

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

2350 Private
Tom Browne

11th Battalion



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A.I.F. 11th Btn B.Coy.
3rd Bgde

BROWNE
Tom 2350

"MISSING"

Killed in Action 2⁵-7-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 5-7-17.

P & P.I.

London
16-7-17

11th Batt.
A.I.F.,

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SLOWLY
3350

"Missing"

In reply to your memorandum of the 20th inst., I have to inform you that we have not any record at this Hospital of the above named soldier.

Cert. by letter from The Registrar,
100th Gen. Hospital,
W. Field,
7.5.17.

London
8.5.17.

P.
P.I.

11th Battn.
B. Coy.
3rd. Bde.

Tom. BROWNE, 2350.

Missing 25-7-16.

Missing 25-7-16.

Cert. by- A.I.P. Headquarters/^{case} on 15-8-16.

No trace at Harefield.

Cert. by - Phone message on 28-2-17.

London,
1-3-17.

P.
P.I.

11th A. I. F.,

Brown, ^T D., 2350,
B. Coy.,

Kia

W. July 25th. 1916.

Informant states that "In July 1916 at Pozieres Brown was killed when we were going over the top."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: Lived in Australia (Married)
35 or more, Balman to Lieut.
Bradshaw.

Informant:-- Albert Ed: Clarke, 3029,
11th A. I. F., B. Coy.,
H.M. Queen Mary's Royal Naval Hosp:
Southend-on-Sea.

Home address:-- 218, William Street,
25th Feb: Perth, W. Australia.
Daisy Cutler.

11th Batn.,
A.I.F.

BROWNE,
Pte. T. 2550.

"Killed in action."

"I regret to advise that none of the above named soldier's belongings were received at this Store from the field, and his kit bag was not deposited at this address.

It is regretted at this date that no hope can be entertained of any belongings coming to hand at a later date.

Letter from O.C. A.I.F. Kit Store.

London,
1-1-19.

P. & P.I.

30.9.19.

Final Draft B

Mr. J. Browne

33 Chapel St.

Dunkinfield

Cheshire

about

2350 J. Browne

115/15

No. 128 of May 28 1918

No. of

Mrs. Reid

494 Beaufort Street,
Perth.

Friend

On cash
Mc

Henry Greig Secretary.

11th Stm
B. Coy

RECOVER
Tom 2550.

"Killed in Action 23.7.16"

No trace Germany

Cert. by Capt. Hills. 10.10.19.

London
21.10.19.

P.&.P.I.

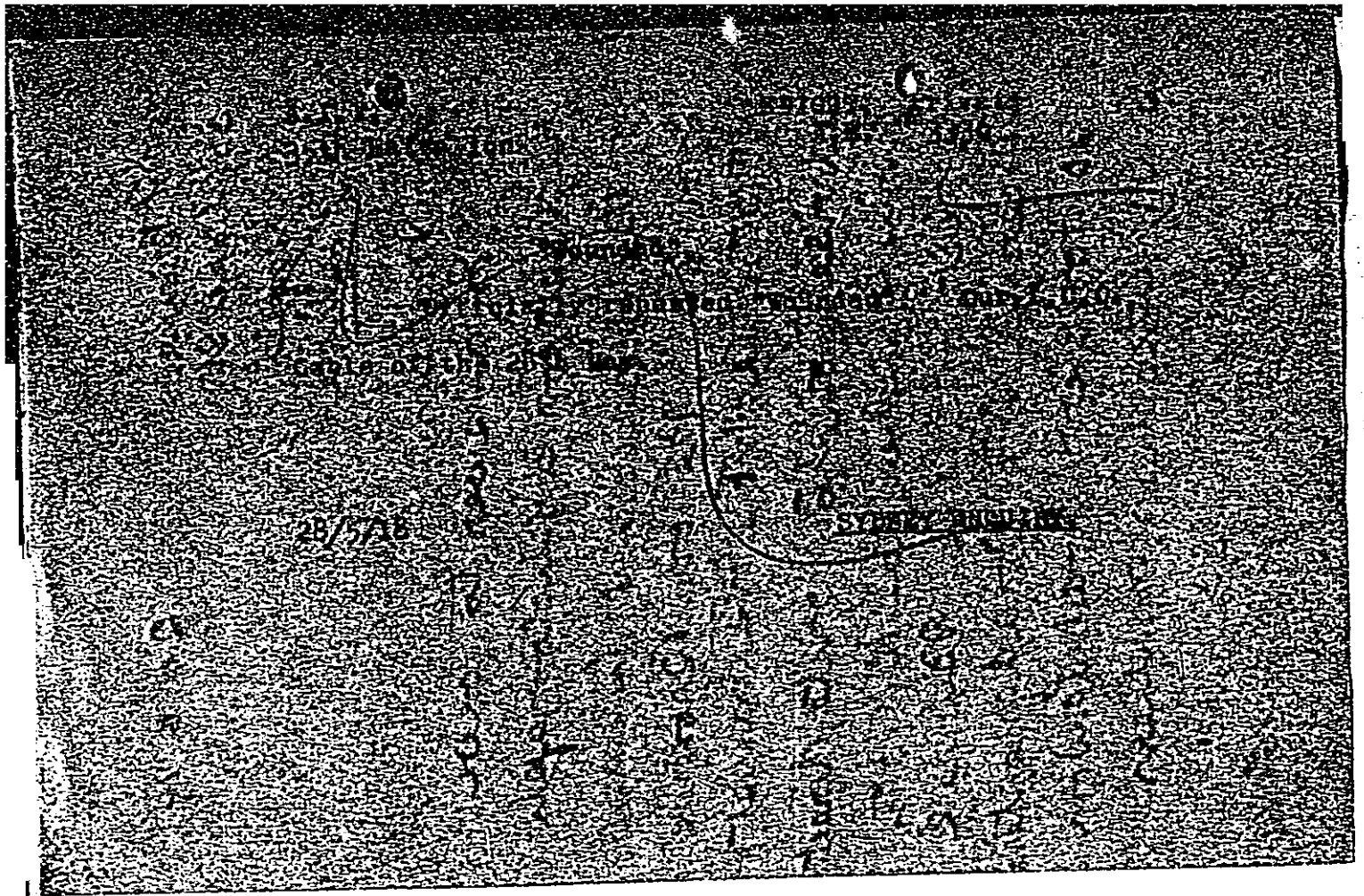
Miss J. Browne
35 Chapel St
Burlingford
Cheshire

