

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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350 Private  
George Breward

40th Battalion



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Bayre.

14th. May. 1918.

40th. Australians.

Breward, G. 35 C.

350

W. & M. October 12/1917.

He was in D. Coy, 14th. Bn. I saw him killed by a bullet at Messines on the 7th. June (not October) he was shot through the head and fell into a shell hole; we were advancing at the time. He was of medium height, fair.

*Not sent on*

Inf:- Private. H. No. 2342.  
40th. Australians. D. 14.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

*W & M. 12.10.17. prev. ref. W.*

*ex HQ. W. A. at H. Q. 22.5.18. H*

40th Battn.  
A.I.F.

BREWARD.  
George: 350.

"Wounded and Missing"

Killed in Action 12-10-17. Previously reported Wounded and Missing.  
Cert: by A.I.F.Hqrs 10-6-18.

London.  
14-6-18.

H.

Havro

26th June 1918.

A.I.F. 40.

<sup>Breward</sup>  
K/A <sup>Breward G.</sup> No. 350.  
w/ 12th Octr 1917. <sup>Genl</sup> so

I know his number was 350. It was officially given out in  
Company Routine Orders about February th t Breward was a P/W.

Inf:- Sgt. A.J. Whitney No. 2158  
A.I.F. 40. B. VI.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

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Not sent on  
Not investigated

40th Battn. A.I.F.

BREWARD G.350.

"Killed 12.10.17."

Att. to Bgde trench Mortar on 12th Oct. during the last advance we made on Passchendaele Ridge, he was seen lying out in front wounded. Battn had to fall back, that was last seen of him, ground was not taken again. I was told this by man (whose name I have forgotton) and who was in same Coy. He was my uncle, he still has brother in Battn. who has tried to find out further details, but has not been able to do so.

Inf. Cpl. A.L. Breward. 4448.  
52nd Battn. C.Coy.  
ANZAC BUFFET.

London.  
A.D.G.  
23.7.18.

H.

"Please note report given by J.V.Kelly of attack over this ground.  
A.D.H.

jsa

40th A.I.F.

✓ ( Breward. G. Pte. 350 )  
✓ ( Cahill, A.R. Pte. 1825 )  
B Coy.

(K. Oct. 12 & 12 1917)  
Dets. D/B.

"I was on a board of enquiry for Breward and Cahill. They were wounded both, on Oct. 12/1917 at Ypres and carried to a dressing station, there they and others were blown to pieces. I drafted letters to their relations, Capt. Bisdee wrote the letters, signed and despatched them."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Cpl. G.R. Gourley. 3253.  
40th A.I.F. B Coy. acting Qmr.  
Fulham-Military Hospital, Ward H.2  
Home address: Hammersmith.  
Hobart.

26.7.18.  
M.L. Macmorran.

*S.P.*

Havre.

13th. August. 1918.

40th. Australians.

Breward, G. 350.

K. October 12/1917. Dets. D/B.

He was in my Battalion & I know him. On October 12th. we went over the top at Ypres when he was killed instantaneously. He was probably buried somewhere near Ypres but I can give no details.

Inf:- Private. C. L. Hobburn. 3331.  
40th. Australians.  
Hospital ship.

LAHI.

*H*

CP.

A.I.F.  
40th Btn.

George BREWARD  
350

Killed in Action 12.10.17.

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

London.  
24.10.19.

P.I. & H.

26th Battn. A.I.F.

BREWARD

Pte. E. 2015

Killed 5/8/16

Buried Courselette British Cemetery, 5 miles N.E. of Albert, 2.37

Ec., SSP. 1493

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

19/12/19

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George 40 Bl ✓

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A. B.

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M. (bel. POW.) April 1917

*Inquirer*

*Special List*



*28.1.19*

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

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Breward, Pt G.

350 K Oct. 12/17

40 Bath

The Brother would like to know  
if Aus. Red X has had any in-  
formation to this inquiring in  
*Special List*

Breward Pt H.A.

611

40<sup>th</sup> Bath.

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Barford.

*3 H*

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3 a.a.H.  
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611 Pts. H.A. Breward.  
43th Bttn. A.I.F.  
Ward 10. 3rd A.A.Hpl.  
Dartford.

January 28th, 1919.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry of 23rd inst, for 350  
pts. GEORGE BREWARD. 43th Battalion. A.I.F. (who is now  
officially reported killed in action on 12.10.17 having  
previously been reported wounded and missing on that date.)  
We regret to inform you that the only reports we have  
received up to the present are of a very conflicting nature.

3253 Cpl. C.R. Gourley of this Unit stated:—"I was  
on a board of enquiry for Breward and Cahill. They were both  
wounded on 12th Oct. at Ypres and carried to a dressing  
station, where they and others were again hit by a shell and  
killed instantly. I drafted letters to their relations  
Capt. Bladde wrote the letters and signed and despatched them."  
3331 Pte. C.L. Hebburn states:—"On Oct. 12th, we went  
over the top at Ypres when Breward was killed instantaneously.  
He was probably buried somewhere near Ypres but I can give no  
details."

4448 Cpl. A.L. Breward, 52nd Bttn. A.I.F. states that  
he was told by a man in the 49th Bttn that Pte. C. Breward  
(who was his uncle) was last seen in an advance on Passchendaele  
Ridge lying wounded.

We have now placed Pte. Breward's name on our special  
enquiry list and hope to obtain more definite information - in  
which case we will immediately advise you.

Assuring you of our sympathy, and with good wishes for  
your recovery.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *M. R.*

Secretary.