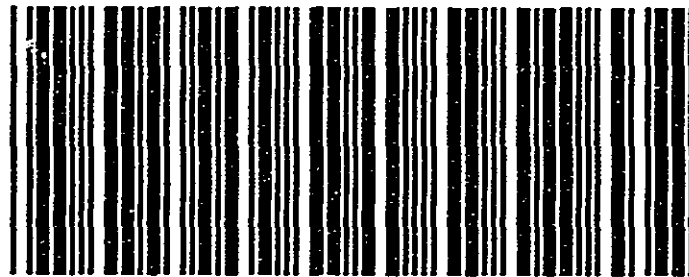


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**1793 Private
Albert William Baker**

40th Battalion



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1793 A.W. BAKER 40 BATT
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Dear Sirs

Re letter

of 17/8/17 enquiring for

1793 P. Baker A.W.

P. Baker is in B. Company
4th Bn. The 1st Bn. is
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Yours

Sydney 9th 1917

The Secretary

Dear Sir

Re letter of 17/8/17

Answering your letter of 17/8/17

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A.S.S.

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into Washington for the [illegible]

getting your letter. I have
small idea him but when
I do, I will tell him
that you have been making
enquiries. He was away
at a school with full
patent for two months
- returned 14 days ago.

If you require any
further information, I can
take it my business to
see him & get him to
write to you

Yours sincerely
Wm. W. McCarty
A Company
414/2 Jackson

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17. 8. 17

Sgt. ALRIGHT,

A. Coy.

40th Battⁿ A. I. Y.

B. E. Y.

For

1793

A. W. BAKER,

40th Battⁿ A. I. Y.

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A.I.F. 40.

BAKER, A.W. 1793.

M. June 7th 1917.

He was missing at Messines Ridge. I believe he was on a tunnel job at the time and I feel sure he is with the Battn now. After we came out and were resting at Bailleul we had a Brigade Training Camp and I came across the man I am speaking of whose name is A.W. Baker. He said they had me down missing and I cannot clear it up. This would be about the end of June. This man used to be orderly to our A.Coy Sergt. and after that was batman to the Brigade Officer. Description: he lived at Longford, Tasmania, worked for J.J. Gatenby, aged 40, ginger moustache, ruddy complexion round face, impediment in speech, slightly deaf.

Inf: Sgt B.W. Dennis. 175. A.Coy.
No. 14 General
BOULOGNE. 16.10.17.

WG

H
6d
With Unit

40th A.I.F.

Baker Pte. A.W. 1793.

(12 June 7/17)

"I know that he was with the Battalion on Oct. 4th.17."

yes-witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Capt. McVilly.

40th A.I.F.

3rd London General Hospital.
Mandeville.

Oct. 17/17.

Charles John Lowe.

H
6d
With Unit

40th Batt. A.I.F.

Baker. Pte. A.W. 1793.
B.Coy. 7 Pltn.

M. 7.6.17.

"I saw A.W. Baker on the morning of Oct 5th '17. I was wounded then, and Baker whom I knew well, helped to tie up my wound. He was an officer's servant, and went with his officer to a school of instruction about the end of May, and through a mistake was posted as missing; but he told me when he came back to the Regt., that he had asked to have this corrected."

Eye-witness:--

Description:-- Middle aged man, rather deaf.
Medium colouring, height about 5'9"

Informant:-- L.Cpl. Albert Robert Coss. 1854.
40th Batt. A.I.F. B.Coy. 7 Pltn.
Alexandra Hospital,
Cosham, Hants.

Home address:-- Hersey Lea, Tasmania.

18.10.17.

Wait until
6th

Havre

16th July, 1917.

40th AUSTRALIANS

BAKER, A.W. 1793

M. 7.6.17.

I was within a few yards of Pte. Baker of the 40th battalion, A Co., 3rd Pltn - he was known as Fatty - when he was killed instantly by either a bullet or shrapnel. We were advancing at Messines on the morning of June 7th 1917 - breaking day. We were between the 1st and 2nd German lines when he fell in the open. I could not stay to examine him. We took our objective and held it. He was about 27 years of age, ruggety, cleanshaven.

Informant: Pte. E. Harston, 2610
40th Australians, A Co., 1st Pltn.,
Australian Corp, Bouclies.

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Havre

2nd August, 1917.

40th AUSTRALIANS

BAKER, A.W. 1793

M. 7.6.17.

I knew him well. His initials and number are as stated. He lived near my home at Hobowla, Tasmania. He was not in my company and I do not know the particulars of his wound. I read a letter written by him dated 8th June to Sergt. Alright of A Co., 40th battalion, stating he was in a London hospital, which I think is the 3rd London General, and that he was going to be sent to Tidworth for embarkation to Australia.

Informant: Pte. C.H.R. Cook, 2559
40th Australians, A Co., 3rd Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

L de D.

Written Sgt. Alright
18. 8. 17.

A.I.F. 40th Bn

BAKER
A.W. 1793

"M. 7-8-17"

Missing 7-8-17

Cert. by A.I.F. 10-7-17

Previously reported missing 7-8-17 - now reported with unit
not missing

Cert. by A.I.F. 10-10-17.

London
12-10-17

29.8.17

Sgt. L. Allwright
A.Co. 40. Battn. A.I.F. B.E.F.

Dear Sgt. Allwright,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry,
concerning: 1793 A.W. BAKER. 40th. Battn. A.I.F.
informing us that Pte. Baker is well with his unit and was only
temporarily detached from it.

We are writing Pte. Baker to-day asking him to send us a
short statement: so that we may remove his name from the List of
Missing men and be enabled to satisfy any enquirers as to his well
being.

With repeated thanks for the trouble you have taken,

Yours faithfully,

V. D.
Secretary

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1793. Pte. A.W.Baker. B.Co. 40 Battn. A.I.F. B.E.F. 29.8.17

Dear Pte. Baker,

We have been making enquiries for you as by arrangement with A.I.F.H.QRS we search for all officially Missing Men, and your name was given to us by HQRS on 5.7.17^{as being missing 7.6.17}. Our enquiries however have met with a reply from Sgt. L.Allwright to the effect that you are well and with your unit and had merely been away with Lt. Gatenby for 2 months at a school. We should be very grateful if you will kindly write and confirm this; as we shall then be able to remove your name from the List of Missing Men and inform anyone who may enquire about you that you are well and with your unit.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V. D

Secretary

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No. 1793 Pte. A. H. Baker
40th Aust. Infantry Battalion,
B. E. F.

Oct. 15th, 1917.

Dear Sir.

We had great pleasure in cabling to Hobart 13.9.17, in answer to enquiries, that you were with your unit, and not missing 7.6.17, as was previously officially reported.

We shall be very glad if you will now write to us, on receipt of this, and confirm the good news which we have received of your safety.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

H. J. W.

21-10-14

France

To the Secretary

Dear Sir

// In answer to
yours of 15th re correcting
the miss statement of my^e
being missing am thanking
you for same.

With kind regards
I am yours faithfully

Pte. A. W. Baker

No 1493

6.11.14 // M7.6.11.
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