20.8.19

Dear Madam

In answer to your
request for a photograph
of the Monument to your
son 2350 Pte Tom Browne
11th Btn A.I.F. We must
advise you to write direct
giving number Rank & Btn
to Capt. Spedding, Burial
officer A.I.F. Headquarters
130 Horseferry Road London
S.W. who has matters
of this kind in hand.

Yours faithfully
JA -



John Browne Esq.
33 Chapel St.
Duninfield.

Sept 14th
Filing Cop

Dear Sir

We have received your inquiry for
No 2350 PG Tom Browne 11th Bn.
A.I.F and shall do our best to get further
particulars for you. The latest news we have
is that he is officially missing since July
25th.

Assuring you of our sympathy
Yours faithfully.

A.I.F. 11th Btn B Coy
~~Sgt Boyle~~

BROWNE
Tcm 2550

July 17 20

~~RECEIVED~~

⁵
Killed in Action 24-7-16 - previously reported missing
~~Capt. by 5-6-17.~~

July August casualty draft letter to

Mr John Browne

33 Chapel St

P.R.I.

London
16-7-17

Dukinfield

RECEIVED
13 SEP 1916
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

33 Chapel Street.
Dunkeirfield.
Sep 11. 1916.

Genl.

I shall esteem it a great favour if you will set afoot enquire regarding my Son who has been reported "Missing". He was attached to the Australian Imperial Forces. The date given upon which he was notified as missing, was July 25th 1916. The location I last heard of him being at, was Armentiers, & the following are the full particulars regarding rank number &c.

Private Tom Browne. No 2350. ^{6th Central} Battalion
Australian Infantry 18 Company 3rd Brigade.

He returned from visiting me on June 10th prior to that ^{he was} batman to an officer who was seriously wounded. Upon returning to duty he was taken over by another officer as batman, the officer's name is unknown to me.

I am unable to furnish any more particulars at present & shall be extremely grateful if you can obtain tidings as to what happened to him & under what circumstances he became missing. I thank you in anticipation

The British Red Cross Society

I remain
Yours Sincerely
John Browne

Auth. London
13.11.16.

W^m J Browne
15 Brisbane
Perth
West Australia

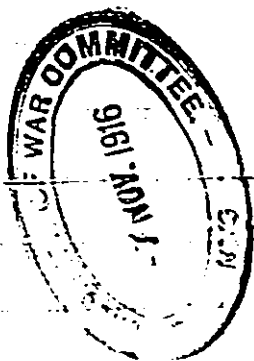
To the Prisoners of War
Relief Fund

I hope you will
excuse the liberty I am taking
in writing to you, but I have
heard of your help, I am an
English woman, & I would
like to know if you could
find out for me, if my
husband is a prisoner in
Germany, my husband is
reported missing on the
25th July, he is a Private
W. Browne 2350. 11th Battalion
3rd Brigade B Company
France. Australian Imperial
Forces. I would be very
please if you could find
out for me, as I am here
in Australia with my child

by our selves, & it is awful
suspence waiting for news,
trusting you will oblige
W^o J Browne

①

No. 15 Brisbane St
Perth
West Australia



①

2nd March

/7

Mr. John Browne
33 Chapel Street
Dukinfield.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that we have been unable to obtain any news about your son No 2350 Pte T. Browne, 11th Batt. A.I.F. who was officially reported missing on July 25th 1916.

