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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

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## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

### Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 98

Name BROOKE Vivian Cyril [initials?]

Unit 11<sup>th</sup> Batt. 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade

Joined on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1915

#### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Vivian Cyril Brooke
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... New Town in or near the Town of Robert in the County of Buckinghamshire
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If Naturalized, papers to be shown.) ... No. Major
4. What is your age? ... 27 yrs 2 mos. Base Recruit Yes. Eldest brother Mr. E. A. Brooke
5. What is your trade or calling? Officer i/c Base Recruit 11. V. 22 Marathon
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... Bank Clerk Pine St., Newtown
7. Are you married? ... No Jan.
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Widowed
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... No
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
14. (For married men and widowers with children)— Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ... No

3. Vivian Cyril Brooke do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.\*

Date 28/8/15.

V. C. Brooke

Signature of person enlisted.

D.377/6.14.—C.10220. \*This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

## CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 29/8/14

*Sgt C Elliott cap.*

Signature of Attesting Officer.

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

3. *Vivian Cyril Brooke*, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 29/8/14 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

*V Brooke*

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Brighton* in  
the State of *Tasmania*  
this *28<sup>th</sup>* day of  
*August* 1914, before me—

*Sgt Harvey Major*

Signature of Attesting Officer.

\* A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Description of Vivian Cyril Brooke on Enlistment.

			DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
Age	27	years	2 months
Height	5	feet	6 inches
Weight	94	13.	lbs.
Chest Measurement	33.	36	inches
Complexion	Dark		hil
Eyes	Brown		
Hair	Black		
Religious Denomination	C.P.		

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:-

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; haemorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 27<sup>th</sup> August 1914

Place Brighton

Sd. L. Cowles

Sd. H. Bain Butler Major

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to A Co

Date 28/8/14

Place Brighton

L. F. Clarke M.A.

Commanding 12 Batt. 3<sup>rd</sup> Suff. Brigade

Statement of Service of No.

Name

C. C. Brooke

Unit in which served,	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
17th Regt Ratt	Cpl Private (own request) 5/9/14	14/8/14		R.D.M. " " "

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 98

Name Vivian Cyril Brooke

Unit 12<sup>th</sup> Bn 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf Bde

12<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Joined on 20<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1914

A Coy

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Vivian Cyril Brooke
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... Hobart, in or near the Town of Hobart, in the County of Tasmania
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Yes
4. What is your age? ... 27 yrs
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Bank Clerk
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Mrs Amy Brooke, Ridannels, Lower Road, New Town, Tasmania
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No
14. (For married men and widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ... No

I, Vivian Cyril Brooke, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to retain not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 28/8/14

V.C. Brooke

Signature of person enlisted.

D.877/G.14.—C.10220. \*This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 28-8-14

*C H Elliott, capr.*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

I, *Vivian Cyril Brooke* swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 20/8/14 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

*Vivian Brooke*  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Brighton in  
the State of Tasmania  
this 28 day August of  
1914, before me—

*S Newell Major*  
Signature of Attesting Officer

\*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

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Description of Vivian Cyril Brooke on Enlistment.

			DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
Age	21	years	2 months
Height	5	feet	6 inches
Weight	91	lbs.	
Chest Measurement	33	.36	inches
Complexion	Dark		
Eyes	Brown		
Hair	Black		
Religious Denomination	L. of E.		

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:-

Serofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; haemorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 21st August 1914  
Place Brighton.

Sgt. Growther.

N. Davis Butcher Mys  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him

to A Company.

12th Batt. 2nd Inf. Regt.  
1st Army Div.

Date 28-8-14

Place Brighton

L. Clarke Lt. Col.

Commanding 12th Batt. 3rd Lf. Bdg.

1914-15 Star  
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Statement of Service of No. 98 Name Brooke Vivian Cyril

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
18th Bn. 3rd Divy Adt A.I.F.	Missing 2.5.15 B/o " 730 14.6.15 Enlisted. To join M. 6.7. ex Alexandria (Gallipoli Penins) Missing! Gallipoli P.			
		2.3.15.		
		25 28.4.15	B213/3. h.7.C.4680 16. D.F. Return. 0/16-430.	
Amended. B103 enclosed	Died while Prisoner of War in Turkey			(p.129) (Non-official)
Extract from Form B103	Date of being taken Prisoner -- not known. Admitted to Hospital -Bigha-Turkey Died of Wounds at Bigha Hospital Cannibal Repaired in P. Repar Repairs Buried in Christian Cemetery at Bigha- Turkey (Burial place is recognisable)			AIF Records.
		25.8.15	File 111/2/12.	
		29.8.15	Comprising W.O. Letter C 2 Cash Letter 0103/5-426 & Death Certificate Cables etc.	
			919 A 1373.	
	See copy of B103 enclosed			
	Death of Wounds at Bigha hospital (Turkey) 4.5.15 whilst P.O.W. Turkey		NFC 489 82	
Died of Wounds at Bigha hospital (Turkey) 4.5.15 Buried in Christian Cemetery Bigha Turkey no date given I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.				

SEE COPY A.F. B103 ENCLOSED

of E. 3611  
Subject Missing



Phone, Central 1180

E. A. BROOKE FORMAL ACKmt.  
SENT 7/11/15

FIRE, LIFE, ACCIDENT, INSURANCE  
AND  
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.  
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ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR.

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MUTUAL LIFE AND CITIZENS CO. LTD.  
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N 4036  
7/11/15  
ffw

48a Murray Street, Hobart.

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 1915

The Secretary of Defence  
Melbourne

Dear Sir,

Private V. C Brooke No 98 12<sup>A</sup>  
Battalion 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Brigade 1<sup>st</sup> Divd. Forces.

The above soldier, my brother,  
was advised by you as being missing on  
or about 18<sup>th</sup> June last. I have just  
received a letter signed by H. C. Smart for  
the High Commissioner, copy of which I  
enclose. I shall be glad to learn if you  
have had any information from the  
High Commissioner as to the names of  
any Australian prisoners in general & if  
my brother in particular, & if not of your  
could <sup>get</sup> the information confirmed.

Yours faithfully

E. Brooke



Phone, Central 1180

E. A. BROOKE

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AND  
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3rd November 1915

M Copy of letter from High Commissioner's Office, London, Commonwealth  
of Australia Military Records Branch dated 3rd September 1915.

By direction of the High Commissioner I have to inform you that a report has been received here from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs furnished by the American Ambassador at Constantinople to the United States Embassy in London respecting Lance Corporal V. Brooke of the 12th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force. The report is that according to information received by the United States representative at Constantinople from a private source Lance Corporal Brooke died in a Military Hospital at Biga, Asia Minor, on the 9th May 1915. The Home address of Lance Corporal Brooke is quoted in the Report as follows :— Macquarie St, Hobart, Tasmania, and our records show his personal number as 98.

*(Signature)*

C O P Y

American Embassy,  
CONSTANTINOPLE.

February 19th, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 3rd instant, with enclosures  
from the British Foreign Office dated February  
2nd, concerning the death of a British soldier  
named Brooke or Brook.

The information conveyed in my letter of  
May 24th last was based wholly upon the translation  
of a Turkish certificate of death received by the  
Embassy through the open Post.

The information regarding the death of  
Lance Corporal V. Brooke, 12th Battalion, Australian  
Forces, was given to me by a private soldier, a  
Prisoner of War at Afion Karahissar in the month  
of August last. This soldier, whose name unfor-  
tunately is not available at present, stated that  
he had been with Corporal Brooke in the Turkish  
Hospital at Biga at the time of his death. It was  
he who gave me the address forwarded in the Embassy's  
letter of August 10, 1915.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) HOFFMAN PHILIP.

Charge D'Affaires.

His Excellency,  
Honorable Walter Hines Page,  
American Ambassador,  
London.

C O P Y.

"Rialannal."

Swanston Street,

New Town,

S. Tasmania.

November 5th, 1915.

H.C.Smart, Esq.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your communication to Mr. Eric Harris, of the Bank, St. Albans, concerning my son, Lance-Corporal V.C.Brooke, in which it is stated that he died on May 9th, at Biga, Asia Minor. While all points agree in that he got his stripes on landing on 25th, that his number was 98, and that his address was Macquarie Street, as he was so addressing his letters on account of our changing our residence, yet hope dies hard, and we cling to the idea that there might be a case of mistaken identity so far as the death goes. That it was for some reason out of his power to write, we know from the fact that his last was dated April 21st, and that previously he never missed an opportunity to write.

Can you assist me in getting particulars of his death, if it did take place, or any information from that same "private source" which I cannot understand.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) (Mrs.) Amy Brooke.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY OFFICE,

911. WS/IF.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:

"MILAUSTRA. VIC. LONDON."

130. HORSEFERRY ROAD.

WESTMINSTER.

LONDON. S.W.

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8860.

4th January, 1916.

(For transmission to the Department of Defence).

Memorandum to:-

The Secretary,

Department of External Affairs.

FEB 14 1916

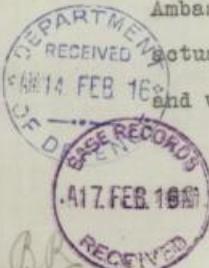
I am forwarding herewith copy of  
a letter from Mrs. A. Brooke, respecting her son, Lance-  
Corporal V. C. Brooke, Third Echelon, in his M. F.C.  
32715, cables as follows:-

"Defence Melbourne reports brother resident in  
Australia of 12th Battalion, 98. Brooke, L/Cpl.  
Vivian Cyril in receipt of letter from you  
stating American Ambassador reports Brooke,  
died 9th May in Hospital, Biga, Asia Minor.  
W.O. in reply to enquiry sent copy of translation  
of certificate of death from American Ambassador  
stating date of death 4th May. Particulars  
dissimilar branch of Service quoted as Navy  
member of Torpedo Boat. Might have been member  
of Submarine A. E 2. Revised list Prisoner of  
War now received shows Brooke L/Cpl. V. A.I.F.  
died beginning August. Please investigate and  
report which is correct."

I have taken the matter up with the War Office, with a  
view to further enquiry being made through the American  
Ambassador, to make it absolutely conclusive that it was  
actually 98. Brooke, who died at Biga on the 9th May, 1915,  
and will advise you of the result in due course.

In a letter received from the Secretary

.417 FEB 16 the War Office in November, was enclosed copy of a /  
certificate



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certificate of death of Private Brooke, a copy of which is forwarded herewith, from which it will be observed that the man named Brooks referred to, evidently belonged to some naval rating, and there may have been some confusion between this man and the Brooke of the 12th Battalion.

On the other hand, the particulars given by the United States Embassy at Constantinople, which were forwarded with my memorandum to you dated the 18th November, are somewhat definite in that the home address of Lance-Corporal Brooke has been correctly stated, but the date of his death differs from that quoted by 3rd Echelon, who says Lance-Corporal Brooke died in the beginning of August, according to a revised list of Prisoners of War.

Would you kindly acknowledge Mrs. Brook's letter, and advise her that any further information received here will be transmitted to you for communication to her.

A. C. Smart,  
per H.T.  
Officer in Charge  
of Military Records.

COPY.

