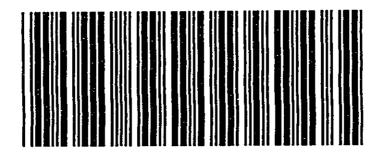
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War 1DRL/0428

Lieutenant Thomas Kingsley Rowan

4th Field Artillery Brigade



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ROWAN Lieut Thomas & K.

Killed in action 23/8/18

Previously reported Hissing in Action 23/8/18 - Now reported Killed in Action 25/8/18, by Court of Enquiry No. 3 held at A.I.F. Hddrs London on 15/10/19 (C.I.B.L. 5649)
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Rowan Lieut T.L.

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Inf:- Gunner H. C. Shiflinglaw No. 10473.

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4th Brigade. A.F.A.

"Missing 23-8-18"

He was in 12th Battery. There was a stunt on early That morning and later he told the Signallers to have a rest and at 11.a.m. he went ferward to have a lock round. I last saw him hoing along in the trenches. When he did not return we went out and searched everywhere, but could not find any trace of him.

Informant: - Bir. Snowden. C.D. 8579.
12th Battery. 4th Brigade.
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ROWAN. T.K. Lieut.

"Missing 23-6-18"

Lieut Rowan went forward to do a reconnaissance, and our lines and the German lines were in one system of trenches and wealt think that he went too far forward and got into German trenches by mistake or been taken prisoner. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Jc.

Description: - .

Home address:
C/O R.A. Miles. Informant: - Postle.F.C. Lieut.

34 Gt Queen St. (capable of giving accurate and Kingsway.W.C.S. intelligent information)

4th Field Artillery.

Whitechapel.E.I.

Alice Trewby.

London.

11-10-18.

H.G.

Note: - No trace F/W 24-9-18.

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REOMAN. T.K. Lieut.

"Missing 23282.18"

I state that Lieut Rowan went out from the Battery roaming round by the front line at Franvillers, Peronne Sector, on the morning of saying he would return in helf an hour. Nothing further was ever heard of him and though every inch of ground was searched by other officers of the battery. On the following morning, attack was continued and further search made. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- No.
Description:- Well built, dark, black moustache.
Home address:-

27 Waller Road, New Cross, S.E.

Informent:- Driscall H. J. Lieut. (entirely relable)
4th Brigade, A. F. A.
3rd London General.
WANDSWORTH.

W.Arnoll Davies. London 11.10.18. Police

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16th Octr 1918.

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Rowen Lieut T.K.

H. 23rd August 1918.

I knew him by sight. "He was attacked to a different battery to mine. He and lieut J.C. Even of the 4th Arking rigade 11th Batty MH. MC., & DCM., went out as Liason Officers at Harbonnieres near Villers Bretonneux, and Lieut Even returned safely, but Lieut Rowan never returned, and we believe that he got too far forward or lost his way, and got taken P/W. We sent out several searching parties but could find no trace of him. If he had been killed undoubtedly we should have found him. Perhaps Lieut Ewen could give more information. He is at present in hospital somewhere in England.

Inf:- Pto C.C. Cusack No. 14606.
A.P.A 4. 11.
Hospital Ship.

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"Missing 23-8-18."

"Lieut. T.K.Rowan, 12th Battery, A.I.F., was detailed as F.O.O, in the operations on the 23-8-18. He established communication with Group Headquarters and messages were received from him up to 9 a.m. About that time he told his telephonists that he was going forward to recommoitre, the situation at the time being obscure. He went forward by himself. A report was received from Headquarters about 5.30 p.m. that no word had been received from Rowan since 9.30 a.m.

Two Officers at once went forward and searched the communication and front line trenches to ascertain the time and in what sector he had last been seen. Several remembered seeing

him before about 10 a.m. out not after that hour.

A search was made the next morning by the Battery O.P. Officer. A report was received by Headquarters that a subaltern with red and blue diamend shaped patches on his jacket was lying dead within 200 yards of the crucifix outside Herleville, so a thoough search of the sector was made on the 25th August immediately after the enemy had retired. No trace could be found of Rowan, the officer reported being an Infantry subaltern of the 22nd Battalion with the H.C.

London, 7-11-18.