We are continuing to make enquiries and any information we receive will be immediately forwarded to you.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary. *20/3/17*

Telephone No.: HAREFIELD 9.

RHS

AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY HOSPITAL No. 1.

HAREFIELD PARK,
HAREFIELD,
MIDDLESEX.



7th March 1917.

The Secretary,

Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau,

(Australian Branch)

54, Victoria Street, S.W.

Dear Sir,

re No. 2350, Pte. T. Browne, 11th Battn. A.I.F.

In reply to your memorandum of the 6th inst., I have to inform you that we have not any record at this Hospital of the above named soldier.

Yours faithfully,

James A. Dineen

Major, A.A.M.C.
Registrar.

P. H. P.

16.12.18

33 Chapel Street
Dukinfield
Cheshire
Dec 12th 1918

Dear Sir,

Seeing by the papers that there are a great many prisoners of War being returned from Germany suffering from loss of memory & shell shock.

I am enclosing a Photograph

✓ No 2350 Pte. Tom Browne
— B Company
11th Batt 3rd Brigade

Australian Imperial Force who has been missing since the 25th of July 1916, to see if you could trace him.

The reason I am making these enquiries is, neither his wife or we have never received any of his personal effects or kit. & with this we have held out hope he may be a prisoner.

Yours truly
B. Browne

P.S. Enclosed will find P.O. for \$5/- a small
donation to the fund.

December 17th, 1918.

B. Browne, Esq,
33 Chapel Street,
Dukinfield. CHESHIRE.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry of 12th inst., for 2350 Pte. TOM. BROWNE. 11th Battalion. A.I.F. (who is now officially reported to have been killed in action on 25.7.16, having previously been reported missing) We beg to inform you that we have placed his name on a new enquiry list we are making for circulation among the returned prisoners and in all camps and hospitals in England and will at once advise you of any information we may obtain.

We have also applied to the A.I.F. Kit Stores concerning his personal belongings and will advise you of the result of the enquiry.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) MR.

Secretary.

P.S. We are returning Pte. Browne's photograph as we very much fear it will not be needed for identification. We beg to acknowledge and thank you sincerely for your most kind donation which is much appreciated.

December 17th, 1918.

The O.C.,
A.I.F. Kit Stores,
110 Greyhound Road,
Fulham.

Dear Sir,

We would be very grateful if you could give us any information concerning the personal effects of 2350 Pte. Tom. BROWNE. 11th Battalion. A.I.F. who is now officially reported Killed in Action on 25.7.16 having previously been reported Missing.

We are making this enquiry on behalf of his next of kin who is most anxious to know whether his belongings have been recovered.

With apologies for troubling you so often in matters of this kind and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully.

(Miss) MR.

SECRETARY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"AIFKITS," LONDON.



TELEPHONES:
HAMMERSMITH 1900. 1901

AP/MB. 4a.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE KIT STORE,

110, GREYHOUND ROAD, HAMMERSMITH, LONDON, W. 6.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

Qk. 82/4/11.

31st December, 1918

Dear Madam,

2350 Private T. Browne, 11th Battalion, A.I.F. - DECEASED.

With reference to your letter of the 17th instant relative to the personal effects of the above-named deceased soldier. I regret to advise that none of his belongings were received at this Store from the field, and his kit bag was not deposited at this address.

It is regretted at this date that no hope can be entertained of any belongings coming to hand at a later date.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. Stewart
Lieutenant.
C.C., A.I.F. Kit Store.

The Secretary,
Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau,
Australian Red Cross Society,
36, Grosvenor Place,
London, S.W.1.

2350. Tom Browne. 11th Ball.

Ans.
20/8/19

find

33 Chapel Street
Dukinfield
Cheshire
18th Aug. 1919

Dear Madam.

Will you kindly forward me a Photograph of the Monument erected to the memory of those who fell in the battle of Pozieres. My son was reported missing in that battle & I should very much like a Photograph of the ~~same~~ monument. Please let me know the cost of Photo & I will remit money by return of Post.

Yours faithfully
J. Browne