Embassy of the  
United States of America  
CONSTANTINOPLE.

August 10, 1915.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that according to inform received from a private source Lance-Corporal V. Brooke, 3rd. Brigade, 12th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, died in a military hospital in Biga (Asia Minor) on May 9, 1915.

His home address is: Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

For the Ambassador,

(Signed) Hoffman Philip.

His Excellency,  
The Honorable Walter Hines Page,  
American Ambassador,  
London.

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Unit 12/14 Army Form B. 103.

AMENDED COPY.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Rtd.

Regiment or Corps 12 Battalion A.I.F. Regimental Number 98

Rank L/Cpl. Surname BROOKE Christian Name Vivian Cyril.

Religion Age on Enlistment years months.

Enlisted (a) 20-8-14. Terms of Service (a) Dur. of War. Service reckons from (a) 20-8-14.

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b)  
or Corps Trade and Rate

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 26, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 26, or other official documents
Date	From whom received	Embarked ... Disembarked...			
		H.M.T. Devanha Embarked to join M.E.F.			
		Gallipoli Peninsula.	Alexandria.	2-3-15.	D.O. 15/730
2-8-15.	O.C. Bn. 213-3	Missing.	Gall. Penin.	25/26-4-15. MFC 4685/6	A.I.F. Records
26-8-16.	War Office.	Date of being taken Prisoner not Known.			File 111/2/12
		Admitted to Hospital Bigha Turkey.	25-8-15.		
		Died of Wounds	do do	29-8-15.	comprising W.O.
		Shell wound L Clavicle Region and in R Renal Region.	letter C2		
		Buried in Christian Cemetery Bigha Turkey.			Casualties
		(Burial Place is recognisable)		10/4473	• 103/5426 Death Certs.
15-11-15.	War Office.	Died of Wounds whilst a			Caoles etc.
		Prisoner of War.	Turkey.	4-5-15. MFC 48982 2-1-17	Lst. Div Det. D.O.
					P.T.O.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered. 1/23  
(b) Signaller, Shoeing-smith, &c.

(B29139) W 13012-5136 J. P. & Co., Ltd. Forma/B105A.

K.S. Stael.  
O.C. Australian Records Section.  
3rd Echelon G.H.Q.E.E.F.

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41. Information as to Location of Graves.

AA/LS/5/12612.

Place of Graves

ARI BURNU CEMETERY, ANZAC. GALLIPOLI

Reported by

GRAVES REGISTRATION UNIT.

(EXHUMATIONS)

Regiment.	No.	Name.	Rank and Initials.	Date of Death.
12/A.I.F. ✓	98 ✓	BROOKE ✓ (Report Gallipoli. A.20.9.) Plot 1, Row "G", Grave 20. <u>Exhumed from Anglo French Cemetery.</u>	L/C.V.C. ✓	4.5.15. ✓
3/A.I.F. ✓	170 ✓	RADOS ✓ (Report Gallipoli. A.20.9.) Plot 1, Row "G", Grave 21. <u>Exhumed from Anglo French Cemetery.</u>	Pte.P. ✓	19.5.15. ✓

x Mr O. Rados

28 Arcos Ave.

Athens Greece

x N.O.K. said to be untraceable.

C O P Y.

Translation.  
(75378/15).

Certificate received from the American Embassy.

Branch of Service.

Navy.

Army Corps	}	
Division	}	
Regiment	}	A member of the crew of the
Battalion	}	Duana (?) torpedo-boat, and
Company and(?) Platoon.	}	a prisoner.

Rank.

Name and Description.  
and Father's name.

Richy (? Rishy, Dishy, Vishy)  
Brooks.

County.

Point Hispania (? Puntespania)  
in the Island of Australia.

No. of Village.

-

No. of House.

-

Year of Birth.

1303 ( i.e. abt. 1887.)

Place of Death.

1st Field Hospital, Fifth Army  
at Bigha.

Disease from which died.

Blood poisoning (?) caused by  
gunshot wound in left upper arm.

Date of Death.

April 21st 1331 (May 4th, 1915).

Estate (kind and quantity.)

None.

Estate where delivered.

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The back of the paper contains only various printed headings  
and notices, and the seal of the official or office issuing the  
certificate.

G O P Y.

Comparison of two Reports.

Forwarded under cover of Foreign  
Office Memorandum No.75378/15  
of 19th June, 1915.

Forwarded under cover of Foreign  
Office Memorandum No.120573/15  
of 30th August, 1915.

Particulars from  
Death Certificate.

Particulars from  
U.S. Embassy letter 10th August, 1915

Service : Navy. A member of  
the crew of the  
Duana (?) torpedo-  
boat and a prisoner.

3rd Bde. 12th Bn. Australian  
Imperial Force.

Rank :

Lance Corporal.

Name : Richey (? Rishy, Dishy,  
Vishy) Brooks.

V. Brooke.

Country : Point Hespania  
(? Puntespania) in the  
Island of Australia.

Macquarie Street,  
Hobart,  
Tasmania.

Year of  
Birth : 1303 (about 1887)

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Place of  
Death : 1st Field Hospital.  
Fifth Army at Bigha.

Military Hospital,  
Biga (Asia Minor).

Disease : Blood poisoning  
From which (?) Caused by G.S.W.  
died : left upper arm.

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Date of  
Death : April 21st, 1331  
(May 4th, 1915).

May 9th, 1915.

Estate : None.

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Tel. No., City 1740. Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Telegraphic Address:  
"CROTONATE, ESTRAND, LONDON."



## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Any further communication should  
be addressed to  
OFFICER IN CHARGE,  
AUSTRALIAN GRAVES SERVICES,  
and the following No. quoted:

A.G.S. 11/M/34

COMMONWEALTH OFFICES,

AUSTRALIA HOUSE,

STRAND,

LONDON, W.C.2

7th March, 1922.

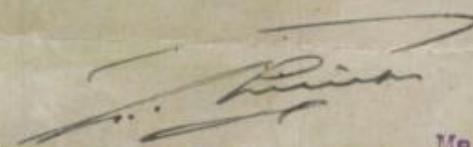
Officer i/c Base Records,  
Department of Defence,  
Melbourne,  
Australia.

98 L/Cpl. V.C. BROOKE, 12th Bn.A.I.F.  
Died whilst Prisoner of War 4.5.15.

You are advised that an intimation has been received from the Imperial War Graves Commission to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in Grave 6 Row "A" Plot 1 Anglo French Cemetery, Kilid Bahr.

This report will be confirmed on a Location Sheet in due course.



  
Major.  
C.O. Australian Graves Services.

P.A.

Q 65982  
17/12/15  
23 Brooke's Crescent  
North Fitzroy  
Melbourne  
Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 1915

To Minister of Defence.  
Dear Sir.

I am writing to you to ask  
you if it would be possible to obtain  
any information for me respecting  
the reported death of my brother.  
Private V. C. BROOKE.

I enclose card with particulars on.

I shall be staying in Melbourne three  
months longer & I trust you will be able to obtain some information  
for me. He was officially notified  
as missing last 21st April.

Is he only reported dead now as you  
can't get definite news or do you  
hold out any hope of him being  
a prisoner with the Turks.

I want if possible to send my mother  
some good news before Christmas  
so if by a personal interview you could

yours faithfully Moyna BROOKE



give me any help I should be  
glad to have one; we only have  
another brother & as he is now in  
the 4<sup>th</sup> class in training he may  
have to leave his wife & little son  
next year too. I must take my  
brothers place at home, & am only  
staying in Melbourne until my  
steamer ticket expires with the  
hopes of gaining some news from  
you, in ascertaining some details  
about my brother.

As I must get fresh work whilst  
waiting can you give me information  
about obtaining work making  
ammunition. I have had 2 years  
nursing training but had to give up on  
account off ill health. Could I make  
some ammunition I should at  
least feel I was doing something  
to help "Our Brave Lads".

Hoping you will pardon me for  
trespassing on your valuable time

I remain

yours faithfully Moyna Brooke

A.M.R.

D, 6598

PK

No. 98

Private Vivian Cyril Brooke,  
12th Battalion.  
1st Australian Division.

wounds received in action at Gallipoli

Military Hospital, Biga}      9th May      15  
Asia Minor }

Cable No. M.V.C.  
27683, from the Officer Commanding Intermediate Base, dated  
Alexandria, 19th November 1915, and confirmed by Army Form  
B 104-52 and a cable from the High Commissioner for Australia  
dated London 18th November 1915 and confirmed by a communication  
No. 911/11/15 from the High Commissioner for Australia dated  
London 18th November 1915

15th January,      16

Captain

No. 98 Name <i>V. B. Brooke</i>		Regt., Battery, or Company <i>A</i>	Corps <i>1st Bn. 8th Inf'y Regt.</i>	Date of Enlistment <i>20/8/16</i>	G. C. Badges <i>(Signature)</i>	Service or Proficiency Pay <i>C</i>			
Date of last Entry in Company Conduct Sheet		No and date of last drink	Sheet No. <i>110. FULHAM, LONDON</i>		Character				
Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Class of Drunkenness	Offence	Names of Witnesses	Punishment Awarded	Date of Award or of Order Received with Trial	By Whom Awarded	Remarks
<i>KIT STORE</i>					<i>S.W.</i>				
Inventory of Effects of <i>The Late Pte. V. B. Brooke, 18th Bn., I.Y.</i>									
Forwarded to <i>Mrs Amy Brooke, Ballanish, Lower Road, Westown,  Hobart, Tasmania.</i>									
<i>Effects</i>									
Ex. Kit Store. )		Cheq's Book, Wallet, Brush. Cigarette Case, Scissors, Hankerf.							
Believed to be safe but no further evidence									
No. of Package <i>D/S. 6338</i>		Checked by							
Exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.									

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## FIELD SERVICE

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Dept. with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

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12 A.I.F. \_\_\_\_\_ Fia. 1-Bands as

Regt. No. 98 Rank Lance Corporal.

Name ROOFY, V. (Missing 2-5-18.)

Date Believed to be dead, but no definite evidence.  
Place Biggs, Turkey.

Cause of Death - Died of Wounds.  
Reference:- Staff Sergeant Letta, 3 Rds.

Nature and Date of Reportings  
H. A. S.,  
El Tan-conv. Hospital,  
Alexandria.  
Paraffice letter  
of 6-9-16.  
By whom made Head Doctor Bigham Parker.

*\*Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.*

Nov. 29 1914. Geyetay, Sivas, Turkey.

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REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT or CORPS	{ 12th Battalion.A.I.F.	Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } -----
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Regt. No. 98 Rank Lance Corporal.

Name BROOKE. Vivian Cyril.

Died	Date 4-5-15.
	Place Bigha, Turkey.
	Cause of Death * Died of Wounds.

Nature and Date of Report Undated Death Certificate. { War Office letter  
Hospital. of 26-8-16.  
By whom made Head Doctor, Bigha Turkey.

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial	Place Christian Cemetery, Bigha, Turkey.
	Date not stated.
	By whom reported Head Doctor, Bigha Hospital.