Informant: - .W.H.St. Clair, Hajor, 17th Battery, R. A. Hess, H. P.1. Shoebaryness.

15th November 1918.

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A. F.A. 4.

Rowan Lieut T.K.

E. 23rd August 1918.

This officer was in an O.P. in the day with a signather valled Shilling Kan. Pritz raided the post, and Shilling Kan got away and reported - I heard him - that he had left hir. Rowan there, and that he was not wounded.

Inf:- Dvr W.H.Viles No. 25619.
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10th November 1918.

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Rown Lieut T.E.

11. 23rd August 1918.

He was my officer. About the 23rd August we were at Herleville in front of Prommeville. Hr. Rowen took out on observation party of 6 - I being one of them - to try and find out the exact position of our pre new front line. It was a perfect maze of trenches and Hr. Rowan went on by himself. That is the last we saw of him. We waited from between 1 and 2 hours and we he did not return we receive searched the place till 6 p.m. "At night the u.C. of the Battery and some others searched the ground. There were a deal of shelling all the time, and there were Germans in all sorts of places, so it is impossible to say what happened to him.

Inf:- Gunner R. Collier No. 11461. Australian Conv. Depot.

CWSG.

4th F.A.Datto. A.I.F.

"MISSING 23-8-18"

On the morning of Aug. 23rd Lieut. Rowan in company with Lieut. Ewen, 11th Battn., and signallers were forward Observation Officers during the attack on Hadame Wood. On the objective being reached, Lieut. Rowan went forward to establish a new out-post - that was the last heard of him. Search was made by Lieut. Ewen and O.C. c of the 12th Battn. The objective was reached and dead collected, no trace of Lieut. Powan being found. The idea in the Battn. is that he was captured. The ground was held. I was not an eye-witness but was teld by Lieut. Ewen, 11th Battn. now in hospital, England?

Home Address:Engerslie,
Burton Road,
Coniord,
N.S.W.

Informant - Wetts.Gnr.H. 1102 (Satisfactory) 10th_F.A. 8th Bdg. _ War Hospital _ _ BATH.

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"Missing 23-8-18."

Re Liept. T.K. Rowan, 4th Div. Artillery, who was reported "Missing on the 23rd August 1918." On that date I was with the 4th Divisional Artillery, but did not know of any Officer by that name in the Unit. I have enquired from several other 4th Divisional Artillery Ufficers, and they also do not know him. Perhaps he may be in another Division.

Letter from: - Keith Ewan, 4th Aust. Divl. Artillery, Headquarters.

London 23.11.18. I.E.D.

J. M. P. I.

A.I.F. Artillery 4th Brigade. ROMAN T.K. Lieut.

"Missing 23.8.18."

He was one of the whitest men out. He took his batman and went out; sent the batman back with horses and never heard anything more of him.

Informant: - 3353, Wdlkinson, Ward 9, Harefield.

D.P. Dickson. London 20.12.18. J.E.A. Note:-

He information, but may be appreciated by his family.

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ROWAN, T. K. 2nd Lieut.

"Missing" . 23-8-18

"I knew Casagity. He was a thick-set man, about 6 ft. dark complexion, about 30 years of age, known as "Tom". Casagity was in the advance at Vanx Villers. He was an Officer working in connection with the Infantry and I was walking along with him and we got to a place known as Crucifix Corner. There was a dag-out there and he told me to stay there, and that he was going to Co. H.C. That was at 11 a.m. and was the last I saw of him."

Informent:- Rte. N. J. Shillinglow. No. 10473, 4th F.A.B:

Private address:113 Mapier Street,
South Melbourne,
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Kindly send to heit. L. H.R. Gordon Ul-C. Wand Sworth Commen. 27.12.18

Eller Capt. Ewaw 14.11.11 Pr J.K. Ros 4. 3.a.p. The Secretary. Society London from your society enquiring about an officer of the 4th Dwishty, for T.K. Rowaw, who was reported russing on the 23 Fuguet 15. on he On that date I was with the of Dw Arty, but did not know of any Official by that name in the Unit. I have enquired from several other of Dw Arty Offices and they also do not know him. I what he may be no another Direction. Jour Jay thelly Air Aby All

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October 8th, 1918.

Mrs. Rowan, Darloy. Hast Kilbride. Lanarkshire. N.B.

