

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

**4584 Private  
Harold Victor Spencer**

**17th Battalion**



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17th Battalion. .A.I.F.  
11 Refcts.

SPENCER, H.V. Pte. No. 4584.

Died of Wounds, 20/12/17.

We were holding the line at Pont-de-Niepe. Spencer was just going down into his dugout when a high explosive shell burst behind him, and severely wounded him. I saw him as he was being carried out. He died afterwards in the Clearing Station, I do not know where he is buried."

Informant - Driver A.R. Stanbury, No. 1300,  
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,  
Randwick.

J.V.M.  
9/10/18.

*to Stanbury for some  
casualty post.*

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A.I.F. 17th Btn 11th Rfts

SPENCER

Harold Victor

4584

"WHEREABOUTS"

No casualty reported

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 12-12-16 & 18-<sup>12</sup>~~81~~-16 & 9-3-17

Not yet rejoined unit

Cert. by letter from Adjutant 6-3-17

No trace

Cert. by Rouen letter 4-4-17

No report of casualty

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 12-4-17

Sentenced to a year's imprisonment for being absent without leave

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 3-5-17.

London

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4-5-17

17th Batt.  
A.I.F.,

SPENCER  
H.V. 4584

"No casualty reported"

In reply to your enquiry regarding the health and whereabouts of the above man, I have to state that he has not yet joined the Battalion, and regret therefore that I am unable to comply with your request.

Cert. by letter from The Adjutant,  
17th Batt. A.I.F.,  
B.E.F.  
5.3.17.

London  
15.3.17.

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TO BE ADDRESSED TO  
"THE SECRETARY."  
WOUNDED AND MISSING  
— INQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH B.R.C.S.

54, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

January 8th. 1917.

No. 4584. Pte. Harold Victor Spencer.  
17th. Batt'n. A.I.F.  
B.E.F.

*Received  
3-4-17.*

Dear Sir;

We have enquiries about you from our Sydney office on behalf of your friends there, saying you have not been heard of since last June.

We can find no trace of any casualty, so would you please write and tell us you are safe, and well so we can forward the news and ease your friend's anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

*S.M.*  
for. Secretary

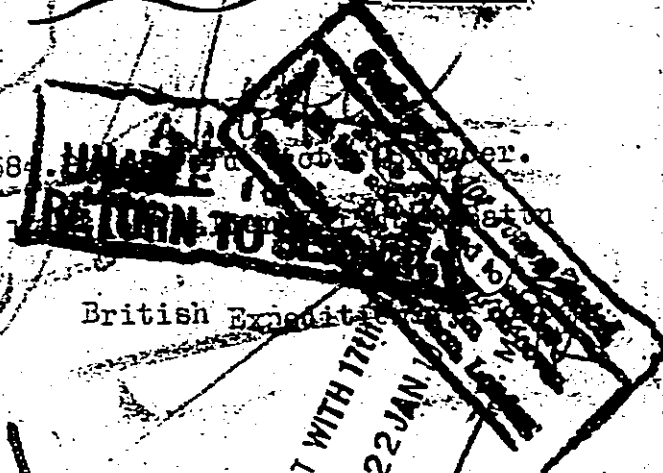
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No. 458

British Expeditionary Force

NOT WITH 17th  
22 JAN 1918

F.E. (S.R.)  
A.P.S.

*London  
S.W.*

28th February. /7.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly inform us of the present health and whereabouts of -

No.4584 Pte. H. V. SPENCER 17th Battalion A.I.F.

We wrote to him on Jan.6th, but received no reply and Headquarters report no casualty for him. His people cabled to us they they last heard of him early in June. We should, therefore, be very grateful for your help.

With apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

R. M. L. A. W.

The Adjutant,  
17th Aust. Inf. Battn.,  
B. E. F.

SECRETARY.

*Cick  
F.M. 12/5/17*

Hd. Qrs. 17th Battalion A.I.F.,

5th March 1917.

The Secretary,

Australian Branch, British Red Cross Society, 12 MAR 1917

54 Victoria Street, L O N D O N. S.W.

No. 4584, Pte. SPENCER, H.V.

In reply to your enquiry regarding the health and whereabouts of the above man, I have to state that he has not yet joined the Battalion, and regret therefore that I am unable to comply with your request.

*#584. H.V. SPENCER*

*17 Bata A.I.F.*

*no cas rptd*

*Siz*

*J. R. Rance*

Captain.

Adjutant 17th Battalion A.I.F.



14th March 1917.

C  
The Adjutant,  
17th Aust: Inf: Battn:  
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you very much for your letter of March  
5th in answer to our enquiry for -

4584 Pte H.V. Spencer, 17th Batt<sup>alion</sup>, A.I.F.

Yours faithfully,

V. D

Secretary

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