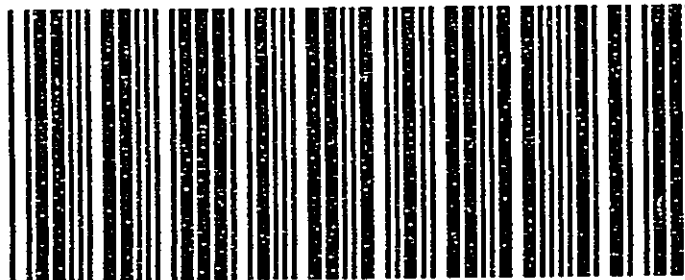


Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

**4080 Private
Alfred Eric Colson**

28th Battalion



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28th Battn.
A.I.F.,

Colson
A, 4080

"Missing July 29/1916"

Witness states that J. Dawes, 28th Battalion (number not remembered) now in Fairfield Court Hospital, Eastbourne, can give information that the above was recently in some hospital in England.

Reference;- R.C.Lindan, 4167
28th Battalion, A.I.F.,
3rd Aux, Aust. Hospt.
Dartford.
17-11-16.

London
28-12-16.
W.L.W.B.

wrote to Dawes 29.12.16.

Off. M.

28th. Batt.
A.I.F.

COLSON

A 4080

"Missing 29-7-16"

4080 A. COLSON, 28th. Batt. was reported Missing 29-7-16 on the Headquarters list of 8-9-16. and was on 28-10-16 changed to 4086 Alfred Eric COLSON, 1st. Anzac entrenching Batt. Missing 29-7-16

A report with the first incorrect heading has been recently sent to Melbourne with no enquirer marked and attached to an explanatory note, but COLSON is listed in the 1st. Anzac Entr. Batt and is an "Off. Missing" case.

London
8-1-16

Offm.

28th Battn.
A.I.F.

A. COLSON
4080.

Missing. 29.7.16.

I am sorry to say I know nothing definite of him. He was a chum of mine, and I have neither seen or heard anything of him since July 28th 1916, and am afraid that he is gone.

Cert. by - Letter from Pte. J. Davies;
28th Battn. A.I.F.,
Aus. Aux. Hospital,
Harefield Park.
8.1.17.

London.
10.1.17.

Off.M.
P.I.

28th Batta.,
A.I.F.

COLSON,
A.R. 4086(HQ)
not. 4080

Missing on 29-7-16.

Missing 29-7-16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters on 8-1-17.

Killed in Action on 29-7-16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' List on 16-2-17.

London,
22-2-17.

Off.M.
P.I.

John Stone
1912

Alfred Eric, 4086.

Stilled in Antwerp 22, 2, 16

No trace Germany Gert, by Capt. Hills, 10, 10, 19

London.
22, 10, 19.

Off. H. & P. I.

29th December

Pte J. Dawes,
28th Aust. Inf. Battn,
Fairfield Court Hospital,
Eastbourne.

Dear Pte Dawes,

We are making enquiries for - 4080 A. Colson,
28th Battalion, reported Missing 29-7-16, and have been told
that if we applied to you, we should find that you knew him
to be in some Hospital in England.

We should be very grateful if you would write and
let us know the address of the Hospital, where Pte Colson is,
or was, a Patient, as his name has never appeared on our
Hospital Index, and we are very anxious to trace him.

We trust that you are now quite recovered, and have
had an enjoyable furlough.

With best wishes for Luck in the New Year,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

V.D.
H.L.

4100 Pte J. Dawes

28 Battⁿ AIF
at No 1 Aust. Ana Hosp.
Harefield Park
Middlesex

Inquiries for news of

4080 Pte A. Colson

28 Battⁿ AIF

ref M. 29.7.16

HOSPITAL 2nd London General, King's R

Full in exactly as List.	SURNAME. <i>Bell</i>	Christian Name. <i>P. T. C.</i>	Regtl. No. <i>472</i>	INFORMAT
	SURNAME <i>Mills</i>	Christian Name. <i>Arnold</i>	Regtl. No. <i>472</i>	GIVE

NOTE. All cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

STATEMENT (to be taken)

I was told by men near the going over the top. All commenting on his death very popular with the men.

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? <i>No</i>	2. If no of
3. Was the ground held or lost? <i>lost at time, but regained about a week later.</i>	4. If In was the
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	6. Was narr
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. <i>Called "Paddy" by</i>	
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence <i>Reliable.</i>	

January 6th. 1917

4100 PTE. J DAVES
28th. Batt. A.I.F.
1st Aust. Aux. Hospital
HAREFIELD PARK
Middlesex

Dear Pte. Daves,

Very many thanks for your letter of Jan 3rd. in answer to
our enquiry about 4080 PTE. A. ^{COLSON} ~~28th. Batt. A.I.F.~~ 28th. Batt. A.I.F.

We shall enter your name as enquirer for your friend
and if we receive any news, we shall at once send you word.
We shall therefore be glad if you will keep us provided with
any change of address in order to save delay.

Trusting you benefiting from the change of Hospitals
and will soon be able to go on furlough.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

V. D.

S. L.

ack
Thu. 5.1.17

Ans: Army Hospital (P)
Harfield Park
Harfield
Jan 5/17.

when it may concern

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I should like to know myself
what happened to him.

Yours faithfully

J. P. ...

4105, 28 Road, W.A.

Mr. J. Davis
28 Butter

[Faint, illegible handwriting throughout the page]

4080 A. Coleon
~~28 Ball~~

M 29.7.16

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P 15

Feb. 27th

7.

4100 J. Davies,
28th Battn. A.I.F.,
No. 1 Aust. Aux. Hpl.
Harefield, Mdx.

Dear Sir,

re 4086, COLSON, A.E.

We very much regret to inform you that the
above soldier, 4086, COLSON, A.E., 28th Battn. who
was previously reported wounded and missing, is now
officially reported killed in action - 29-7-16.

If we obtain any further details of his death,
we shall immediately advise you.

Regretting to have to forward such sad news -

Yours faithfully,

PM for S. A.M.

SECRETARY.