Dear Madam.

With reference to your enquiry for - Lieut. T.K. ROWAR. 4th Field Artillery Brigado. A.I.F. - We regret to inform you of an emofficial report we have now received about him from one of the men in his unit.

Australian Camp in France stated:— ""He was my officer. On the lith August we were at Vaux Villers on liason work. Hr. Rowan was forward observation officer, and about 10 a.m. I was in the front line. Hr. Rowan left we while he went to have a look round at the different observation posts. He said that he would not be away more than 1 ho r. He did not return so I and another went to have a look for him, and searched for 2 hours without result. The ground was much broken with trenches and saps, so that it is quite possible that a body could be overlooked. There was a deal of M.G. and shell fire at the time, and I think he was killed."

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you as noon as any further reports reach us. Trusting that this information may be of some assistance to you and regretting that it is so indefinite.

Yours faithfully.

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Secretary.

D.N.S :

October 15th, 1918.

Mrs. Rowan, Derley. East Kilbride, Lanarkshire.

Dear Madam.

In reference to your enquiry for Lieut. T.K. ROWAH.

4th Field Artillery Brigade. 2nd Divisional Artillery. A.T.F.

who was reported "Missing on 23-8-18" We regret to inform you of an unofficial report given by 8579 Bar.C.D. Snowden of the same unit when interviewed recently at the 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital. Dartford. He stated that he was in the same unit as Lieut. Rowan. There was an attack on early in the morning on 23/8/18, and that at about 11 o'clock ht. Rowan told the signallers to have a rest while he went forward to have a look round.

Snowden says he last saw Lt. Rowan going along the trenches and as he did not return they went out to look for him but after searching everywhere could find no trace of him.

We are continuing our enquiries and as soon as we receive further details we shall let you know and regret that up to the present we have been so unsuccessful.

With sincere sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully. V. W. Y.

Secretary,



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Mrs. Rowan, Darley, Bast Kilbride, Lanarkahire.

Dear Mrs. Rowen,

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We are receiving many unofficial reports about your brother-in-law, Lieut. T.K. Rowan, 4th Field Artillery Brigade, A.I.F., all identically the same, confirming what you have already heard from other men. Unfortunately, we can get no further information of Lieut. Rowan after he left the telephonists at the outpost, and some of the informants are of the opinion that he may have wandered into the German lines by mistake.

As over two months have passed since the casualty occurred, we fear that there is little liklihood of this supposition being correct, for we generally learn of an Officer's being a Prisoner

within a month of his capture.

Unless we receive different information, do you still wish us to send you the unofficial evidence confirming what you already know, and which in most cases not as detailed.

Regretting that we have not had more hopeful news.

Yours sincerely.

(Miss)

Secretary.

November 15th, 1918.

Capt. K.Ewan, 4th Aust. Div. Artillery Headquarters, A.i.f. Warminster.

Dear Sir.

Thank you for your letter of the oth inst., and for the trouble you have taken in ondeavouring to trace Light. T.W.ROWAL. We regret that owing to a clerical orror of our part the initials T.K. (through confusion with Lt. T.K. Rowan) were attached to your name with the result that Headquarters forwarded to us the address of Capt. K.Ewan instead of that of Light. J.C.Ewan and our enquiry was unfortunately sent to you.

with apologies for troubling you.

Yours faithfully,

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December 27th, 1918.

Lt. L.H.R. Gordon. "MC"

1st A.F.Art. Ward C 5.

3rd Lon. Gen. Hpl.

Wandsworth.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry dated 23.12.18, regarding Lt. T.K.ROWAN. 4th Fld. Art. Bde. A.I.F. We regret to inform you that there is no definite information to hand regarding his ultimate fate, and he is still posted as Missing as from 23.8.18. though we fear that after such a long lapse of time without news that he must have been Killed in Action on the above date.

We have received numerous unofficial reports from men in his unit. 11461 Gar. Collier & tes: - Lt. Rowan was my officer - about the 20rd August we were at Herleville in front of Fraunneville; Mr. Rowan took out an observation party of 6 - I being one of them - to try and find out the exact position of our new front line. It was a perfect maze of trenches and Mr. Rowan went on by himself - that is the last we saw of him. We waited from between 1 and 2 hours, and as he did not return we searched the place till 6 p.m. At night the 0.C. of the battery and some others searched the ground - there was a deal of shelling all the time, so it is impossible to say what happened to him." This evidence is confirmed by further similar reports given by Major St. Clair, Lt. Driscall, and 8579 BdB. Snowden and others.