State whether he leaves a will or not	(a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not to hand.
	(b) in Small Book (if at Base) -----
	(c) as a separate document -----

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge  
of Section Adjutant-General's  
Office at the Base

*H.S.G. Haef* Capt.  
O.C. Australian Records Section.  
3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.E.E.F.

Station and Date Alexandris. January 3rd. 1917.

11/2/12  
AUSTRALIAN

Military District.

Make and H.P.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DA**

Date.	RUN.		No. and Names of all Passengers carried. (If a load only carried, state approximate weight.)
	From—	To—	

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In Esplanade.

Date of death

In this case has

been condemned to  
death 29 8 18 6

Condemned

Guilty of Treason

EK  
JW

PHONE, CENTRAL 116

E. A. BROOKE

FIRE, LIFE, ACCIDENT INSURANCE  
AND GENERAL INSURANCE AGENT.  
LAND AND FIRE AGENT  
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR

REPRESENTING  
A.M.P. SOCIETY  
INSURANCE OFFICE OF AUSTRALIA LTD.  
PRIVATE ADDRESS:  
"MARATHON," PINE STREET, NEW TOWN  
PHONE, NEW TOWN 91

50 Murray Street, Hobart.

29th April 1926.

M. W. Mackintosh Esq.,  
Officer I/c Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

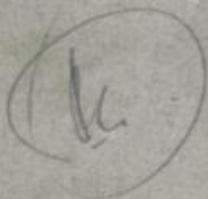
Dear Sir,

I note contents of yours of 23rd inst., and would not have suggested any inscription only your letter of 15th inst., seemed to invite one. I regret to say that the sister you refer to in yours of 23rd inst., died on last Anzac Day. 25 April 1926



Yours faithfully,

*E. Brooke*



*Don de futale  
for £1.4.16<sup>20</sup>*

TELEPHONE  
CENTRAL 4780.

## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS

In all communications regimental number,  
rank, full name and unit of Soldier referred  
to, are to be stated.

Melbourne,

Dear

At the request of the Imperial War Graves Commission I am  
forwarding herewith a circular order form relative to the purchase of  
copies of the Register of the—

wherein the remains of

Should you desire to obtain one or more copies of this Register,  
kindly complete the enclosed application form and return same direct  
to:—

THE RECEIVER OF PUBLIC MONEYS,  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE.

accompanied by remittance (Postal Note) to the value of 3/- per copy  
required.

Prompt attention will be given to orders received in this  
connexion, and the Registers will be forwarded post free to applicants  
without delay.

Yours faithfully,

*W. Mackintosh* Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

D.2226/12.24.—C.18368.

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DEPARTMENT

23 APR 1926

24 APR 1926

Dear Sir,

With reference to your communication of 19th April, suggesting a personal inscription for engraving on the headstone tablet erected to the memory of your brother, the late No. 98 L/Cpl. V.C. BROOKES, 12th Battalion, I have to inform you that in March 1922 a short verse or epitaph was submitted for this purpose by the deceased's sister, Miss I.A.A. Brooke, on behalf of the late Mrs. Amy Brooke, and duly brought to the notice of the responsible authorities.

Yours faithfully,

Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. E.A. Brooke,  
"Marathon"  
Pirie Street,  
NEWTOWN,  
Tasmania.

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PHONE. CENTRAL 1180

E. A. BROOKE

FIRE, LIFE, & MARINE INSURANCE  
AND GENERAL AGENT

LAND AND ESTATE AGENT  
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR

REPRESENTING  
A.M.P. SOCIETY  
INSURANCE OFFICE OF AUSTRALIA LTD.

PRIVATE ADDRESS:  
"MARATHON," PIRIE STREET, NEW TOWN  
PHONE. NEW TOWN 91

50 Murray Street, Hobart.

19th April 1926.

M Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victorian Barracks, Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

re late V.C.Brooke No 98 12th Battalion.

I thank you for the courtesy contained in your letter of 15th inst.,  
and as your letter implies a suggested inscription, I would say the  
inscription on our Mother's head-stone, on which his name also appears, is  
"Beneath, the Everlasting Arms" and same might well be repeated on his  
grave at Gallipoli.



Yours faithfully,

JE/EW

FORGE LANCASHIRE MILITIA

GENERAL

XXX 4780

ARMED FORCES  
REGIMENTAL RECORDS  
DIVISION

GENERAL  
REGIMENTAL RECORDS  
DIVISION

RECORDED

15 APR 1926  
DESPATCH

Dear Sir,

With further reference to the report of burial of your brother, the late No.98 L/Corporal V.C. BROOKE, 12th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice from the Imperial War Graves Commission intimating that in accordance with the usual practice of concentrating the graves of our Fallen into established military cemeteries under British control, the remains of the late soldier have been exhumed from the Anglo-French Cemetery and re-interred with every measure of care and reverence in the -

ARI BURNI CEMETERY, ANZAC, GALLIPOLI,  
Plot 1. Row G. Grave 20.

where a permanent headstone tablet will be erected and engraved with his full regimental particulars and date of death, together with any verse or epitaph previously furnished in the form of a personal inscription.

It is the practice of the Commission to notify relatives direct when the headstones are actually in position, and at a later date the opportunity will be afforded you of obtaining a copy of the printed Register containing full particulars of all British and Dominion burials in this Cemetery.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. E.A. Brooke,  
"Marathon"  
Pine Street,  
NEWTOWN,  
Tasmania.  
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Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

TELEPHONE:  
CENTRAL 4741.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental number,  
rank, full name and unit of Soldier referred  
to, are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORI~~A~~ BARRACKS.

Melbourne,

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DECEASED.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

6TH MILITARY DISTRICT

Schedule No. 5756

AUG 11 1920

Received from Headquarters, 6th Military District, one

1914-1915 STAR for No. 98 Rank L/Cpl.

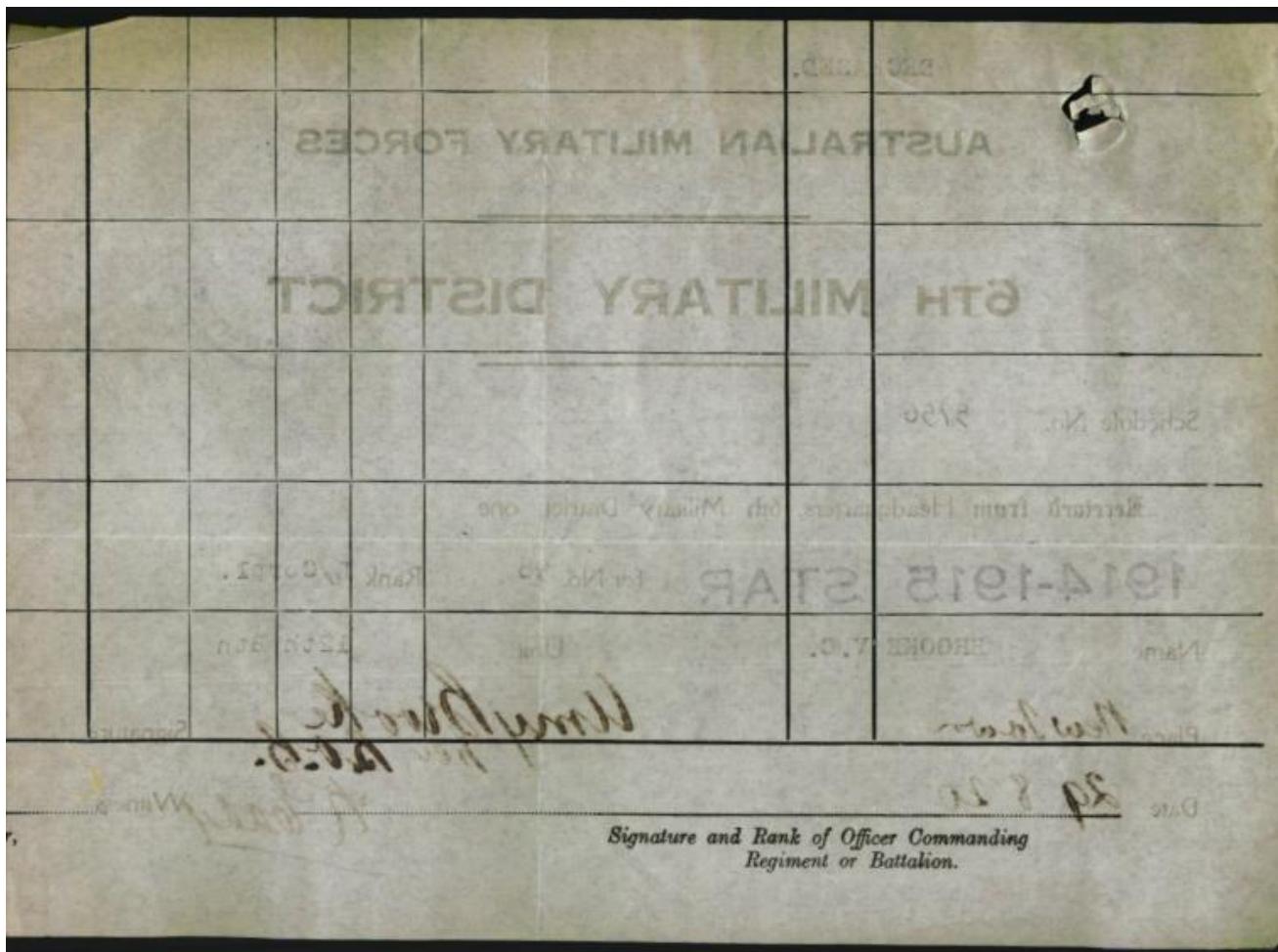
Name BROOKE V.C. Unit 12th Btn

Place New Town Signature Amy Brooke her B.O.B.

Date 29 8 20 Witness T. East

Signature and stamp of the Commonwealth  
Government to be countersigned

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

~~DECEASED~~

6TH MILITARY DISTRICT

Schedule No.

Received from Headquarters, 6th Military District, one

~~BRITISH WAR SERVICE MEDAL~~

for No.

98 L/cpl.

Rank

Name

Brooke V.C.

Unit

12 Btr

Place

Brooke Commonwealth Bank

Signature

Date

15 4 21

R. Wallace

Witness

RECEIVED APRIL 6 1921

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28th March, 1924.

The Official Secretary,  
(Military) REINFORCED  
Australia House, 31 MAR 1924  
Strand,  
LONDON. W.C.2.

With reference to the report of burial of the  
late No. 98 Lance-Corporal V.C. BROOKE, 12th Battalion, as per  
Location Sheet AA/LS.5/11376, please note that the date of  
death has since been amended to read 29th August 1915 on  
authority Army Forms B.103 and 2090A, confirmed by War Office  
memorandum dated 26/8/16.

Captain,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

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~~buried. C. & T. 1914~~

~~9th Jan 1914~~

~~date of~~

~~death~~

Buried Asia Minor.

AUSTRALIAN M

Military District.

Make and H.P.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DA**

Date.	RUN.		No. and Names of all Passengers carried. (If a load only carried, state approximate weight.)
	From—	To—	

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RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, one Victory Medal in connexion with the late

No. 98 Lance/Corporal V. C. BROOKE, 12th Battalion.



