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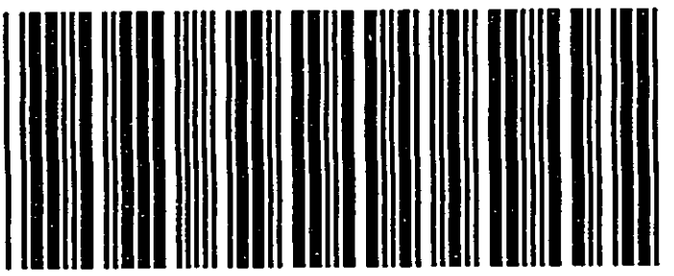
258 Sergeant
Frank James Rowley

4th Machine Gun Company



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A.I.F. 4th M.G.Coy.
late 14th Btn

ROWLEY
Sgt F.J. 258

"W. July-Aug"

Killed in Action 8-8-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 6-6-17.

London
8-6-17

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A.I.F. 4th M.G.Coy.
late 14th Battn.

ROWLEY
F.J. 258

"Wounded July-Aug".

Wounded - suffering from wound in arm - 8-8-16
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters - 23-9-16

"Missing" - 8-8-16
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters List - 27-9-16.

London
29-9-16

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Odd.

A.I.F.
4th M.G.Coy.
late 14th Btn.

ROWLEY
Sgt. Frank James 258

Killed in Action 8.8.16.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Captain Mills 10.10.19.

London.
22.10.19. H.

ROWLEY.F.H.J. Pte.258. 14.A.I.F. Is now on the Peninsula and all right. Was wounded in May. Is now a Sgt.
Reference: Dight. 536. 14.A.I.F.

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14th A.I.F.

ROWLEY
Pte. F.G.258

(W.June 16th)

Pte. Rowley was shot through the upper arm. He was quite well in August and had returned to the Peninsula.

Ref:-

Cpl. R.S.Blamey;
14th A.IF.
1st A.G.H.
Heliopolis.

J.S.StClair,
Cairo,
1:11:15.

14 A.I.F.

ROWLEY
Pte. F.G. 258.

(W. 18 June.)

Informant states that Bowley is back again on the Penisula. He was wounded on the 19th May and went to Luna Park, Cairo. He is now Corporal and was last seen by informant at the end of July.

Ref:- Pte.M.W.O'Connor, 1543, 14 A.I.F.
3rd Aust. Gen. Hosp. Mudros.

G.E.B.
19:11:15.

Moore's Modern Methods, Ltd. London, England. Binder and holes in leaves, Pat'o No. 6775. 1906

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14 A.I.F. # 13.6.15. F.J. Rowley 253

Witness seemed satisfied as to identity of Rowley and further stated he came from Hawthorn or Glenferrie (Victoria). Short, about 22 and fair. Wounded in arm by shrapnel May 19 at Courtney's Post, same time as witness, both went to Egypt, and Rowley left for Front early in July. He was at Lemnos and in good health, when witness left about Oct.22.

Acting Cpl. C.B. Smith 382
Machine Gun Section
14 A.I.F.

MALTA Ghain Tuffieha 26.11.15.

F. de V.L.

Alexander Cameron.

14th Batt. A.I.F.

ROWLEY
Pte. F.G. 258.

(W.)

Admitted 2nd Statinary Hospital, Mudros, 22/9/15,

suffering from Septic sores.

Cert. by:-

Records Office,
3rd Echelon,
Alexandria.

Cairo,
29:11:15.

(L.)

Cancel.

14 A.I.F.

ROWLEY
Pte F.G. 258.

W. June 16th.

Frank Rowley was wounded in June by our own shrapnel and was in machine gun section with witness, who saw him a fortnight ago at Anzac after his return from hospital.

Ref:- 432 Corp. C.Jordan, C Co.
R.C.C. I5.I[illegible].I5.

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A.I.F. 4th Machine Gun Coy. ROWLEY, Sgt.F.J. 258
BROWN, L/Cpl.J.L. 1705

W.& M. Aug.8th.1916.
K.Aug.8th 1916.

I was with these two men when they were hit in the attack at the Ridge on August 8th. We went out with the third wave, and had just got to our position where we were going to dig in for the gun, then they were both wounded, Lce.Cpl.Brown in the nose, and shoulder - and Sergt.Rowley through the hip. Lce.Cpl.Brown left first to go to the dressing station, and has never been seen since, and he never reached the Dressing Station. Sergt. Rowley went about a quarter of an hour afterwards, but he too never reached the Dressing Station. We were behind our first line, so they could not have been taken prisoner. The Germans dropped a barrage and shelled very heavily.

Informant: Lce.Cpl.Bailey. 2484
H.S. "Jan Breydell"
BOULOGNE. 14.2.1917. EFN

AUS: M.G.C. 4. ROWLEY Sgt.F.J.258.

W.& M. 8.8.16.

