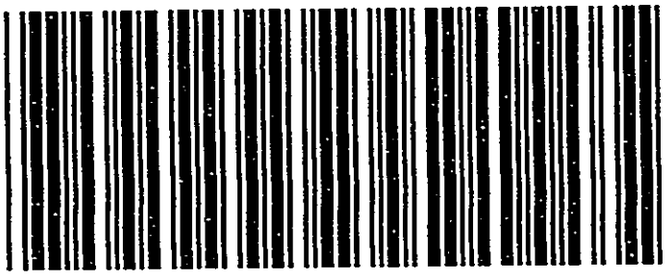
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3959 Private
John Wilson

9th Battalion



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A.I.F. 9th Btn

WILSON
J. 3959

"Wded & Missing"

Killed in Action 23-7-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 17-7-17.

B & P.I.

London
21-7-17

9th.Battn.A.I.F.

Wilson.J.
3959.

"W.&.M.22.7.16 Is he now with Unit?"

Now reported Wounded & Missing 23.7.16.
Cert: by A.I.F.Headquarters.26.3.17.

B.P.I.

London
10.4.17.

9th Battn.
A.I.F.,

Wilson
J. 3959

"Wounded & Missing 22-7-16"

I knew Wilson personally. he comes from Queensland we called him "Joe". He was wounded in the stomach and I saw him at Harefield early in September. he was in Ward 26.

Reference;- E.J.Kerr, 3069
9th Battelion, A.I.F.,
Southall Hospt.
27-9-16

London
~~27-9-16~~ 15-12-16.
W.E.James.

B. & P.I.

9th Battn.
A.I.F.,

~~Wilson~~
J. ~~3959~~ 3959

"Wounded & Missing 22-7-16"

2889.J.R.Wilson, 9th Battalion was here suffering with gunshot wound arm, and thigh, went to Weymouth 5-9-16.

Cert. by Telephone message from Harefield Hospt. 9-11-16.

London
27-11-16.

Off. E.
P.I.

9th Batt.
A.I.F.,

WILSON
J 3959

"W. & H. 22.7.16"

If this is James Wilson of A.Co. who left Australia on 30th Dec. 1915 with me as 12th reinforcements of 9th Batt. then he was back with unit when I left France in Nov. He had been wounded. He was a fine big fellow - rather fair. I think he came from Northern Rivers of N.S.W. Refer to Q.M.S. of A.Co. for confirmation.

Reference:- 3864 L/Cpl B Nielsen
9th Batt. A.I.F.,
Dartford,
23.2.17.

Note: Written Q.M.S. A.Co. 27.2.17.

London
5.3.17.
L.P.J.

B.
P.I..

9th Australian Imperial Force — Wilson J. 3959,

(W. & M. July 22nd 1916)

I know a man called Jim Wilson 9 C. from Kyagle, N.S.W. He was a stretcher bearer. He was with his Company from Sept. 2nd until Oct. I saw him last some time in October at Fricourt. There were a number of other Wilsons, but the above No seems about right for the Jim Wilson I mean".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Tall, well built, 25 or 26.

Informant: Pte. B. Mason 3839,
9th A.I.F., stretcher bearer,
3rd Southern General Hospt.,
Oxford.

Home address:
Kent St.,
off Lindsay St.,
Toowoomba,
Queensland.

March 2nd 1917,
H.M. Pickerd-Cambridge.

B. P.I.

Havre 3rd March 1917

9th AUSTRALIANS WILSON, J. 3959

W & M. 22nd July 1916

Wilson was in A. Co., 4th Platoon, R.C. Section. I know 3959 was his number; he was with the Battalion on the 25th February last when I left. He was away from the Battalion in July sick in Hospital. He rejoined us at the end of August 1916, or the beginning of Sept.1916. I knew him in Brisbane he lived - He is about 5'8", slim built, darkish and between 25 - 30 years of age.

Informant: Corporal E. C. Kershaw 3278
9th Australians A. Co. 3rd Pltn
H.S. "Formosa"
Havre

H.Q.

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Asst Dir HQ & Records 26307 RFC

9th A. I. F. J. WILSON, 3959.

Wounded & Missing 22.7.16.

At Pozieres he was wounded and lost his leg. He was sent to England and I saw him at Alexandra Hospital, Cosham. He was the only Wilson that I ever heard of in the 9th Batt., but the No. of the Wilson I knew does not correspond with that in the book, and I cannot remember what his No. was.

Reference: Cpl. W. A. McIntyre, 2854.

No.1 Australian, Rouen. 20.3.17.