Signature

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that appears to read "V.C. Brooke".

Date

22<sup>nd</sup> August 1922

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.

D.O.40/4.22—C.5128.

A large, handwritten signature in cursive ink that appears to read "V.C. Brooke".

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RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Head-quarters,  
one Memorial Plaque in connexion with the late  
No.98 L/Cpl. V.C. Brooke,

12th Battalion.



Signature

Date 28 Aug 1922

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria,  
within seven (7) days.

D.2033/1.22—C.1064.—SW.

With many thanks! A very creditable & highly treasured Memorial.

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PHONE, CENTRAL 1180

E. A. BROOKE

FIRE, LIFE, ACCIDENT, INSURANCE  
AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT

LAND AND ESTATE AGENT

ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR

A.M.P. Society

REPRESENTING  
MURKIL LIFE AND FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD  
INSURANCE OFFICE OF AUSTRALIA LTD

PRIVATE ADDRESS:  
"MARATHON," PIRIE STREET, NEW TOWN  
PHONE 1581

48a Murray Street, Hobart.

6th July

1922

Major A. M. Lean,

Officer i/c Base Records  
Victoria Barracks  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

re late V.C.Brooke. I thank you for information contained  
in your letter of 29th ult. and have communicated with Headquarters  
Hobart in the matter.



Yours faithfully,

*E. A. Brooke*

XXX 4780

E1/AVF

29th June, 1922.

DESPATCHED

Dear Sir,

30 JUN 1922

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th June, and to inform you that the 1914/15 Star, and British War Medal of your brother, the late No. 98 Lance-Corporal V.C.Brooke, 12th Battalion, were forwarded to Headquarters, 6th District Base, Anglesea Barracks, Hobart, for disposal, and I would suggest that you communicate with the authorities there on the subject. The serial numbers of the medals are 5756, and 4304 respectively, and should be quoted in your application.

The Victory Medal is not yet available for issue, but as soon as it is ready, it will be forwarded to you direct from this office.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. S.A.Brooke,  
48a Murray Street,  
Hobart,  
Tasmania.  
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Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

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a"	13th Rns. 5th I.H.R.	103	127,158
	13th Rns. 9th Battn	201	127,359
	13th Rns. 15th Battn	153	127,512
	8th Rns. 25th Battn	202	127,714
	8th Rns. 26th Battn	110	127,824
	8th Rns. 7th Fld.Amb.	17	127,841
	2nd Rns. 31st Battn	113	127,954
	O.C.Troops	1	127,955
	Adjutant	1	127,956
	Chaplain	1	127,957
	Medical Officers	2	127,959
	13th Rns. 3rd I.H.R. (6/m)	50	127,989
	13th Rns. 9th I.H.R. (3/m)	30	128,019
	13th Rns. 12th Battn	109	128,128
	13th Rns. 2nd F.A.R.	141	128,269
	13th Rns. D.A.C.	113	128,382
	13th Rns. 1/2/3.Sig.Trp.	23	128,405
	13th Rns. 1st Sig.Coy.Eng.	26	128,431
	13th Rns. 1st S.C.E. (4/m)	5	128,436
	Motor Drivers	7	128,443
	13th Rns. 2nd Sig.C. 2/Sec	4	128,447
	13th Rns. 1st & 3rd C.ASC	7	128,454
	13th Rns. 4th Coy.A.S.C.	4	128,458
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	8th Rns. 22nd Battn	201	128,699
	8th Rns. 23rd Battn	202	128,901
	8th Rns. 24th Battn	202	129,186
	8th Rns. 26th Battn (6/m)	91	129,199
	8th Rns. 3rd S.C.E. 2/Sec	5	129,199
	8th Rns. 2nd S.C.E. 3/Sec	5	129,204
	8th Rns. 2nd S.C.E. 4/Sec	5	129,209

PHONE: CENTRAL 1180

E. A. BROOKE

FIRE, LIFE, ACCIDENT, INSURANCE  
AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT  
LAND AND ESTATE AGENT  
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR

A.M.P. Society  
REPRESENTING  
GENERAL LIFE AND OTHER SOCIETIES  
INSURANCE OFFICE OF AUSTRALIA LTD.

PRIVATE ADDRESS:  
"MARATHON," PIRIE STREET, NEW TOWN  
PHONE: 1691

48a Murray Street, Hobart,

20th June

1918

Major J. M. Lean

Officer 1/c Base Records  
Victoria Barracks  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 13th inst., which reached me yesterday on my brother's 35th birthday, and thank you for the information contained therein.

I have not applied for nor have I received any badges or medals that may have been allotted to him, since the Armistice, and if there are any waiting application I should be obliged if you would forward same to me.



Yours faithfully,

*E. A. Brooke*

Murphy  
27/6

Don't forget to advise any change  
of address to—  
BASE RECORDS,  
MELBOURNE.

## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental  
number, rank, full name, and unit  
of Soldier referred to are to be  
stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,

MELBOURNE.

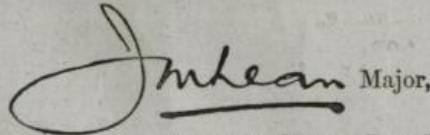
Dear

I am in receipt of cable advice to the effect that

is returning to Australia, and his name will be published in the Press under List A further notification will be published some 24 hours before arrival stating that the troops whose names appeared in List will disembark at a certain hour. Beyond this no further information can be supplied. It is regretted that the movements or name of the transport on which he is arriving cannot be disclosed.

It is to be noted that, owing to possible mutilations in the cabled advice and other causes, this notification may not be correct pending verification from the roll on arrival of the troopship.

Yours faithfully,



J. McLean Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1178/1.15.—C.446.

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13th June, 1922.

KW.

Dear Sir,

15 JUN 1922 DESPATCHED

With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your brother, the late No. 98, Lance Corporal V.C. Brooke, 12th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that the late soldier is buried in

Grave No. 6, plot 1, row A,

Arie French Cemetery, Kilid Fahr, Gallipoli

If not Delivered within 7 Days please return to

Officer in Charge, Base Records,

These additional details are furnished by direction, it being the policy of the Department to forward all information received in connection with deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.

Yours faithfully,

Major,

Officer i/c Base Records.

(4)

Mr E.A. Brooke,  
"Marathon,"  
Pine Street,  
Newtown, Tas.

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Don't forget to advise any change  
of address to—  
BASE RECORDS,  
MELBOURNE.

## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,

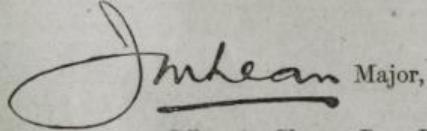
MELBOURNE.

Dear

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Yours faithfully,

 Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1178/1.18.—C.446.

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MG

27th March, 1922.

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DESPATCHED

Dear Madam,

With reference to the memorial "A" form completed by you in respect of your brother, the late No. 98 Lance-Corporal V. C. Brooke, 12th Battalion, wherein you state that the mother is deceased, I shall be obliged if you will advise whether the soldier has any brothers living and if so please furnish the name and address of the eldest. If there are no brothers, please furnish the name and address of the eldest sister.

If not Delivered within 7 Days please return to  
Officer in Charge, Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

Yours faithfully,

Major,

Officer i/c Base Records.

Miss T.A.A.Brooke,  
State School,  
Albuera Street,  
Hobart,  
Tasmania.  
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Defence

- (a) ANGLO FRENCH CEMETERY, KIA LID  
BAHR. GALLIPOLI.
- (b) LANCASTER LAND CEMETERY.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a  
mile N. of Cape Helles. GALLIPOLI.
- (c) MAKINA MASUS NEW EXTENSION CEMETERY.  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles N. of Basra. IRAQ.

## GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.

EXHUMATIONS.

12/A.I.F.	98	BROOKE (Report Gallipoli 2.2.) Plot 1. Row A. Grave 6.	L/C.V.C.	4.5.15.	Anst 3
(a)					
14/A.I.F.	1345	COLEMAN (Report Helles 2.37.) Plot 1. Row K. Grave 45.	Pte.C.H.	1.11.15.	Anst 3
(b)					
Anst. Wireless.	14286	ELIAS (Report Iraq 12.42.) Block 2. Row H. Grave 17.	L/C.L.C	29.4.17.	Anst 3
(c)					

Albuera St. S. S.

4<sup>th</sup> April

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> March,  
which I received today, I beg to state  
that Lance-corporal V. C. Brooke has  
an older brother - S. A. Brooke - whose  
address is "Marathon", Pine St, Newtown,  
Tasmania.

I am his eldest sister & in  
that capacity, answered in place of  
my mother, who died 28<sup>th</sup> March 1920.

I am,

Yours sincerely

I. A. A. Brooke.



New Guinea  
10/11

(C)

War Medals Etc to eldest brother

JM Major  
Officer in Charge  
Base Records

11.4.22.

Statement of A.F.S 82090A  
Previously Forwarded 156  
Forwarded April 1  
Total to Date 157  
35/4/18

No Will  
No Paybook

12th BATTALION, A.I.F.

28 Lance Corporal

BROOKE V. C.

29th August, 1918.

Bishe, Turkey

Died of Wounds received in Action, (while Prisoner of War)

Military Death Certificate (Confirmed by  
Head Doctor of Hospital Sigha, Turkey.) of 26/8/18

Christian Cemetery, Bishe, Turkey.

not stated

Head Doctor, Sigha Hospital.

Not to send

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Lieut.  
Australian Record Section,  
3rd Battalion, A.I.F., P.M.V.

ALEXANDRIA 19/5/18



12th Battalion...I.P.

98

Lance Corporal.

BROOKE, Vivian Cyril.

4-5-16.

Bigha.Turkey.

Died of Wounds.

Undated Death Certificate. } War Office letter.  
Hospital. } of 28-8-16.  
Head Doctor.Bigha Turkey. }

Christian Cemetery.Bigha.Turkey.

not stated.

Head DoctorBigha Hospital.

Not to hand.

Capt

O.O. Australian Records Section.  
Srd. CHILTON. G.M. I.P.P.

Alexandria.January 3rd.1917.

AMENDED COPY.

## Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 12 Battalion A.I.F. Regimental Number 98  
 Rank L/Cpl. Surname BROOKE Christian Name Vivian Cyril.  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 Enlisted (a) 20-8-14. Terms of Service (a) Dur. of War. Service reckons from (a) 20-8-14.  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended ( ) Re-engaged ( ) Qualification (b)  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Capt.  
O.C. Australian Records Section.  
3rd ECHELON G.S.Q.E.E.P.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks
Date	From whom received				Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
		Embarked ... Disembarked...			
	H.M.T. Devanna	Embarred to join A.E.F.			
		Gallipoli Peninsula.	Alexandria.	2-3-15.	D.O. 15/730
2-5-15.	O.C. Bn. 213-3	Missing.	Gall. Penin.	25/28-4-16	M.F.C. 4685/6
2-8-16.	War Office.	Date of being taken Prisoner not Known.			I.F. Records
		Admitted to Hospital Sigha	Turkey.	25-8-15.	File 111/e/12 comprising L.O.
		Died of wounds do	do	29-8-15.	letter C2
		Shell wound L Clavicle Region and in R Renal Region.			Casulties
		Buried in Christian Cemetery Sigha Turkey.			102/5426
		(Burial place is recognisable)			Death Certs.
					Cables etc.
15-11-15.	War Office.	Died of wounds whilst a			
		Prisoner of War.	Turkey.	4-6-16.	T.G. 40982 - 1-17 1st Div Det D.A.Q. [P.T.O.]

