed; he would not have resisted since there was no chance of any successful resistance. It was flat ground and we could easily see the place where the dugout was. Price was a nuggetty fellow, short, and thickset, aged about 37, with a very bald head, about which we used to chaff him, a 'Geordie', i.e., he came from the North of England, but enlisted in Sidney in 1917. He was an officer's servant and in my platoon.

ABHH.

Informant:- Pte. W.Newton. 3584. D.XV.
11 Stat.Hosp.

Rouen,
23.10.18.

P.I. & P/W

Telephone No.—REGENT 6640.

Enquiry Department for Wounded and Missing,

18, CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE, S.W.1.

Telegrams "NATIONALLY, CHARLES"

BRITISH RED CROSS AND ORDER OF ST. JOHN

According to a Frankfurt List No. 1324 received 18-10-18 we are glad to inform you that Pte. Joseph Price 6848

Regt. 4 A.I.F

is reported Prisoner of War, Camp not stated. For all further information please apply to the ~~Central Prisoners of War Committee, 3 & 4, Thurloe Place, S.W.7,~~ Australian Red X, 36 Grosvenor Place London S.W. enclosing this card, and adding Battalion and Regimental No.

He is rep. Wounded

POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

½d. Stamp.

Mr Joseph Price
Boldon Colliery
Durham

A. Redhead Esq 10.10.18
Treas.
Durham Miners Association
57 Fenwicks Row
Boldon Colliery
Co. Durham

Re. 6963 Pte Joseph Price 4th Batt.
M. 11.9.18

Missing Draft sent.

Durham Miners' Association

BOLDON LODGE.

Oct 4th 1918

57 Fenwicks Row
Boldon Colliery
Co Durham

Ans 10.10.18

Dear Sir

I am appealing for a little assistance to try & locate the whereabouts of Pte Joseph Price No 6848, 4th Battalion First Brigade Australian Imperial Forces. France. The last letter they received from him was on August 4th 1918 & they received a letter from Pte John McDermont of the same regiment on Sep 21st 1918 stating that Price was guarding some prisoners when he was surrounded & the platoon could not get to him any further Particulars you may require I will be pleased to give to you thanking you for past favours.

Yours Sincerely

A Redhead Treasurer

No 6963.

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Durham Miners' Association

BOLDON LODGE.

Oct 23rd 1918.

57 Fenwicks Row
Boldon Colliery
Co Durham
6963 41 Bltn

Dear Sir

I received telegram relating to J Price & I am extremely obliged to you, and I am requested by his friends for me to express to you their thanks for the kind manner you have given to their case again thanking you for your services

Yours Sincerely

A Redhead Treasurer

Durham Miners' Association

BOLDON LODGE.

Oct 10th 1918.

57 Fenwicks Row
Boldon Colliery
Co Durham

Dear Sir,

Yours to hand re my enquiry as to Pte Joseph Price × 6898. 4th Batt. A.I.F. I have to thank you for your letter & hope to hear from you when you hear anything of this soldier

Yours Truly
A Redhead
Treasurer

× No 6963

6th November 1918.

A. Redhead, Esq.,
Treasurer,
Durham Miners Association,
57, Fenwick's Row,
Boldon Colliery,
Co. Durham.

Dear Sir,

In reference to your enquiry for 6848 Pte. J. Price, 4th Battn., A.I.D., we beg to inform you that we have received an unofficial report of his capture from 3584 Pte. W. Newton interviewed at the 11th Stationary Hospital, B.E.F. He stated that Price was in a deep dugout in charge of 8 or 9 Prisoners, somewhere about four miles in front of Peronne. The Germans attacked and got behind them, and they had to fight their way out; not having time to call him. The Germans swarmed over that dugout, and when they re-took it 24 hours later, they could find neither Pte. Price or any signs of a struggle. As resistance was impossible he was undoubtly taken Prisoner, which has turned out to be the case. Pte. Newton described him as a short thickset man of 37, with a bald head, known as "Geordie". He came from the North of England, but enlisted in Sydney in 1917, and then became an Officer's servant.

As soon as we receive Pte. Price's present address in Germany, we will again advise you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

O.W.P.