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A. I. F. 9. WILSON, J. 3059.

W. & M. July 22nd, 1916.

There is a J. Wilson whose number begins with 39 in N.U. Conv. Camp, A.I.F. S.39, B.E.F. He is in I Coy. I saw him a few days ago. I think he is the man enquired for. I know the man I speak of was at Pozieres. He is a man of about 5'10", well dressed, and about 25 years of age. He comes from the Northern Rivers, Kyogle, N.S.W.

SA.

Reference:- Pte. W.H.Roberts. 1634. D.Coy.(prev.NEWS)
No. 1 A.D.B.D.

adg Written Adj: 1.6.17. Staples
Not found. 12.6.17.

9th Battn.
A. I. F.

Wilson.
J. 3959.

"Wounded & Missing 23.7.16"

In reply to your letter of 21st inst. I have searched my records but cannot trace the above man as having passed through this Depot. For your information I give the following particulars of a Wilson, J who was a patient in I.Coy. of this Depot. No.3961 Pte. J. Wilson, 9th Battn. A. I. F. Admitted from No.6 Convalescent Depot on 27.3.17. Diagnosis - Jaundice. Age 25 years Service in France - 12 months. Trade - Farmer. As this man was evacuated to his Base at Le Havre on 6.6.17 (before the receipt of your letter) I was unable to question him.

Letter from:-
The O.C.
No. 5 Convalescent Depot,
B. E. F. 15.6.17.

London.
25.7.17.

B.
P.I.

A.I.F. 9th Btn

WILSON
J. 3959

"Wded & Missing"

Killed in Action 23-7-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 17-7-17.

July 25

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18 Crawford St B & P.I.

London
21-7-17

Dennistoun

Glasgow.

30.9.19

Final Draft to
Mrs Tyfe
18 - E. Crawford St.
Dennistoun
Glasgow

about
3959 J. Wilson
9½ Ex

The Australian Red Cross Society
(B.R.C.S.)
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No. 7011

Date May 28. 1918

Regimental Details of Soldier enquired about. No 7799
Pte. J. H. Taylor,
11th Battalion.

Details of Casualty. Killed in action 22nd Apr. 1918

Information wanted. Details Death + Burial

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Oct 14/10/16

Mrs. F. Fyfe
18 Port Crawford
St.
Dennistown
Glasgow

18 OCT 1916
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE,

I would like very much to know through your red-cross Society if you could find me some information as to the whereabouts of my Brother Pte. John Wilson 3959 12th of 9th Batt. A. I. F. 3rd Infantry Somewhere in France Australian Force. We were informed about the end of August from the war Office that He had been wounded but (to tell) they were unable as to what Hospital he was in

then we received word
last week telling us that
Pte: John Wilson was
wounded on 23rd July
+ is now reported missing.
so I will thank you kindly
if you will find me
some information about
him + I will be very pleased
for my Sisters + I are all
very anxious about him.

Yours Sincerly
Mrs. Tyfe.

2. Master Sergt
A. Co 9th Bttn A. F. F.
B-E-F.

for 395 9th Wilson
9th Bttn A. F. F.

W. & M. 22. 7. 16

J. H.
7. 3. 17

Mrs Tyfe

18 Earl Crawford St

Dennistoun

Glasgow.

Dear Madam

We have received your inquiries for
information re 3950 Pte John Wilson - 9th Bn
A.I.F. and regret to inform you that we have no
information to give you beyond making inquiries
and shall let you know as soon as we hear
anything as we fully realise your anxiety for
news.

Assuring you of our sincere Sympathy

Yours faithfully

Filing Copy

Re No 3959 Pte J. Wilson 11/3/17
9th Bn

Sir
your letter to hand
on Friday of my Brothers
discriptions. I am very
sorry but to the
discriptions you have
given us of him I dont
think it is him.
My Brother John left
Australia on 1915 but I
cant exactly say what
date but he was in
Brisbane. He is not very
tall medium height.
dark hair. small
featured. He might have
his full name down as
John Mc Dougall Wilson
3959 9th or 12th of 9th Batt
3rd Division A. I. F.
If any thanks for your
kindest information
we will be very
grateful for any infarnation
you can give us of him.
Yours faithfully
Mrs Iffe
18 East Cranford St
Pennonstown
Glasgow

March 8th 7.

Mrs. Fyfe,
18 E. Crawford Street,
Dennystoun, Glasgow.

Dear Madam,

We are in receipt of ~~your~~ an unofficial report about your brother No. 3959 Pte J. Wilson 9th Battn., A.I.F. from a man of the ~~Battalion~~ who is now at No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital Dartford.