We deeply regret that the above evidence is so indefinite and is anything further comes to hand we will at once advise you. Assuring you of our very sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend and with best wishes.

Yours faithfully.

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Secretary.

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2nd Lieut. ROWAN, T.K. 4th F.A.B. A.I.F.

11.4.19. Berlin Information Buro. No card. Referring to Frankfurt Red Cross, Limburg, and P.O.24.

8.5.19. Gustrom report no trace.

23.6.19. Nachweise Buro has a card referring to Lt. Rowan, P.O.W.

No Christian name given. Aviator. Reported by Inspection
des Fliegertruppen sub. Z.G.N. 392/2/15.

Inspec. a Fliegertruppen record: The Germans 11th Army shot down on 3.1.18. a B.E. Double seater Machine No. 6206 with a Siddeley Deasy Motor No. 4427 with 2nd Lieut Tracey and Lieut Rowan on board. Both taken prisoners.

30.6.19. Berlin Information Buro. 161st Res. Inf. Regt. and 94th and 95th and 96th Bav. Inf. Regts. did not exist.

Frankfurt Red X. advises to enquire with the ax 6th Etappen Lager.

5.6.19. Limburg report No trace.

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Have written to Units opposite, rendered by A.I.F. H.Qrs 4 of which do not exist.

R.I.R. 232 Erst. Batt. of Inf. Regt. 32. Meiningen report R.I.R. 232 was dissolved in May 1918 and cannot have been there.

R.I.R. 52. Auflosungs Kdo. Cottbus report "No trace" Bav. I.R. 19 reply No trace.

- 9.7.19. Nachkommando, des Ersatz Batt. Res. Inf. Regt. 28 at Wildeshausen report that they have not got the respective books (Akten)
- 8.7.19. lst Bav. I.R. report: Therough investigations were without result.
- 7.7.19. Sanitats Abt. 15. Cassall No trace.

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Posial Address: A.P.O. 840 COLO HILL (Breek)

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2nd Lieut. ROWAN, T.K. 4th F.A.B. A.I.F.

Erstz Bn. Inf. Regt. 32. Meiniargen report: The files of R.I.R. 232 are not to be found with the Auflosungs Kdo 15.7.19. II Ers. Batt. I.R. 32. Z.N. report No trace. 15.7.19 Train Ers. Abt. 7. Munster i/W sent enquiry on to Sanitats Dept. 7. Munster. The latter say that the books of Sanitats Department 7 of Field Laz. 72 were forwarded to 20.7.19. H.K.L. The H.K.L report under 19.7.19 that the Feld Laz.72 were not in action at the time in question. Res Inf. Regt. 65 report from Haselunne cannot render any 28.7.19. information as records of R.I.R. 65 have been sent to Berlin W.O. Res. Inf. Regt. 227. Halle 75 No trace. The paybooks of 1.8.19 the Regt. have already been given up to the German K.M. (W.O.) Bav. Inf. Regt.21. Furth i/B Abwicklungs Stelle. No 4.8.19 trace 28.7.19. K.M. Heeresarchiv Leipzigerstrasse 5. records of Res. 6.8.19 Inf. Regt. 65 are not there, but with the Grosse Generalstal (Prufungs Stelle für Kriegsakten) I.R. 94 (Weimar) replies: This Regt. was at Chaulnes on 23.8.18. In the first half of August it had the 4th 6.8.19. Aust. Div. opposite. Made only very few Australian prisoners. Lt. Kingesley. Nothing known. Weimar. Nothing known. 8.8.19. Res. Inf. Regt. 232. do not possess any records in which 14.8.19.

Rowans name was mentioned.

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c/o. Eritish Military Mission
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Australian Headquarters
[130] Horseferry Rd.
London S. W. I.

Herewith the finalised case of

2nd Lieut. ROWAN. T. R. 4th F. A. B.

Flease bring this file to the personal notice of Major J. A. Weale, Records.

Chills Gaptain 2. I. F. Berlin

Enclosure.