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered. 1/23  
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing-smith, do.

(B99130) W 15012-5156 J. P. &amp; Co., Ltd. Form B.103.

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Duplicate

Army Form B. 103.

## Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 12th BATTALION, A.I.F.

Regimental No. 98 Rank 1/Corpl. Name BROOKE V. C.

Enlisted (a) 20/7/14 Terms of Service (a) War &amp; 4 Months Service reckons from (a) 20/8/14

Date of promotion to } present rank Date of appointment } to lance rank Numerical position on } roll of N.C.O.s.

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 313, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 313, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
	H.M.T. "Devania" Embld. to join M.E.F. ex Alexandria (Gallipoli Penin.)			2/3/16	
2/5/16	O.C. 11th Missing Battn.	Gallipoli P.	25/4/16 28	B215/3 D.F. Return 0/15-730	MFC 4685/6
18/3/16	"The Age" Died while Prisoner of War in Turkey - - - - - (r.129) (autofacil)	Melbourne			
26/8/16	War Office	Date of being taken Prisoner -- not Known Admitted to Hospital -- Bigha-Turkey 25/8/16 Died of Wounds at " 29/8/16 (Shelli wound L. Clavicle Region and in R. Renal Region) Buried in Christian Cemetery at Bigha -Turkey (Burial Place is recognisable)		0/9/1973	( AIF Records File 111/2/12 comprising W.O. letter G3-Sasua -ties 0103/548 ( Death Certf. Cables etc.
<i>Original Note. to A.I.F./order 18/9/16</i>					..... Lieut. Australian Record Section, Sri Echelon, G.H.Q., F.E.F.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered. (P.T.O.)

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Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 215, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 215, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				

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## Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 124 Battalion  
 Regimental No. 98 Rank Sgt Name Brooke V C

Enlisted (a) 20/8/14 Terms of Service (a) Duration of War Service reckons from (a)

Date of promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }  
 present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.O.s }

Extended Embarked 20/8/14 Re-engaged 10/10/14 Qualification (b) Gallipoli Peninsula, Alexandria 2-3-15

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
2/5/15	D.F. Return 2/5/15 B.W.	Missing	Dardanelles	25/2/15 B 2/3/3 9/5/15	MFC 4625/6
18/3/16	"The Age" Melbourne (229)	Died while Prisoner of War in Turkey			
		Correspondence + cables of File 11/1/12 established that death occurred at Bigha Turkey - as Prisoner of war)		39:8:15	
	Death Certificate (Head Doctor Bigha Hosp.)	Date of Capture not known Admitted to Hosp. Bigha Turkey 25:8:15			
	Confinement War Office	Died of Wounds (Shell wound left elbow in Right Arm Region)	Bigha Turkey	39:8:15	
16/8/16		Buried in Christian Cemetery at Bigha			

FILE 11/2/16

 W.O. letter 26.8.16  
 C.2. Casualties  
 0103/5426
35/4/16  
11/5/16

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

I.P.T.O.

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Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
15-11-15.	War Office.	Died of Wounds whilst a Prisoner of War.	TURKEY	4-5-15	MFC 48982 of 2-1-17. D.O.1st Div.Details.

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B.R. Form No. 2.

E.H. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental number,  
rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred  
to are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE, 4th July, 1917.

Dear Madam,

Forwarded herewith, per separate registered post, is one package  
containing personal effects of the late No. 98 L/Cpl V.C. Brooke,  
12th Battalion received ex "Beltana"  
as per inventory attached.

(Enclosure.) I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether  
come safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt slip.

Yours faithfully,

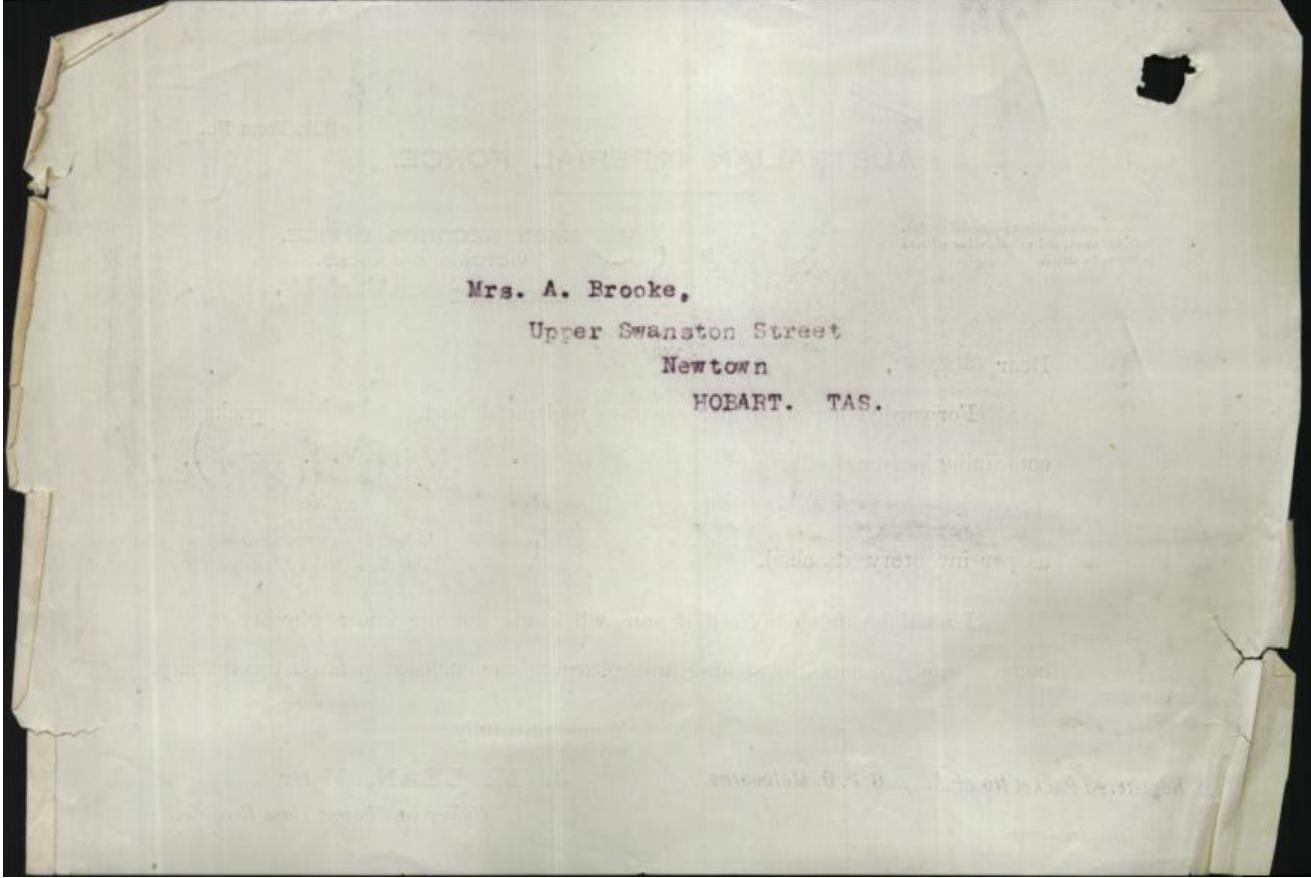
Registered Packet No. 4717...G.P.O. Melbourne.

J. M. LEAN, Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.189/3.17.—C.3409.

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Mrs. A. Brooke,  
Upper Swanston Street  
Newtown  
HOBART. TAS.

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BROOKE Surname.	Vivian Cyril Other Names.	98 Regimental No.	12th Btn. Unit.
PURPORT.			AUTHORITY.
Embarked at Hobart on H.M.A.T. A2 "Geelong" 20/10/15 Pte.			
2/5/15 Missing D. F. Return			MEFO 15/1/15
previously reported Missing 25/28/4/15 now reported Died of Wounds ( While Prisoner of War.) at Bigha Hosp. Turkey 29/8/15 Buried in the Christian Cemetery at Bigha (Date of Capture not known) Reported by War. Office .			MEFO 19/1-16
4/5/15 Died of Wounds at Bigha Hosp. Turkey. Buried in Christian Cemetery Bigha Turkey (no date given)(Sts.I/Cpl) (A.H)			MEFO 1/2-17

D.825/2.36.—C.2024.

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M.ELB.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,  
FULHAM, LONDON.

S.W.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— The Late. 98. Pte Brooke. V.C. 12th Btn. A.I.F.

Forwarded to—

Mrs Amy Brooke,  
Railannah.  
Tower Road.  
Newtown,  
Hobart,  
Tasmania.

*Beltana*

Effects.

Ex. Kit Store. )      Cheque Book, Wallet, Brush.  
                          Cigarette Case, Scissors, Hankerf.

No. of Package    D/S.    6338

Checked by

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

**Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.**

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned (1) Package, being the effects of the late No. 98 L/Cpl V.C. Brooke, 12th Battalion consigned to me. ex "Beltana"

No.	Description.	Signature
1	Package	(Mr.) V. C. Brooke

Date July 12 1917

NOTE.—This Receipt should be Posted to—  
The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.

RECEIVED  
JUL 20 1917

C. Q. H. Morgan 20/7/17

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## Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 12th BATTALION, A.I.F.Regimental No. 98 Rank L/Cpl. Name BROOKE V. C.Enlisted (a) 20/8/14 Terms of Service (a) War & 4 Months Service reckons from (a) 20/8/14Date of promotion to } Date of appointment) } Numerical position on }  
present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.O.s. }

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
H.M.T. "Devanha"	Embkd. to join M.E.F. ex (Gallipoli Penin.)	Alexandria	2/3/15		
2/5/15	O.C. 11th Battn.	Missing	Gallipoli P. 25/4/15 28	B213/3 MFC 4685/6 D.F.Return 0/15-730	
18/3/16	"The Age" Melbourne	Died while Prisoner of War in Turkey	- - -	- - - (p.129) (unofficial)	
26/8/16	War Office	Date of being taken Prisoner -- not Known Admitted to Hospital -- Bigha-Turkey 25/8/15 Died of Wounds at " 29/8/15 (Shell wound L.Clavicle Region and in R.Renal Region) Buried in Christian Cemetery at Bigha -Turkey (Burial Place is recognisable)	25/8/15 29/8/15	( AIF Records ( File 111/2/12 letter C2-Casua- -ties 0103/5426 { & Death Certificate Cables etc.	<i>Officer 19173</i>

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in Technical Corps duties.

*R. Brooke* ....Lieut.  
Australian Records Section,  
3rd Echelon, G.H.Q., E.E.F.

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Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 21B, Army Form A. 26, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 21B, Army Form A. 26, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				

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## FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT or CORPS	12th Battalion... I.F.	Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company	-----
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Regt. No. 98 Rank Lance Corporal.

