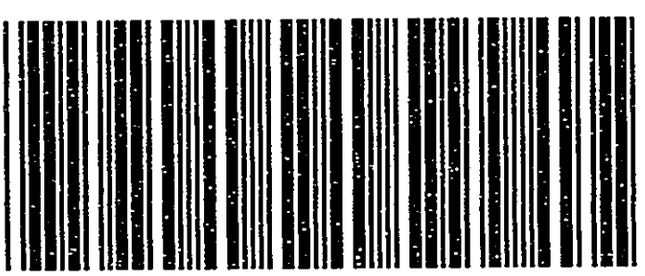
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Harry Ashley Lawley

33rd Battalion



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33rd Btn.
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LAWLEY
Harry Ashley 2714.

"Killed in Action 7.5.18"

No trace Germany

Cert.by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
20.10.19.

S.A.P.I.

33rd Battn.

LAWLEY
Harry Ashbery 2714

"Missing 7/5/18"

Killed in Action 7/5/18 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.C.I. Telegrs 12/11/18.

London
15/11/18.

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A.I.F. 33rd Battn. LAWLEY H.A.
2714.

"Killed in Action 7.5."

Re 2714 Pte. H.A. Lawley, 33rd Battn., you say that his sister received a letter from him with the Field Post Mark of the 28th May 1918, which was censored by me. I am afraid that I have no recollection of the letter. Occasionally letters written by men who had been killed in action, or wounded, came into my hands, and if they were addressed to Australia, I always censored and posted them.

Letter from:- J.F. Norman Osborn, C.F.
No.2. Command Depot,
Weymouth.
27.11.18.

London
26.11.18.

S.
P.I.

No 7, Camp.
3rd Command Depot
Hurdcott.
Dec 2nd

The Secretary.

Sir,

2715

Received your Post Card regarding inquiries about my Brother Pte. H.R. Lawley 5th Mid. Sig. Coy. O.D.F. Am pleased to say I have had news from him just lately, & he is quite well, & in France

Thanking you for your prompt attention to my enquiry & your offer of assistance.

Yours Sincerely.

2715

Pte H.R. Lawley.

3rd Batt.

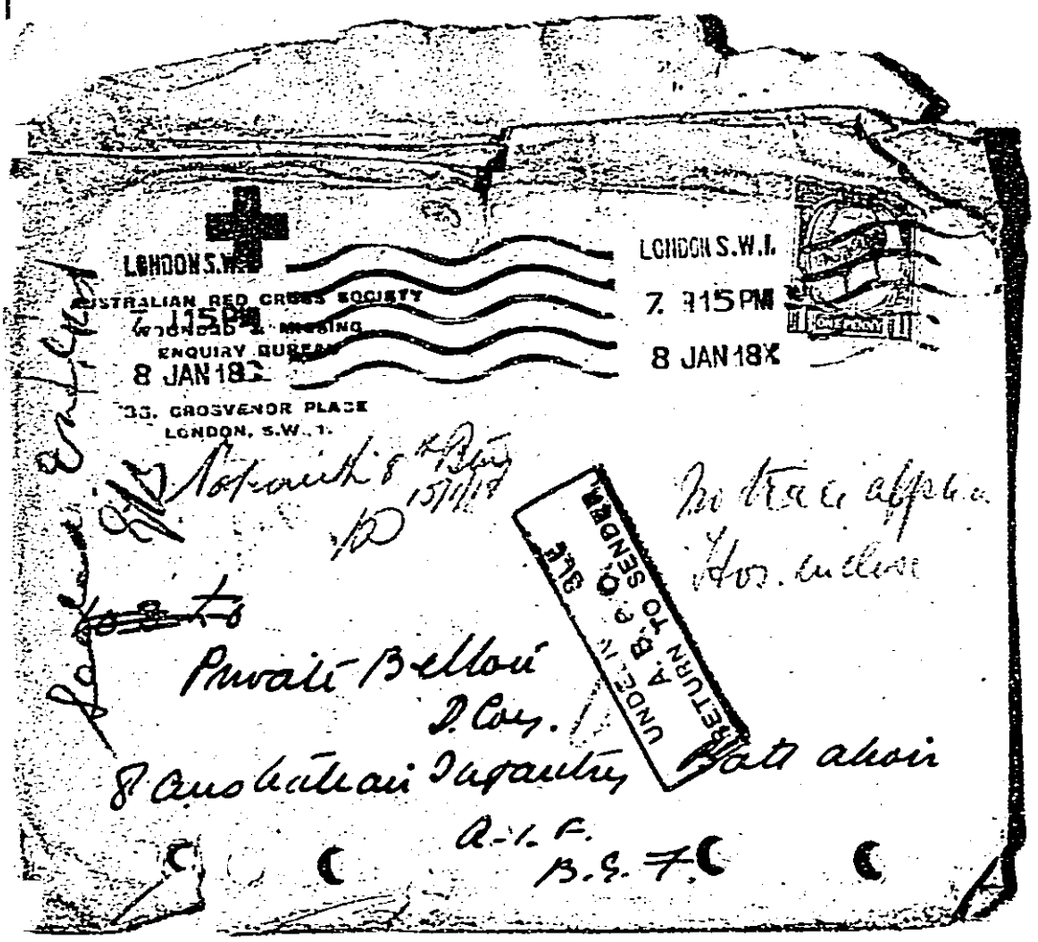
Sir / P.C.
18.12.17.

