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

2720B Private
Douglas George
March

48th Battalion



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[illegible] 2720B.
Douglas George.

[illegible]
48th. Battalion.

"Missing 11.4.17".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
24.10.19.

P. & P.I.

A.I.F. 48th Btn

MARCH
Douglas Geo. 2720B

"M.Bullecourt 11-4-17"

Missing 11-4-17
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 5-5-17

P.
& P.I.

London
22-2-18

4·10·19·

Final draft·

Dr. J. Barclay
20 & 21· Lawrence Lane
E. C.

Re 2720· D·G· March·
48th Btn

Information obtained locally (if any) or from letters.	
Enquiry included in W.S.M. Cable	No. 113 of May 11 - 1918
Enquiry included in Deferred Cable	No. of
Name and Address of Enquirer	Mrs. Baruch, 33 Havelock St - Perth -
Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree.	Friend
State if Next-of-Kin.	

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Henry Greig May Secretary.

4.10.19

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Miss G. West
Hydro Hotel
Torquay
S. Devon

The 2720 D G. March
48th Btn

Information obtained locally (if any) or from letters	0 0
Enquiry included in W.S.M. Cable	No. 126 of 25/5/10
Enquiry included in Deferred Cable	No. of
Name and Address of Enquirer	C. Kennetts Esq 109 Sutherland St W Perth.
Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree.	(Father)
State if Next-of-Kin.	Yes

Accards Mc Henry Chei M.D.P. Secretary.

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Mrs. Bliss Alleval
Mowdens Ind.
Torquay
S. Devon

Re
2720. D. G. March
48th Btn

Information obtained locally (if any) or from letters.	
Enquiry included in W.S.M. Cable	No. 124 of May 23 · 1918
Enquiry included in Deferred Cable	No. of
Name and Address of Enquirer	Mrs J. McKay 36 Cavendish St — Highgate Hill
Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree.	Mother
State if Next-of-Kin.	Yes

On cards Henry Greig Secretary.
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answered 20-7-17

RECEIVED
13 JUL 1917
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE.

Mrs Bliss
Aliwal
July 11th/17 Rowdens Road
Torquay.

Madam -
I am not sure if a relative has sent to your address details of my only son's disappearance - I am most anxious to hear something concerning him - The Australian Red Cross have particulars.
Yours faithfully
M. Bliss
2720 Pte March - D.G.
48th Battalion
A. I. Forces
disappeared at Bullecourt
April 11th 1917 -

Answered
22.5.17

12th May 1917.

Hydro Hotel
Torquay

The Secretary
Central Prisoners of
War Committee.

Dear Sir

I shall be much obliged if you could inform me what is the best way of finding out what has become of Pte Douglas George Church – No. 2720 B. of the 48 Battalion Australian Imperial Force in France – reported missing since the 11th April 1917.

He is an only son, & his Mother is a widow, & is most anxious to know what steps can be taken to find out what has happened to him. She

PRISONERS OF WAR ENQUIRY BUREAU
RECEIVED
11- 1917

greatly fears he may have been killed –

Could you very kindly inform me how one can try & find out I am writing to you as I contribute £1–16 a month for Pte Parker (of the Royal Berks Regt) through your Committee & think perhaps you may have some means of finding out through prisoners in Germany, what has happened to those reported missing. I enclose stamped envelope for reply

Apologising for troubling you

I believe me

Yours truly

(Miss) Grace G. West

Enquiry for

2720 Pte Douglas S. MARCH
48 Batt A.I.F.

M. 11. 4. 17

2 Cards

Enquirer Mr. J. BARCLAY
20/21 Lawrence Lane
City
E.C.2

telephone
City 8027

Section FRONT France

E.D.S.—V. 1908.

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ank	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Casualty.
	23rd Batt: Infantry A.I.F.			M. July 28/16.

BY

ank.	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Home Address.
/P.	23rd Infantry A.I.F.	H.G.		61 Type Street. Burnley. Australia

INFORMANT

in first person).

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16th Inst: I again saw him
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RECEIVED
5 MAY 1917
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

THE FOLLOWING :—

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Signature of Searcher } Elsie C. Hughes.