Name BROOKE, Vivian Cyril.

Died	Date 4-8-15.
	Place Bigha, Turkey.
	Cause of Death * Died of wounds.

Nature and Date of Report Undated Death Certificate. } War Office letter  
By whom made Head Doctor, Bigha Hospital } of 26-8-16.

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial	Place Christian Cemetery, Bigha, Turkey.
	Date not stated.
	By whom reported Head Doctor, Bigha Hospital.

State whether he leaves a will or not	(a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not to hand.
	(b) in Small Book (if at Base) -----
	(c) as a separate document -----

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require. If no such officer is available, the Pay Book and a copy of any will from the latter). If the Pay Book is forwarded, it should be forwarded with this Report.

*26578*  
Statement No 78  
Tasmania

1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed	Vivian Cyril Brooke
2. Member's number, rank, and unit	98 Private 12 Btn.
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed	Sarah Amy Beaumont Brooke, Swanston St. New Town.
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces	Mother
5. Result of Claim	Increased from £21 to £52 p.a. from 13/4/16
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any)	

Dead



15298

20th November

6

Dear Madam,

With reference to the report of the  
regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 96, Lance-  
Corporal V. C. Brooke, 12th Battalion, I am now in receipt  
of advice which shows that he died (while Prisoner of War)  
at Bigha Hospital, Turkey, on 29th August 1915, of wounds  
received in action, and was buried in the Christian Cemetery,  
Bigha.

These additional details are furnished by  
direction, it being the policy of the Department to forward  
all information received in connection with deaths of members  
of the Australian Imperial Forces.

Yours faithfully,

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. A. Brooke,  
Upper Swanston Street,  
New Town. Tas.

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REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT or CORPS	{ 12th BATTALION, A.I.P.	Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company
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Regt. No. 98 Rank Lance Corporal

Name BROOKE V. C.

Date 29th August, 1918.

Died Place BIRGIN, TURKEY

Cause of Death Bird of Wounds received in Action, (while Prisoner of War)

Nature and Date of Report Undated Death Certificate Confirmed by

By whom made Head Doctor of Hospital BIRGIN, TURKEY, (of 28/8/18)

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial	Place Christia Cemetery, BIRGIN, Turkey.
	Date not stated
	By whom reported Head Doctor, BIRGIN Capital.

State whether he leaves a will or not	(a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not to Hand
	(b) in Small Book (if at Base) " " "
	(c) as a separate document " " "

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A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge  
of Section Adjutant-General's  
Office at the Base

*Lieut. [Signature]*  
Australian Record Section, RECEIVED  
2nd Battalion, G.H.C., E.E.F.  
131 OCT 18

Station and Date 18/9/18

(4113) W 2713-1451 150.000 5/15 H.W.V. 18/9/18

*D6598*

911 MS/RF.

12th Battalion.

20th March 1916.

(For transmission to the Department of Defence).

MEMORANDUM TO:-

The Secretary,

Department of External Affairs,

Melbourne.

In continuation of my memorandum dated the 15th March, and with reference to previous correspondence relating to No. 98, Brooke, 12th Battalion, I am forwarding herewith copy of a communication received from the War Office addressed by the American Embassy at Constantinople to the United States Ambassador in London.

Officer in Charge  
of Military Records.

*6pc cape*

*A/c Gobby*

*Xave you received original?  
if so p.s.*

D 6598

MS/77. 211.

15th, March, 1916.

(For transmission to the Department of Defence)  
Memorandum to:-

The Secretary,  
Department of External Affairs,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne. Victoria.

In reply to your memorandum dated 24th  
January, Ref: 38220, I am forwarding herewith copies  
of the letters in regard to No. 98, Brooke, 12th  
Battalion, which you say were not enclosed with my  
communication of 1st December, 1915.

I am also forwarding herewith in continua-  
tion of my communication dated 4th January regarding  
this case, copy of a letter received from the War  
Office under date 24th February and the communication  
therein referred to as having been addressed to the  
United States Ambassador by the Secretary of State  
for Foreign Affairs.

9-JUN-16

D 6598

Officer in Charge  
of Military Records.

File received  
15/6/15  
Missing!

Mr Coffey  
Have you received original?  
if so file.

26278

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

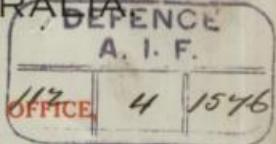
WS/JS. 911.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:

"MILAUSTR. VIC. LONDON."

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8860

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY OFFICE



130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,  
WESTMINSTER,  
LONDON. S.W.

May - i 1916

15th, March, 1916.

(For transmission to the Department of Defence)

Memorandum to:-

The Secretary,  
Department of External Affairs,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne. Victoria.

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J. C. Smart.  
Officer in charge  
of Military Records.



BROOKES  
10/6/16

B72/2

PA  
2/2

WS/JB. 911.

15th, March, 1916.

(For transmission to the Department of Defence)

Memorandum to:-

The Secretary,  
Department of External Affairs,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, Victoria.

In reply to your memorandum dated 24th January, Ref: 38220, I am forwarding herewith copies of the letters in regard to No. 98, Brooke, 1st Battalion, which you say were not enclosed with my communication of 1st December, 1915.

I am also forwarding herewith in continuation of my communication dated 4th January regarding this case, copy of a letter received from the War Office under date 24th February and the communication therein referred to as having been addressed to the United States Ambassador by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Officer in Charge  
of Military Records.

C O P Y.



911 WS/RF.

1st December, 1915.

Sir,

In reply to War Office C.2 Casualties P.M. of November 1915 (received 30.11.15), forwarding a copy of 3rd Echelon Cable No. MFC.28185, I am to submit the following remarks:-

- (1) The death of Lance Corporal V. Brooke, 12th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, was conveyed to this Office in Foreign Office Memo No. 120573/15 of 30/8/15, received from War Office without covering minute. Department of Defence, Australia, and Australian Intermediate Base, Cairo, have been informed accordingly. It was understood that the War Office would make any requisite communication to 3rd Echelon on the subject.
- (2) 3rd Echelon has cabled to this Department requesting that enquiries be instituted re 482 Cliffe and 558 Campbell, 4th Battalion, regarding which a report has just been received from the Red Cross Society to the effect that Corporal William Cliffe, 4th Battalion is a prisoner of war at Afion Kara Hissar, but are unable to give any information re Campbell. The letter referred to by 3rd Echelon in his cable is the only report recorded here of this man being a prisoner of war, but it is observed that both of these men were reported missing in the same list, viz 25949 - It is suggested that Foreign Office approach the American Embassy with a view to further enquiries being instituted re Campbell.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H. G. SMART.

The Secretary,  
War Office (C.2.Casualties)  
Alexandra House,  
Kingsway, W.C.

Officer in Charge  
of Military Records.



C O P Y.

C. & Casualties. P.M.

War Office,

Alexandra House,

Kingsway, W.C.

November, 1915.

The Secretary of the War Office presents his compliments to the Officer in charge of Military Records, Australian Commonwealth Offices, and begs to forward herewith, a copy of a telegram received from Third Echelon, Alexandria, dated 23rd November.

Copies of the certificate of death of Private Brooke, and of lists containing the references to Private Cliffe, are also enclosed.

It is requested that it may be stated whether No. 558, Private Campbell, can be identified and, if so, whether any previous report showing him to be a prisoner has been received.

WAR OFFICE,

London, S.W.

24th February, 1916.

0103/5426. C.2.Casualties.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. W.S./V.R. 911 of the 22nd instant, I am directed to state that the question of the identity of Lance Corporal V. Brooke, 3rd Brigade, 12th Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces, has been referred to the Foreign Office for an enquiry to be made.

A copy of the letter which has been addressed to the United States Ambassador by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs is enclosed herewith for your information. I am to state that a further communication will be addressed to you upon the subject, as soon as a reply is received from the Foreign Office.

The memorandum No. 120573 from the Foreign Office, and the enclosures which accompanied it, are returned herewith, as requested in your letter of the 24th January, 1916.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) C. WATHERSTON.

The Officer in Charge of Military Records,  
Australian Military Office,  
130, Horseferry Road,  
Westminster,  
London,  
S.W.

C O P Y.

No. 18180/16/P.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the United States Ambassador, and, with reference to His Excellency's notes of June 9th and August 26th respecting the death of a British prisoner in Turkey named Brook or Brooke, has the honour to transmit a comparative tabulation of the information, which seems to render doubtful the accuracy of the report which shows the casualty as Lance Corporal V. Brooke, 3rd Brigade, 12th Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces.

Sir E. Grey would be grateful if the United States Ambassador at Constantinople might be requested to institute further enquiries as to whether it was actually 98 Lance Corporal V.C. Brooke who died on 9th May, 1915, and if possible to state whether the "private source" from which the information was received may be relied upon.

It does not appear whether the home address of the soldier given in Mr. Morgenthau's letter of 10th August was supplied from an enquiry sent to His Excellency, or was given by the informant in Turkey. In the latter case it would appear to establish the identity.

Foreign Office.

2 Feb. 1916.

 COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

**IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE**

**911 WS/RF.**

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:

"MILAUSTRALIA, VIC., LONDON."

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8860.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY OFFICE,

130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,  
WESTMINSTER,  
LONDON. S.W.

12th Battalion.

May 1 1916

20th March 1916.

(For transmission to the Department of Defence).

MEMORANDUM TO:-

The Secretary,

Department of External Affairs,

Melbourne.

In continuation of my memorandum dated the 15th March, and with reference to previous correspondence relating to No. 98, Brooke, 12th Battalion, I am forwarding herewith copy of a communication received from the War Office addressed by the American Embassy at Constantinople to the United States Ambassador in London.



J. C. Smart,  
*[Signature]*  
Officer in Charge  
of Military Records.



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911 WS/RE.

12th Battalion.

20th March 1916.

(For transmission to the Department of Defence).

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Officer in Charge  
of Military Records.

R V Brooke

Notices

Have also searched under  
the name of Books. Not found

DM 15/16

National Archives of Australia: B2455, BROOKE V C, page88

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2nd May,

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Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 19th ultimo, concerning No. 98 Private V.C.Brooke, 12th Battalion, and to inform you that there is no other soldier on the rolls of units of the Australian Imperial Force which have embarked to date bearing the name of V. Brooke. Your enclosure is returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Hon. Secretary,  
Australian Red Cross Society,  
Tasmanian Division,  
Information Bureau,  
Hobart, Tasmania.



... INFORMATION BUREAU ...

Hobart, 19th. April 1916

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records,  
MELBOURNE.

Sir,

We enclose copy letter received by Mrs. Amy Brooke of Hobart. Can you inform us if there was any other man of the name of V. Brooke in the A. I. F.

Yours faithfully,

*M Mackay*  
*A. Rivers  
Secy.*



F.M.  
W. 3-91

D. 6598

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28th March, 6.

Dear Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter dated 22nd instant, and the enclosure which is returned herewith, I beg to state, since my communication of 15th instant, No. 890 Private A. J. Rawlings, 2nd Battalion, has been officially reported a Prisoner of War.