No. 7 Camp.
3rd Command
Depot.
Hurdcott
Salisbury P.

I am writing to you, to see if you would make enquiries regarding my Brother. No 2713, Sgt. W. Lawley. 5th Lin. Lig. Coy. He was slightly wounded about the 25th September & transferred to hospital in Rouen. Replying his card at the beginning of November I have heard from him since. I should be much obliged if you would address your reply to my sister — Mrs Fustain, 14 Roland Grove, Roland Rd., Handsworth Birmingham, because I am constantly changing my address. I hope to see her shortly

Yours Sincerely
2714
Pte. W. A. Lawley.
C Coy. 23rd Battalion
A.I.F.

16.12.17


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Gen'S

Gents

Please may I solicit your kind help with regard to my Brother Pte H. A Lawley No 2914 33rd Batt, Australian Imp-Forces, who was wounded on July 24th-17. went out to France again on or about March 28th-18. His last known address was Aus-Imp Base Depot; France. I sent him a parcel on May 9th which was returned on June 15th marked, "undeliverable", & "hospital 13-5-18". I have written the Aus Hdq who report-him missing, the C C, of the

[redacted]

33rd Batt in answer to my enquiry, says my Bro is missing since May 7-8th, some of the Men who could not be found after the advance, have since been found to be Prisoners of War in Germany, but no news has been received of Pte Lawley. If you can find some trace of him we shall be very grateful.

Yrs faithfully

(Mrs) R Justans

8.7.18

2714

Pte H. A. Lawley

33 Bttn

Enq-

Mrs R. Tuslam

14 Roland Grove

Lozells

Birmingham

P.C. 13.9.18

14 Roland Grove
Roland Rd
Lozells
Birmingham
12-9-18

Rec. 23.9.18

Dear Sir or Madam

I write you about
Cely last respecting my Brother. ==
3/14. 33rd Bn.
Pte H. A. Lawley who was reported
missing on the 7.5.18. have you been
able to obtain any news ? In a
letter from my Sister in Australia
received on Sunday last she says
"they have had an envelope
addressed in my Brother's handwriting
containing 3 Photos, but no writing, ==
properly censored, & Field Post-
marked May 28th" I thought this
might be of some use to you in
making enquiries.

Yrs faithfully

(Mrs) R Justain

This should, I think, be given to HQrs so that they can ~~get~~ cable to Defence + get the envelope + Field card viewed.

C.

T. Possmore VC
Ecc. Comrades of Great War
6. Old Sq.
Birmingham

24.10.18

Re 2414 Pte H.A. Lawley 33rd Batt A.I.F

M.Y.S.I.S

Missing/Draft

Sept. 24th, 1918.

Mrs.R. Sustain.
14 Roland Grove. Roland Rd.
Lonells. Birmingham.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your letter dated 12-9-18, of further enquiry for your brother -

2714 Pte. HARRY ASHBY LAWLEY. 33rd Battalion. A.I.F

We beg to inform you that we have cabled to our Sydney Bureau on 21-9-18 asking them to interview your sister to ascertain further details about the photos and field Post card whichshe has received.

As soon as we receive a reply from Sydney we shall let you know as we realise how very anxious you must be.

With our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary. (A.H.W)

November 19th, 1918.

