Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1760 Private
John Henry Swain

25th Battalion



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25 th Btn.
A.I.F

SWAIN
John Henry 1760.

"Killed in Action 29.7.16"

No trace Germany
Cert.by Capt. Mills.10.10.19.

London.
21.10.19.

B. P/

A.I.F. 25th Btn B.Coy.

SWAIN
John Henry 1760

"MISSING"

Killed in action 29-7-16 - previously reported Missing.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 8-8-17.

B & 2.I.

London
10-8-17

25th. Battn., B. Coy.,
A.I.F.

Swain,
J. H. 1760

"Whereabouts".

Wounded 29-7-16.

No further Report.
Cert. by letter from 3rd. Echelon 4-9-16.

No further Report.
Cert. by letter from Rouen List 18-9-16

Wounded and Missing 29-7-16.
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters' List 18-10-16

London,
31-10-16

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FRANCE.

A.I.F. 25. SWAIN, J.H. 1760.

K. July 29. 1916.

He was killed by my side in the charge at Pozieres on July 28th.- killed outright by machine gun fire. The body had to be left there as we went on in the charge. He belonged to VIII Pl, B.Co. I knew him very well.

Reference: Cpl. J. O'Brien, 1978, B.Co.
26 Gen. Hosp. Etaples.
28.11.1916.

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1760

Pte J. H. Swain

B. Coy. 25th Batt.

Last heard of 21.7.16.
Last seen with Batt. 28.7.16

Enquiries:-
W. Swain Esq
C/o Queensland Post Office
409 Strand
W.C.
Phone
3224 Regent

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Bulletin whereabouts 1760 J.H Swain 25th
Australians wounded 26th July.

Aust: Red Cross.

1.9.16.

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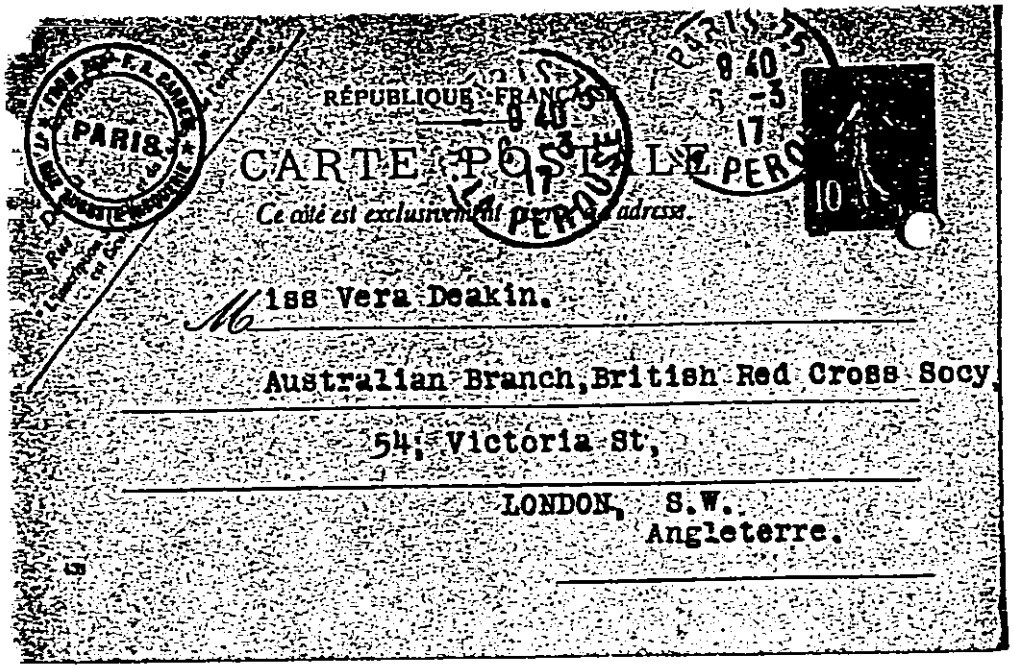
1760 J. H Swain

Australian Red Cross London

Twenty fifth wounded Records nothing furth

twentysixth august

Labouchere



Miss Vera Deakin.

Australian Branch, British Red Cross Socy,

54, Victoria St,

LONDON, S.W.
Angleterre.

7, rue Auguste Vacquerie, Paris.
March 5th 1917.

Dear Miss Deakin,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 22nd February regarding Private Swain.

6 March 1917. 7 A.C
Re 1760 Pte J H Swain
2/5th Bn H.L.I.

25th Bn. B Co

Swain
John Henry 1760

"[illegible]"

Killed in action 29-7-16 - previously reported Missing
~~Cert. by A.I.V. dtd 8-8-17.~~

Time Cancel Draft August 11

Rev J. A Carder
British Chaplain
Presbyterian St George's B & F.I.
7 Rue Auguste Vacquerie
Paris

London
10-8-17

Alexander B. Towns.
Brisbane. Q'land
30th November 1916.

