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6961 Private

BROWN Duncan Raymond

7th Bn

Killed in action

5/10/17

NOTED ON H.R. CARD

Particulars required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier. Duncan Raymond BROWN
2. Unit and Number (if known) 6961 7th Bn
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
Town (if any) FOOTSCRAY District Melbourne State Victoria
4. What was his Birthplace. Abbotsford, Vic.
5. Date of Death. 9/10/17
6. Place where Killed Brookside

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling. Engineer
2. Age at time of Death. 29-30.
3. What was his School
4. What was his other Training
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars)
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—
Enlisted 17/10/16. 23rd R/Lts, 7th Bn. P.O.S., 7th Bn., 17/10/16.
8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—

9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
Name Mrs M.J. Powell
Relationship to Soldier aunt.
Address 80 Charles Street. Northcote, Victoria
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
Name
Address

NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

Private Duncan Napier Brown, killed at the Dardanelles, was a member of the First Expeditionary Force, being in E Company of the 1st Battalion. He enlisted from Inverell, and was 23 years of age. He had a large number of friends in Sydney sport. For twelve months he had been an active member of the best-known gymnasiums in Sydney, and the South Sydney Harriers Amateur Athletic Club. He played with Eastern Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club when that team won the Second Grade competition last season, and visited Sydney with the North-Western Rugby Union football team in August last. He was declared by the doctors to be one of the best physical specimens that had enlisted, and in Egypt was the picked shot of his battalion. As a pupil of

Mr. W. A. Hill—late of the Alexander School of Arms, he gained a gold medal for proficiency in ju-jitsu, and under Mr. Walter Witthrow's tuition was expected to win the middleweight amateur boxing championship of N.S. Wales, but as bad luck would have it, he could not keep at required weight. He assisted at Mr. R. L. Baker's last Stadium matinee in aid of charity, on that occasion boxing an exhibition with his instructor, Mr. Witthrow. Just prior to leaving for the front he won a heavyweight boxing championship at a private gymnasium in Sydney. His photograph is reproduced on page 8.