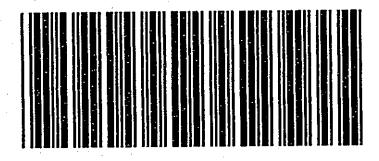
## Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War 1DRL/0428

## 3447 Private Frederick Charles Sims

53rd Battalion



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55rd. AUSTRALIANS

SIMS, P.C. 3447

M. July 20th. 1916.

He was in A. Company. Sims is a great friend of mine. He lived at wickless, Remostle, H.S. J. He was a Comister Maker at Arnold Ltd. Sydney. I had a letter from his mother (Railway Street, Wickless, Newsestle, N.S. W.) about February saying that she had been notified that her son was a prisoner of war. She did not tell as how she geto the information or from whom, I understand it was official reported this to the Battalian Orderly Ross, and he was posted in the Battalian as Prisoner of war.

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## NOTE TO SYDNEY

55rd Batn A.I.F. SIMSPte. F.C.

We have never obtained any confirmation of the official report that the above was a prisoner of War, which seems to have been based on a War Office list giving Chas. Simms 55rd Batn, home address Malveson. This is we think meant for 1725 Sam. Chas. Simms 55rd Batn and from whom we have since received post cards. We understand third echelon Records who are responsible for the report are being asked to delete the entry Prisoner of War efter the above name.

London. 10.10.17.

December 22nd,

Miss Deakin, Enquiry Bureau, Australian Red Cross Society,

Dear Miss Deakin,

Will you please let me have receipt for the enclosed 21 which we have received on behalf of 3447. Pte. F. C. Simps, 53rd. Batt. who is reported missing. I enclose the correspondence, and will be blad if you will deal with it.

I am.

Yours faithfully,

Asst. Secretary.

Mrs. S. Caldwell. December 28th, 1917.
No 2 Danger Street, Wickham.
Newcastle, N.S. Wales.
Australia.

Dear Madam,

We have received a letter from <u>Sgt.R.G.Shea</u>, Scotts' Limited Depot, Newcastle, N.S.W., Australia. on behalf of

No 3-47 Pte.F.C.SIMS, 53rd Battalion, A.I.F.

who was unfortunately reported incorrectly as a Prisoner of War. He has been Missing since 19.7.16, and as nothing has been heard of him since, we fear there is little hope of his being alive. He would advise you to still communicate with our Sydney Bureau, in case any further details should come to hand.

21 was enclosed for Pte.Sims from you for which we were very grateful, and we have passed that to our Contributions for expenses in connection with our Enquiry Bureau for Missing and Wounded, hoping you will not mind us doing so.

Regretting having such sad news to tell you and assuring you of our deepest sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

I.B.