He says that he saw Pte James Wilson with the Unit in November. This man left Australia on Dec. 30th,1915 with the 12th reinforcements of the 9th Battn. He was a fine big rather fair man, who came from the northern rivers of New South Wales, and was wounded in France and returned later to his Unit.

Will you kindly let us know whether this description fits your brother who we note that you call "John"? Our informant may not have been quite sure of your brother's name and have given it incorrectly as James. We feel however that if this were your brother you would certainly have heard from him after he rejoined his Unit.

We are continuing our enquiries, and will inform you of any further information that comes to hand about him, as we fully realise your great anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

P.A. for A.A.

Secretary.

31st March 1917.

Mrs Fyfe.
18 East Crawford St.
Dennyerstown.
Glasgow.

Dear Madam,

We are in receipt of a further report about your brother No. 5959. Pte. J. Wilson, 9th Battn. A.I.F. from No. 3273. Cpl. E.G. Kershaw who was on a hospital ship at Havre when he gave the evidence We fear however, that he is referring to some other Pte. Wilson in the battalion as we have since verified his report at Head Quarters and are advised that your brother is still wounded and missing.

He says that Pte. Wilson was with the battalion when he left on February 25th. 1917. having been away in hospital in July and rejoining at the end of August or early in September.

His description will perhaps help you to judge whether this report is correct.

He knew your brother, who lived in Brisbane and who was about 5ft. 8" in height, slim in build, of darkish colouring and between 25-30 years of age.

We are pursuing the inquiry and hope to have further details to send you as we fully appreciate your great anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

I.B.

Secretary.

17th April 1917.

Mrs. Fyfe,
18E Cranford St,
Dennverstown,
Glasgow. N/B.

Dear Madam,

In reference to your inquiry for - 3959 Pte J. Wilson, 9th Battalion, A.I.F., we regret to say that we have as yet. no information concerning him, beyond the fact, that he is officially reported as wounded & missing on 23-7-16.

We are making every endeavour to obtain news and will let you know as soon as we succeed.

With sincere sympathy with you in your anxiety,

Yours faithfully,

Y.D

Secretary for the M.F.

June 2nd, 1917.

The Adjutant,
N.Z.Convalescent Camp,
A.P.O. S. 28,
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by our Brisbane Bureau to make enquiries concerning

5959 J. WILSON, 9th Battn., A.I.F.

reported Wounded & Missing since 22-7-16, and have received an unofficial report which states that this soldier had been seen lately in the N.Z.Convalescent Camp, A.P.O. S.28 in I Company.

We have repeatedly applied to A.I.F. Headquarters, Horseferry Road for information concerning this soldier, and met with the same report of Wounded & Missing since 22-7-16. We hesitate to trouble you in the matter, but feel ourselves obliged to do so, the Camp records being the only available source of information.

We should be most grateful for the sake of the relatives if you would kindly inform us whether you have on your Rolls -

5959 J.WILSON, 9th Battn.,A.I.F.

since July 1916 - or if our informants have confused him with another man of similar name and particulars.

With apologies for troubling you, and thanking you in anticipation -

Yours faithfully,

V.P

Secretary.

Ack 17/11/17

From O/C No 5 Convalescent Depot

To Secretary Australian A.I.F.

54 Victoria Street S.W.

No 3959 Pte Wilson J.

9th Batn A.I.F.

Madam.

In reply to your letter of 2nd inst, I have searched our records but cannot trace the above man as having passed through this Depot.

For your information I give the following particulars of a Wilson J. who was a patient in my Convt of this Depot.

No 3961 Pte Wilson J. 9th Batn

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9 BOUNDARY

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Australian N. F. Admitted from
No 6 Convalescent Depot on 27.3.17
Diagnosis - Jaundice - Age 25 years
Service in France - 12 months -
Trade - Farmer - At this moment
was awarded to his Base with
Le Havre on 6.17 Before he
accepts Ryan Collins Name
made to question him.

Yours faithfully
A.M.C. Australian Staff
Medical Con. Depot

No 6 CONVALESCENT DEPOT
Date of Admission 27/3/17
Discharged 6/5/17

20th June 1917.

The Adjutant,
No. 5. Convalescent Depot,
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you very much for your letter (4905/17) of June 15th in answer to our enquiry concerning -

3959. Pte. J. Wilson, 9th Batt, A.I.F.

The information you have sent us is exactly what we desired and of great assistance,

Yours faithfully,

V. D

Secretary,