

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3447 Private
Frederick Charles
Sims**

53rd Battalion



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9th June. 1917.

53rd. AUSTRALIANS

SIMS, P.O. 3447

M. July 20th. 1916.

He was in A. Company. Sims is a great friend of mine. He lived at Wickham, Newcastle, N.S.W. He was a Canister Maker at Arnold Ltd. Sydney. I had a letter from his mother (Railway Street, Wickham, Newcastle, N.S.W.) about February saying that she had been notified that her son was a prisoner of war. She did not tell me how she got the information or from whom. I understand it was official, reported this to the Battalion Orderly Room, and he was posted in the Battalion as Prisoner of war.

Informant; Lieut. W.E. Kemlo

53rd Batt., A. Co.

Australians.

RS. "Warrilla"

Bayre.

HRG.

Wick. Sydney please
investigate

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NOTE TO SYDNEY

53rd Batn
A.I.F.

SIMMS Pte. F.C.
5417

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 53rd Batn, home address Malvern. This is we think meant for 1725 Sam. Chas. Simms 53rd 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" after the above name.

London.
10.10.17.

No. <i>344</i> / Rank		Name <i>Simms</i>		Folio <i>76</i>		Ex. Adopters	
Particulars	Expenditure	Particulars	Special Donations	Pay Office	General	Donations	
<i>12-17 To Cash to Eng. Bureau</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>12-17 By Mr. S. G. Bell</i>	<i>5</i>				
		<i>per R. S. Bell</i>	<i>100</i>				
<i>2-18 To Cash to Eng. Bureau</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11-18 By Staff of S. G. Bell</i>	<i>6</i>				
<i>Refund of Cash</i>		<i>12-18 do do</i>	<i>20</i>				
<i>to H. G. Bell</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>624</i>				
	<i>10</i>						
<i>12-19 N.O. to N.S. M. Sect.</i>	<i>1</i>						

J.R.

December 22nd,

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Miss Deakin,
Enquiry Bureau,
Australian Red Cross Society.

Dear Miss Deakin,

Will you please let me have receipt for the enclosed £1 which we have received on behalf of 3447. Pte. F. C. Simms, 53rd. Batt. who is reported missing. I enclose the correspondence, and will be glad if you will deal with it.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Asst. Secretary.

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

Dear Madam,

We have received a letter from Sgt.R.G.Shea, Scotts'
Limited Depot, Newcastle, N.S.W., Australia. on behalf of
No 3447 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.

£1 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.

L.B.