Date of Report 14/5/19. E. C. H. for
Mrs Heath. Caldwell

Enquiry for
2720 Pte. Douglas March
48 Batt. 6 Rfts
In 11.4.17.
by
J. Barclay
20-21 Lawrence Lane
E. C.

answered

Mrs Bliss 22-5-17

Aliwal

Rowdens Road

May 12th/17 Torquay

S Devon

Sir-

My only son from W. Australian has been missing since April 11th. I should be most grateful if anything could be done to discover if he is a prisoner-

Yours faithfully

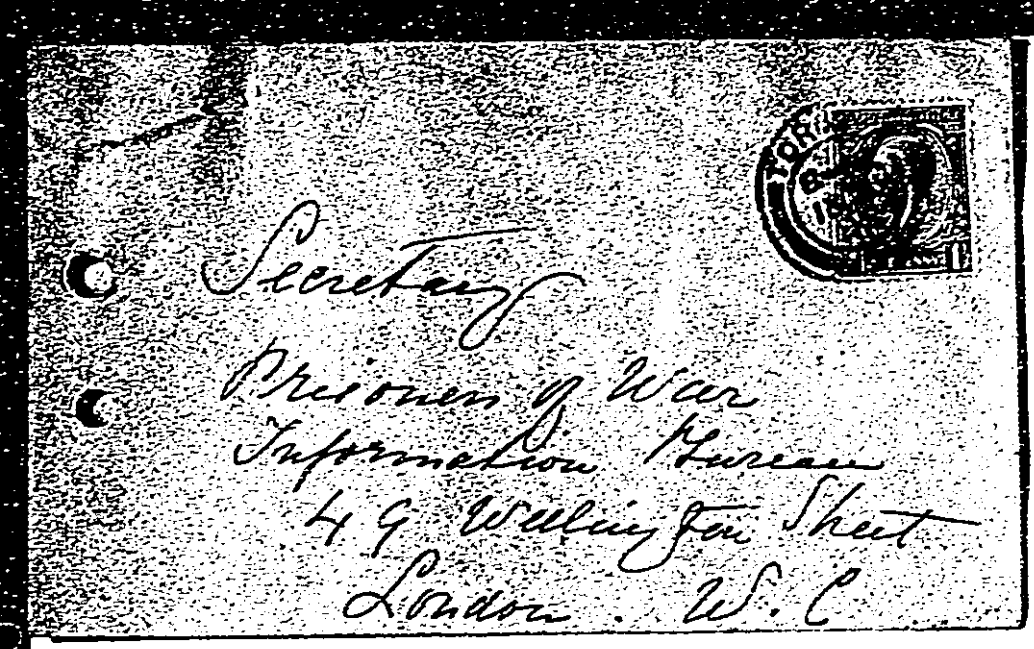
M. Bliss

Private Douglas George March

2720 B

48th Battalion

Australian Imperial Forces.


Secretary
Prisoners of War
Information Bureau
49 Wellington Street
London. W.C.

May 24th, 1917.

Miss G. West,
Hydro Hotel,
Torquay, South. Devon.

Dear Madam,

We are in receipt of your letter of enquiry for 2720 Pte Douglas George March, 48th Battn., A.I.F., who is officially reported "Missing" as from 11-4-17.

We regret that up to the present we have no information concerning his fate, but we are making every effort to obtain it.

As you will readily understand in cases of missing men, news of their death or imprisonment is necessarily slow in coming to hand. Six weeks is the least time that elapses between the date when a man is posted missing and when his name appears on the German lists.

We shall be glad if you will at once advise us if you should hear from Pte March in Germany, as we undertake to supply all Australian prisoners with regular parcels of food.

As soon as we obtain definite news either that he has been killed or is a prisoner of war, we shall at once communicate with you.

With sincere sympathy in your anxiety -
Yours faithfully,

V. D.

May 25th, 1917.

Mrs. Bliss,
Alival,
Rowden Road,
Torquay, South Devon.

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MRpe Co. Secretary.

MRS. MARIEN BLISS.
52, CROWN HILL PARK,
TORQUAY.
S. DEVON.

Further dtls wanted

Oct 8th 19

Further details wanted

Mrs. Bliss has just received letter respecting her late son D. G. March & encloses full particulars. Mrs Bliss left Admiral 18 months ago & hopes her address enclosed will be indeed - Any information respecting D. G. March will be most welcome

2420 (6th Reinforcement)

D. G. March

B Company

48th Battalion

A. I. F.

Supposed to have been killed in action at Bullecourt 11 April 1917.

Mrs Bliss

5-2 Crown Hill Park

Torquay. S Devon - England

July 23rd. 1917.

Mrs. Bliss,
Alival,
Rowdene Road,
Torquay,
S. Devon.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of enquiry for your son :-

2720B Pte. D.G. March, 48th Battn.,A.I.F.

has been handed on to us from B.R.C S. Carlton House Terrace, as we deal with all enquiries for wounded & Missing men in the Australian Forces.

We beg to state that your previous enquiry was received and we are making every effort to obtain news of him. Up to the present no information concerning his fate has come to hand.

We shall at once advise you when we receive any news whatever.

Yours faithfully,

V.D. for CP

Secretary.