Although no advice of his promotion to the rank of "Sergeant" has been received here, it is assumed the above soldier is identical with the writer of the letter to Mrs. Brooke.

Yours faithfully,

Honorary Secretary,  
Australian Red Cross Society,  
Tasmanian Division,  
Hobart, Tas.

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

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Tasmanian Division,  
Hobart, Tas.

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

(initials)



... INFORMATION BUREAU ...

Hobart, 22nd March 1916

Officer i/c Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks  
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

Sergeant A. J. Rawlings

? Private A. J. Rawlings W. M. 2. 5. 15.

I enclose postcard received by Mrs. Brookes, and letter which accompanied it.

I have undertaken to return same to Mrs. Brookes, and shall therefore be obliged if you will return them to me, when your investigation is completed.

No number is given, but possibly the signature may be identified.



Yours faithfully,

*W. F. S. C. S.*

8. 6598

Statement 1264  
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1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed	Brooke Vivian Cyril
2. Member's number, rank, and unit	98 Private 12th Battalion 3rd Brigade
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed	Brooke Sarah Amy Beaumont, Swanston St, New Town
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces	Mother
5. Result of Claim	Granted £21 per annum from 27/1/1916.
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any)	

6th March

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44122

Dear Madam,

I am in receipt of a communication from the High Commissioner's Office, which he refers to a letter from you dated 5th November 1925, asking for further particulars of the regrettable loss of your son, No. 98, L/Corporal V. C. Brooke, 12th Battalion, and have to inform you that endeavours are being made through the American Embassy to obtain fuller details. You will be promptly advised upon receipt of any later reports which will be transmitted to this Office from London.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs A. Brooke,  
Upper Swanston Street,  
NEW TOWN. TASMANIA.

911. WS/IF.

4th January, 1916.

(For transmission to the Department of Defence).

Memorandum to:-

The Secretary,

Department of External Affairs.

I am forwarding herewith copy of  
a letter from Mrs. A. Brooke, respecting her son, Lance-  
Corporal V. C. Brooke, Third Echelon, in his M. F.C.  
32715, cables as follows:-

"Defence Melbourne reports brother resident in  
Australia of 12th Battalion, 98, Brooke, L/Cpl.  
Vivian Cyril in receipt of letter from you  
stating American Ambassador reports Brooke,  
died 9th May in Hospital, Bign, Asia Minor.  
W.O. in reply to enquiry sent copy of translation  
of certificate of death from American Ambassador  
stating date of death 4th May. Particulars  
dissimilar branch of Service quoted as Navy  
member of Torpedo Boat. Might have been member  
of Submarine A. E 2. Revised list Prisoner of  
War now received shows Brooke L/Cpl. V. A.I.F.  
died beginning August. Please investigate and  
report which is correct."

I have taken the matter up with the War Office, with a  
view to further enquiry being made through the American  
Ambassador, to make it absolutely conclusive that it was  
actually 98, Brooke, who died at Bign on the 9th May, 1915,  
and will advise you of the result in due course.

In a letter received from the Secretary  
of the War Office in November, was enclosed copy of a /  
certificate

certificate of death of Private Brooke, a copy of which is forwarded herewith, from which it will be observed that the man named Brooks referred to, evidently belonged to some naval rating, and there may have been some confusion between this man and the Brooke of the 12th Battalion.

On the other hand, the particulars given by the United States Embassy at Constantinople, which were forwarded with my memorandum to you dated the 18th November, are somewhat definite in that the home address of Lance-Corporal Brooke has been correctly stated, but the date of his death differs from that quoted by 3rd Echelon, who says Lance-Corporal Brooke died in the beginning of August, according to a revised list of Prisoners of War.

Would you kindly acknowledge Mrs. Brook's letter, and advise her that any further information received here will be transmitted to you for communication to her.

*H. C. Smart,  
per H. T.*

Officer in Charge  
of Military Records.



WT/KS.



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Savings Bank Department.

Marguerite Goss.

Hobart 24th January, 1916.

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The Officer-in-Charge Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne, VICTORIA.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst.,  
enclosing certificate of report of the death of the late No. 98  
Private V. C. Brooke, 12th Battalion, 1st Australian Division,  
for which I thank you.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. Munro  
pro Superintendent.



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IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT YOUR POLICY  
PLEASE QUOTE ITS NUMBER  
ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED  
TO THE RESIDENT SECRETARY.



D 6598 T.B.-NO. 243

Australian Mutual Provident Society

CORNER OF ELIZABETH AND COLLINS STREETS

Hobart 24th Jany. 1916.

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Records Office,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.



Dear Sir,-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 13th inst. and now desire to thank you for forwarding certificate of death of the late Private V. C. Brooke.

Yours faithfully,

Resident Secretary.

WVH/RPM.  
W.H.

D 6598

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Melbourne, 24th January, 1916;

The Secretary,  
Department of External Affairs,  
Melbourne.

(For transmission to the High Commissioner)

In acknowledging receipt of your communication,  
No. 911, dated 1st ultimo, relative to No. 98 Brooke,  
12th Battalion, I have to inform you that the copies  
of letters referred to were not enclosed therein.

a/Secretary.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA



IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

911 MS/RF

MILITARY RECORDS OFFICE.

130 HORSEFERRY ROAD.  
WESTMINSTER,  
LONDON SW

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.  
COMMONWEALTH, WESTMINSTER, LONDON.  
TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8860

12th Battalion.

1st December 1915.

D 6548

Memorandum to:-

c/g  
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6.1.16  
18.1.16

The Secretary,  
Department of Defence,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne,  
Victoria, AUSTRALIA.

Letter not received  
Central Records



ENCLOSURE



H.C. Sharpe  
*benj*

14 JAN 1916

21 JAN 1916

W.H. 13/1

Have we got it?

911 S/RF

12th Battalion.

1st December 1915.

Memorandum to:-

The Secretary,  
Department of Defence,  
Victoria Barracks,  
Melbourne,  
Victoria, AUSTRALIA.

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In continuation of my memorandum dated  
the 18th November, in reference to No. 98 Brooke,  
12th Battalion, I am forwarding herewith for your  
information copies of a letter received from the  
War Office dated November 1915, and our reply  
thereto.

H. C. Smart  
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

A.M.R.

D. 6598  
Base Records Office,

Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

Dear

DESPATCHED

17th January, 1916

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication  
of 20<sup>th</sup> ult., and enclose herewith, as requested,  
certificate of report of death of the late

No. 98 Private

V. C. Brooke, 12th Battalion, Yours faithfully Australian Division.

J. M. Lean,

Mr. E. A. Brooke,  
48<sup>a</sup> Murray Street,  
HOBART. TAS.

Captain.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

DESPATCHED

A.M.R.

D. 6598

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Base Records Office,

Victoria Barracks,

MELBOURNE. 15th January, 1916

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication  
of 7th instant and enclose herewith, as requested,  
certificate of report of death of the late No. 98 Private  
V. C. Brooke, 12th Battalion, 1st Australian Division.

Yours faithfully,

The Resident Secretary, J. K. LEAN,  
Australian Mutual Provident Society,  
Cr. Elizabeth & Collins Streets, Captain.  
HOBART. TAS. Officer i/c Base Records.

A.M.R.

D. 6598

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,

Victoria Barracks,

MELBOURNE. 15th January, 1916

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication  
of 20th ult. and enclose herewith, as requested,  
certificate of report of death of the late No. 98 Private  
V. C. Brooke, 12th Battalion, 1st Australian Division.

Yours faithfully,

The Superintendent, J. K. LEAN,  
Commonwealth Bank, Captain,  
Savings Bank Department, Officer i/c Base Records.  
Elizabeth Street,  
HOBART. TAS.

C O P Y.

War Office,  
Alexandria House,  
Kingsway,  
W.C.  
C.2.Casualties P.M.

November 1915.

The Secretary of the War Office presents  
his compliments to the Officer in Charge of  
Military Records, Australian Commonwealth Offices,  
and begs to forward herewith, a copy of a telegram  
received from Third Echelon, Alexandria, dated  
25rd November.

Copies of the certificate of death of Private  
Brooks, and of lists containing the reference to  
Private Cliffe, are also enclosed.

It is requested that it may be stated whether  
No. 558, Private Campbell, can be identified and,  
if so, whether any previous report showing him to be  
a prisoner has been received.

COPY.

911 WS/RF

1st November 1915.

Sir,

In reply to War Office C.2 Casualties P.M.  
of November 1915 (received 30/11/15) forwarding a copy  
of 3rd Echelon cable No. MFC. 28185, I am to submit  
the following remarks:-