Dear Miss Peake

You will no doubt remember my frequent calls on you in connection with my brother. Pte. A. H. Towns. 1760. 25th Battn. A.I.F. who was wounded on 29th July last and is now reported as missing.

I take it that you have had no word from your people yet as to whether he has taken

prisoner after the first attack on Pozières, and apparently the Queenslanders (Gen. Elliott is kindly attending to the matter on my behalf) have now gone home from the Headquarters Camp as Generals. The enclosed [illegible] concerning another member of the 25th Brigade is the first intimation since it is possible my brother may have got to Göttingen &c. and if you think it worth while perhaps you could kindly ascertain whether he is a prisoner.

Naturally my brother is very anxious and is beginning to realise that the worst must have happened but the uncertainty is the hardest part to bear. I had a very good letter from Headquarters across and found Rutland in Genoa. The journey across America & [illegible] interesting me. Things look bright in my prospects but I should not care to live in the country. The prairies must be a great trial. Mrs Rundell sends kindest regards

Yours

Your Kindness in [illegible]
do trusting to hear from
you if anything comes to
hands later on.

I am

Yours truly

[illegible]

last night but

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

8.10.19

Final draft

Dr. Lt. G. Hind
Selborne
Aelbury Rd
Southport

Re 1460. J. H. Swain
2/5th Bn

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

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No. 6960

Date May 24-1918

Regimental Details of Soldier enquired about. No. 5978, Pte. H. R. Andrew, 16th Battalion.

Details of Casualty. Wounded

Information wanted. Location & Condition

R. J. Lind. Esq.
Sellowine
Melling Road
Southport

21.6.18

Dear Sir.

With reference to your enquiry concerning your nephew, "John Henry Swain", we beg to inform you that we have received the following unofficial report concerning No. 1760. Pte John Henry Swain, 25th Battalion, A.I.F, & we presume that this soldier must be your nephew. He was officially reported wounded & missing on 29-4-16, & was afterwards reported as Killed in action on that date.

No. 1948. Cpl. J. O'Brien, of the same unit, states that he knew Pte J. H. Swain very well, & that they were members of the same company. On July 26, 1916, they were together in the charge at Pozieres, & Pte Swain was killed instantaneously by machine gun fire, & the body had to be left at the place of casualty, as the others continued in the advance.

We regret that although we have made exhaustive enquiries, we have not been able to obtain any definite details of your nephew's death & burial, but we hope that it will be of some comfort to his relatives to know that he was killed instantaneously. We sincere sympathy

Machine Gun Companies A.I.F.—contd.

Co.		
6	Richards, W. J. 427.	W. and M. Oct. 9/17.
‡8	Smith, L. J. 36. (Att. 5 Div. H.Q.)	D/W. Mar. 22/18. Det.D./B.
7	Bell, F. F. 595.	K. Sept. 20/17. Det.D./B.
7	Cromwell, O. 504.	K. Oct. 4/17. Det.D./B.
7	Ewart, C. 6065.	K. Sept. 20/17. Det.D./B.
7	Harris, W. N. 509.	K. Oct. 2/17. Det.D./B.
7	Stringer, E. C. 518.	K. Nov. 14/17. Det.D./B.
*7	Ryan, J. J. 296.	D/W. Oct. 4/17. Det.D./B.
7	Tucker, R. G. 464.	D/W. Oct. 12/17. Det.D./B.
8	Colmore, G. P. 3206.	D/W. Oct. 23/17. Det.D./B.
8	Murphy, F. 2700.	K. Sept. 25/17. Det.D./B.
8	Austen, E. 275.	K. Oct. 4/17. Det.D./B.
8	Bradley, H. 2280.	K. June 8/17. Det.D./B.
‡9	Cripps, G. J. 18A.	K. April 11/18. Det.D./B.
9	Graham, J. 277.	W. and M. June 8/17.
9	Rogers, G. 1897.	W. and M. Oct. 12/17.
10	Binks, H. C. 9.	M. Oct. 12/17.
10	Edgerton, J. H. 44.	D/W. Oct. 5/17. Det.D./B.
10	Free, A. E. 414A.	M. Oct. 12/17.
10	Harry, A. E. 159	K. Oct. 12/17. Det.D./B.
10	Hatty, L.-Cpl. G. F. 66.	M. Oct. 27/17.
10	McMaster, A. 1087.	K. July 31/17. Det.D./B.
10	Mackay, Lieut. F. E. M.	K. Oct. 12/17. Det.D./B.
10	Pascoe, W. H. 463.	M. Oct. 12/17.
10	Silling, E. C. 116.	K. Oct. 4/17. Det.D./B.
10	Sleep, C. E. 488.	D/W. Oct. 15/17. Det.D./B.
11	Boyle, R. P. 502.	K. Oct. 10/17. Det.D./B.
11	Lilley, J. H. 1861.	D/W. Oct. 1/17. Det.D./B.
11	Lindner, R. 389.	M. Oct. 4/17.
11	Morrison, S. R. 272.	K. Sept. 29/17. Det.D./B.
11	Murnane, R. B. 462.	K. Oct. 15/17. Det.D./B.
*12	Bott, C. 456.	D/W. Oct. 18/17. Det.D./B.
12	Douglas, J. S. 281.	K. Oct. 14/17. Det.D./B.
12	Elliott, C. 550.	K. Oct. 2/17. Det.D./B.
12	McGregor, R. M. 913.	M. Oct. 13/17.
12	Nunn, W. H. 3855.	K. Oct. 12/17. Det.D./B.
13	Bayley, H. B. 5988.	K. Oct. 6/17. Det.D./B.
13	McCallum, J. V. 421C.	D/W. Sept. 26/17. Det.D./B.
14	Dole, J. N. 3366.	D/W. Oct. 23/17. Det.D./B.