Mrs.R.Tustain,
14 Roland Grove.
Lozells.
BIRMINGHAM.

re 2714 HARRY ASHBERY LAWLEY. 33rd Bttn. A.I.F.

Dear Madam,

We deeply regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported Killed in Action 7-6-18.

We are making further enquiries in the hope of learning full details of his death and will for-ward to you any information we receive.

Regretting the distressing character of this news.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

CAW.

November 19th, 1918.

T.E.C.Passmore, Esq,
Comrades of the Great War,
Warwick and Birmingham Division,
6 Old Square,
BIRMINGHAM.

re 2714 HARRY ASHBERY LAWLEY. 33rd Bttn. A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported Killed in Action 7-5-18.

We are making further enquiries in the hope of learning full details of his death and will send you any information that we receive.

Regretting the distressing character of this news.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

LAW.

26th November, 1916.

Chaplain J. E. N. Osborne,
No. 2 Command Depot, A.I.F.,
WEYMOUTH.

Dear Sir,

We would be glad if you could give us any information concerning the following two men, for both of whom their people in Australia are making anxious inquiries, as they have reason to believe that the official reports of death may be incorrect;

No. 2714, Pte. H. A. Lawley, 33rd. Batt. A.I.F.
is officially reported to have been killed in action on 7.5.18 having previously been reported missing. His sister in Australia however, received a letter from him on which the Field Post Mark was dated 28. 5. 18. The letter was censored by you.

X No. 3097. Cpl. G. S. McCloy, 35th Batt. A.I.F.
was officially reported to have been killed in action on 8. 8. 18. but his wife in Australia received a letter from you dated 17.8.18 stating that he had been wounded.

In view of the anxious enquiries we have received from Australia, we would be most grateful for any information regarding

these two men, that might throw any light on the matter.

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

Yours very truly,

MR.

SECRETARY.

2714 H.A. Lawley 33 Bn K.in.A. 7.5 P.I. 3

3097 Cpl. J.S. McCloy 35 Bn. Kia. 8.8.18.

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Address reply to—

Hd Quarters Command Dept. Weymouth.

27/11/18.

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Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiries re

1/ 2714, Pte H.A. Lawley. 33rd Bn. K. in A. 7.5.18

2/ 3097 Cpl J.S. McCloy 35th Bn. " 8.8.18

In regard to the first" you say that his wife received a letter from him with the Field Post Mark of 28.5.18, which was enclosed by me. I am afraid that I have no recollection of the letter. Practically letters written by men who have been killed in action & wounded, come into my hands, & if they were not received by relatives I always forward a postal form.

In regard to the second, I saw Cpl. McCloy at the Regimental Aid Post early in the morning of Aug. 8th soon after he had been wounded. He asked me to write to his wife, but I waited to see whether he succumbed to his wounds. As I received no report that he had died I concluded that he was alright, & wrote on 10.8.18 to his home address. I regret to learn from you of his death.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. Norman Osborn. C.F.

P.S. If you have the address of McCloy's wife, I should be glad if you would let me have it. I have lost it - should like to write to her myself.

Rev. J.E. Osborn, C.F.
No 2 Command Depot.
Weymouth.

November 29th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We beg to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 27th inst., concerning -

2714 Pte. H.A.LAWLEY. 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
and
3097 Cpl.G.S.McCLOY. 35th Battalion. A.I.F.

We regret we are not allowed by the authorities to supply the address of any next of kin. If however, you will be kind enough to write to Mrs. McCloy c/o this office, we will forward the letter to her.

Again thanking you for your prompt reply to our enquiry.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) MR.

Secretary.

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24.10.18

22nd October, 1918

pte # A Lawley

Dear Sir,

Re Missing Man. No 2714. B Coy, 33rd Battn. A.L.F. France.

I have had an enquiry re the above man from his sister, and should be glad if you would be so good as to see if any trace can be found of his whereabouts. The known particulars are as follow:

Date of enlistment 6-11-1916.

Date sent to France 24-4-1917. Wounded. Back to France on 28-3-18.

Date of last letter 5-5-1918.

Date reported missing. 7-5-1918. After an attack with the B.E.F. in France.

He was known to be on the Somme on April 27th, 1918. A parcel was returned marked "Hospital May 13th".

Age 26.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

Jeg Passmore

Hon. Sec.

Secretary. Dept of Missing and Wounded.