We were out on an advanced position at Pozieres on 8th.Aug. This man was wounded by a shell and started back for the D.S. There was a heavy fog on at the time. He was never seen again. I did not see him wounded as I was back in the front line, but my brother, Pte.C.E.Hobbs, No.2 Sect. 4th.M.G.C. did, and told me about it the same night when he came in. My brother is still with the Co.

SA.

Reference: Pte.P. Hobbs. 4209. No.2 Sect.
51 Gen. Hosp.

Staples.
14.2.17.

Written Pte Hobbs 24.2.17

4th M.G.Coy.
A.I.F.

ROWLEY.
Sgt. F.J. 258.

"Killed in Action 8-8-16"

Rowley and I were on same Company. (4) and I knew him very well. He was one of original men. Short, stout man pleasant, fadr headed, about 25. In Pozierre First battle, just after the hop over with 15th Battalion, We were mostly under a heavy shell fire. He was on a gun about 30 yards away. He got hit in leg by piece of shell which exploded very near us. He got his wound bandaged and was advised to go back. The direction was pointed out to him but he was very dazed - seemed to have lost his sense of direction. I suggested somebody go back with him, but he started on his own. If he went directly back towards our front line he would get under a cruel hail of shells. I suggest he may have wandered into German lines and got caught. I personally knew nothing further of him after he left us at that point.

Informant:- Bowen. S/Sgt. H.N. 3233.
4th M.G.Coy.
3rd A.A.H.DARTFORD.

R.P.T.
London.
1-2-19.
J.E.A.

M.

no card
no 229

This is my Son write etc

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CENTRAL ... COMMITTEE
25 NOV. 1916

Reg No 258

Sgt Frank J Rowley
4th Machine Gun Coy
4th Brigade
No 2 Section

He was transferred to this unit, he was previously in the Machine Gun Section of 14th Battalion when he left here 22 Dec 1914 & wounded at Gaba Tebe on 19 May 1915 & from Cairo he returned to Gallipoli & left at the evacuation & retired to Egypt & from there to France

I just give you these little particulars they may be of service or may not but we are a long way & it's as you know takes time

Yours Sincerely
L. Rowley
Father

14 Elphin Grove
Glenferrie
Melbourne
Victoria
Australia
18/10/16

PRISONERS OF WAR COMMITTEE
25 NOV. 1916

To the prisoners of War Committee

Dear Sirs

Hearing that you are somewhat connected with the Salvation Army and hearing of the good work you have done & are doing we thought that you might be able to trace our Son and at least we know that you will do your best for us sorrowing parents

We received a wire from the Defence Department here stating our Son was wounded, cable date London 31/8/16 and then an urgent wire on 24/9/16 stating wounded & missing and since then we have been unable to hear any news so we are unable to give any further particulars we do not know the date of him being missing or any word about his wounds only just the bare information given you

London date

If you could give us any information concerning our Son you would be doing us a good christian kindness

In the defence department first report they gave us letter should be addressed c/o A.I.F. Headquarter 130 Horsferry Rd Westminster S.W.

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CENTRAL PRISONERS OF WAR COMMITTEE.

The Rt. Hon. Sir STARR JAMESON, Bart., C.B., Chairman
DONALD COWIE, Esq., Secretary

Cheques should be made payable to Sir Starr Jameson, and crossed Barclay & Co., not negotiable.

Telegrams: Prisoners, South Kensington, London
Telephone: Kensington 7040

Nearest Stations: BROMPTON ROAD TUBE. SOUTH KENSINGTON.

Please reply to:
THE SECRETARY,
Central Prisoners of War Committee,
and quote Records
J.D.

4, THURLOE PLACE,
[Nearly opposite the Brompton Oratory]
LONDON, S.W.

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29th November 1916

Dear Madam,

We beg to enclose enquiries for Australian soldiers which we have acknowledged.

No regiment is given, as you will see, for Sergt. Rowley, but we think he must be an Australian. If you do not trace him perhaps you will let us have the letter back.

Yours faithfully,

For the Secretary.

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross.

December 12th

Mr.L.Rowley
14.Elphin Grove.
Glenfernie
Melbourne Victoria

Dear Sir;

We have received a letter from you dated October 10th sent on from the Central Prisoners of War Committee. We regret that we cannot tell you that your son Sgt.Frank J. Rowley No.258. 4th.Machine Gun Coy.4th.Brigade is a prisoner, but we will make every effort to obtain further news of him, which we will at once cable to our Melbourne office, Colonial Mutual Chambers. 60.Market St. If you will apply there you will hear the result of our enquiries much more quickly than we can send them to you.

Assuring you of our deep sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

Pte. C.R. Hobbs,
No. 2 Section,
4 Machine Gun Co:
A.I.F., B.E.F.

258 Sgt. F. J. Rowley, 4 Machine Gun Co., B.E.F.,
wounded & missing - 8.8.16

Sgt. F. J. Rowley

P.M for F. M.