We are returning the photographs as
you request however further information
is needed before we can
advise you - although
it looks as if
Which Reward
Ago.

2nd D.A.C. (Austr.)

Trp. D.C.Gray 8429

K. Oct. 19/17 Det. D/B

"I was Gray's chum, he was killed at Passchendael by shell fire".

Eyewitness No.

Description Big man - fat.

Informant Cpl. Ernest Hayward M405
1st D.A.C. (Austr.)
No.11 Section War Hosp
Exeter War Hosp.

Margaret F.Packer
8.6.18.

3858.

September 8th 1916.

No. 1794. E. Rasmussen,
B. Company,
25th Battalion, A.I.F.,
12th General Hospital,
ROUEN., FRANCE.

Dear Sir,

We have been told that you can tell us about No. 17600 Private J.H.Swain, 25th Battalion, A.I.F., who was wounded on July 29th 1916.

We have had an inquiry from his brother who is naturally very anxious to know his whereabouts. If you will be so good as to send us a wire or a card at once, telling us of his whereabouts and any other particulars about him, we shall be very grateful.

aYours faithfully,

Secretary.

Pte John. H. Swain (Privat.)

No. 1760. 15 Co. 35th Batt.

C. E. F.

Any further information from Mrs J. G. Elliott, Gaetano Gor o/i.e. 409 Main W.

New York. C/o Canadian Pacific Ry Co. up to 17th inst.

Vancouver same address up to 25th October.

Britain address

C/o H. Swain

Old Stock Exchange

Queen Street

Bristol. Q.

24th January -7.

Kriegsgefangenensendung.
Prisoner of War:

No. 948. Pte. Richard Newman.
25th Australian Inf. Battn.
Gefangenenlager Cassel.
Germany.

Dear Sir,

We think that you may be able to give us some information about No. 1760. Pte. J. H. Swain, 25th Battn. who is missing since July 29th. 1916.

His brother in Australia thinks that you may know something of Pte. Swain's fate as he thinks he may possibly be a prisoner in Germany.

We should be very glad if you will send us a postcard giving us what information you possess about Pte. Swain.

With many apologies for troubling you and with best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

V.O.

Secretary.
L.Aw

22nd February, 7

The Rev. F. Anstruther Cardew,
Presbytere St. Georges,
7, Rue Auguste,
Paris.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of 13th inst.. re No.1760, Pte. John Henry Swain, 25th Battalion, C.E.F.

This man is officially reported "Wounded & Missing" 29. 7. 16. We have the following sad unofficial report from one of his comrades, which we can only quote, but cannot vouch for its accuracy:-

No.1978, Cpl. J. O'Brien, B.Coy, 25th Battalion, reports: "Swain was killed by my side in the charge at Pozieres on July 28th, killed outright by machine gun fire. The body had to be left there as we went on in the charge. He belonged to VIII Platoon, B. Coy. I know him very well."

We are sorry to have to give you such a very distressing report. If we receive any later information we shall immediately advise you. Perhaps you could get in touch with Cpl. O'Brien and verify his statement.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Tina Deakin

SECRETARY.

for M.A

No 1760 Pte J. H. Swain 25th Bn.

Rec'd under Military Cover

Dear Lil

Ack. 21-6-18

I fear I cannot give you the
Address of my Nephew Jack Rep-
ton Was Killed Last Year.

25/-

Faithfully Yours

T J Read

rec'd 21.6.18.

P.S. Redeem the Pictures