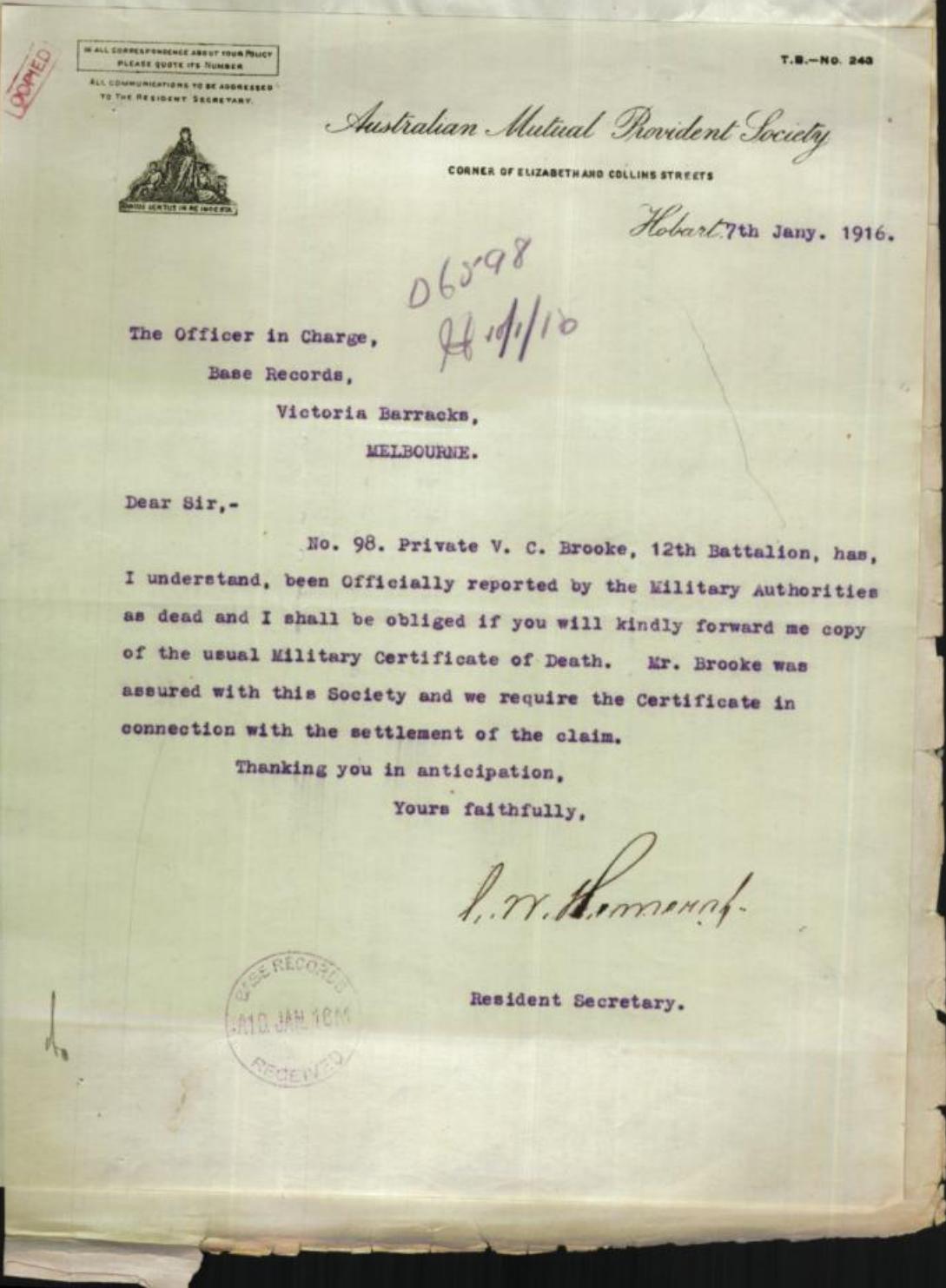
- (1) The death of Lance Corporal V. Brooke,  
12th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force,  
was conveyed to this Office in Foreign  
Office Memo. No. 120573/15 of 30/8/15,  
received from War Office without covering  
minute. Department of Defence, Australia,  
and Australian Intermediate Base, Cairo,  
have been informed accordingly. It was  
understood that the War Office would make  
and requisite communication to 3rd Echelon  
on the subject.
- (2) 3rd Echelon has cabled to this Department  
requesting that enquiries be instituted  
re 482 Cliffe and 558 Campbell, 4th Battalion  
regarding which a report has just been  
received from the Red Cross Society to the  
effect that Corporal William Cliffe, 4th  
Battalion, is a prisoner of war at Afion  
Kara Hissar, but are unable to give any  
information re Campbell. The letter referred  
to by 3rd Echelon in his cable is the only  
report recorded here of this man being a  
prisoner of war, but it is observed that both  
of these men were reported missing in the  
same list, viz 25949 - It is suggested that  
Foreign Office approach the American Embassy with  
a view to further enquiries being instituted  
re Campbell.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,  
War Office (C 2 Casualties)  
Alexandra House,  
Kingsway, W.C.

Officer in Charge  
of Military Records.



29th December

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34856

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your last letter dated 23rd instant and in continuation of my communication of 14th idem beg to enclose herewith copies of a letter and its enclosure received from the High Commissioner, London, in respect of your brother, No. 98 Private W. C. Brooke, 12th Battalion.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. E. A. Brooke,  
48a Murray Street,  
Hobart, Tas.

Encl. 2.

ANY FURTHER COMMUNICATION ON  
THIS SUBJECT TO BE ADDRESSED TO  
THE OFFICIAL SECRETARY.

WS/CR.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"CROTONATE, SOWEST, LONDON."

No 911/11/15.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY OFFICE,  
130. HORSEFERRY ROAD,  
WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.

COMMONWEALTH OFFICES,

72, VICTORIA STREET,  
WESTMINSTER,  
LONDON, S.W.

MILITARY RECORDS BRANCH.

SUBJECT  
98, Private Brooke,  
12th. Battalion.

18th November, 1915.

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(for transmission to the Department of Defence).

MEMORANDUM TO :-

The Secretary,

Department of External Affairs.

In confirmation of my cablegram of today's date, in reply to your message ER.27909 of the 12th November, I am forwarding herewith for your information copy of a communication from the United States Embassy at Constantinople addressed to the American Embassy in London, relative to Lance Corporal V. Brooke, 3rd. Brigade, 12th Battalion, who was reported missing.

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J.C. Smart  
per J.A.P.

B.O.R.

MS/CR.

911/11/15.

98. Private Brooke,  
12th. Battalion.

18th November, 1915.

(for transmission to the Department of Defence).

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H. C. Smart,  
per T. A. R.



Phone, Central 1180

**E. A. BROOKE**

FIRE, LIFE, ACCIDENT, INSURANCE  
AND  
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT  
LAND AND ESTATE AGENT  
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR

REPRESENTING—  
MUTUAL LIFE AND CITIZENS CO. LTD.  
INSURANCE OFFICE OF AUSTRALIA LTD.

48a Murray Street, Hobart,

23rd Decr. 1915 191

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M Capt. Lean

Officer in Charge

Base Records

Victoria Barracks

Melbourne

Dear Sir,

No 33471 re my brother V.C.Brooke No. 88471 I have your favor of 14th instant just to hand and thank you for copy of document you forward. I note that you have had no information other than supplied by me and that you are not sufficiently satisfied as to his death to issue a certificate same. With regard to his Personal Effects, I would say his mother, Mrs. Amy Brooke Upper Swanston Street, New Town is his next of kin.

Thanking you for your trouble

Yours faithfully

*E. A. Brooke*





Phone, Central 1180

**E. A. BROOKE**

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48a Murray Street, Hobart,

20th, Decr. 1915 191

*M* Captain Lean

Officer in Charge

Base REcords

Victoria Barracks

Melbourne

Dear Sir,

I wrote you on 2nd. instant asking if you would kindly forward the usual certificate of death of my brother, Private V.C. Brooke, No.98 12th Battalion, 3rd. Infantry Brigade 1st. Australian Expeditionary Forces but so far have had no reply from you.

Would you kindly accede to my request at your early convenience?

Yours faithfully

*E. Brooke*



M.S.

D 6598

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office, A.I.I.F.

Victoria Barracks,

MELBOURNE 14th December 1915.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 7th instant, and to inform you that the necessary official confirming documents covering report of death of No. 98, Private V. C. Brooke, 12th Battalion, have not yet been received by this Department.

Your request, however, has been noted for compliance at the earliest possible date.

Yours faithfully,

The Superintendent,  
Savings Bank Department,  
Commonwealth Bank,  
Elizabeth Street,  
HOBART. TAS. Officer i/o Bass Records.

J.M. LEAN.

Captain.

PL

BASE RECORDS' OFFICE. A.I.F.P.A.

MELBOURNE 17th December 1915.

33458

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 6th instant with reference to the report of death of your brother, No. 98, Private V. C. Brooke, 12th Battalion, and to inform you that no further details are yet to hand.

All information received concerning members of the Australian Imperial Force is promptly transmitted to next-of-kin, consequently nothing apparently is to be gained by a personal interview.

Regarding employment as a munitions worker it is regretted this Department has nothing to do with the appointment of employees for this class of work, as it is being done through the medium of private firms.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Miss M. Brooke,  
23 Brooke's Crescent,  
North Fitzroy. V.

M.S.

PB.

EXTRACT FROM CABLEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
DATED LONDON 20th NOVEMBER 1915.

DEFENCE

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YOUR B R 27909 REPORT DEATH OF 98 BROOKE 3rd INF. BRIG.  
12th BATT. PRIVATE SOURCE BUT MOST PROBABLY TRUE LETTER  
FOLLOWS.

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True Extract.

The Defence Department accepts no  
responsibility as to the accuracy of the above report.

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Melbourne

15/12/15.

M. S.

PB.

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Capt.  
Officer i/o Base Records.

Melbourne

15/12/15.

M.D.

D 6598

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EXTRACT FROM CABLE ADDRESSED

DEFENCE MELBOURNE

EASTERN 171 ALEXANDRIA 19th 11.55P 319/293 B. G.

DEFENCE MELBOURNE

M F C 27683 NOVEMBER NINETEENTH XXX BR 26912 XXXX  
BROOKE NO REPORT TO THIS OFFICE OTHER THAN PREVIOUSLY CABLED  
NOW RECORDING AS DEAD ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY YOU XXXXX

RECORDED.

True Extract.

The Defence Department accepts no responsibility  
as to the accuracy of the above report.

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records,

Melbourne

14/12/15\*

D 6598  
PB

EXTRACT FROM CABLE ADDRESSED

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Capt.  
Officer i/o Base Records,

Melbourne

14/12/15.

M.S.

BASE RECORDS' OFFICE. A.I.E.F.

MELBOURNE 14th December 1915.

33471

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communications of the 2nd and 4th instants, and enclose herewith, certified extracts from the cable messages from the High Commissioner and from the Authorities in Egypt, pertaining to the report of death of your brother, No. 98, Private V. C. Brooke, 12th Battalion.

Your request for a copy of the letter now on its way from the High Commissioner has been noted.

A certificate of report of death will be forwarded on receipt of the necessary official confirming documents.

With regard to his personal effects, arrangements have been made for these, if any, to be taken over by Messrs Thomas Cook & Son, and forwarded direct to the next-of-kin or to any legatee mentioned in a Will or other testamentary direction that may be discovered amongst his belongings.

Yours faithfully,

C  
Officer i/c Base Record

Mr. E. A. Brooke,  
Land & Estate Agent,  
48a Murray Street,  
HOBART. TAS.

ENCL. 2.

No 98.

Private V. C. Brooke  
1st Aus. Division

C/o Minister of War.

Afriion Haia Lrisser  
Constantinople  
Turkey



WT/KS.



Savings Bank Department,  
Macquarie Street.

Hobart 22nd December, 1915.

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A.Y.  
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26.12.15  
26.12.15

The Officer-in-Charge Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.

Dear Sir,

re No. 98 V. C. Brooke, 12th Battalion.

Your letter of the 14th inst., is to hand, and  
advices are noted with thanks.

Yours faithfully,

*M. H. Munro*  
pro Superintendent.





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Savings Bank Department,  
Macquarie Street.  
Hobart

20th December, 1915.

The Officer-in-Charge Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.

Dear Sir,

re No. 98 V. C. Brooke, 12th Battalion.

Referring to our letter of the 7th inst., we shall be glad if you will kindly forward certificate of report of death as soon as possible, as we are anxious to send official notification to the Governor of the Bank.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. G. H. Munro  
pro Superintendent.



WT/KS.

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10/12/15



Savings Bank Department,  
Macquarie Street,  
*Elizabeth Tress*  
Hobart 7th December, 1915.

The Officer-in-Charge, Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.

Dear Sir,

I gather from a letter from your Office, dated the 26th November, to Mr. E. A. Brooke of this city, that you have received official notification of the death of No. 98 V.C. Brooke, 12th Battalion.

Private Brooke was an Officer of this Bank, and we are desirous of officially reporting his death to our Head Office. I shall be glad therefore, if you will kindly furnish us with a certificate of the report of death.

Yours faithfully,

*W. H. M. M.*

pro Superintendent.



Phone, Central 1180

**E. A. BROOKE**

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48a Murray Street, Hobart,

4th December 1915 191

*M* Capt Lean

Officer in Charge

Base Records

Melbourne

Dear Sir,

Re my brother V.C.Brooke. Referring to previous correspondence I shall be glad if you will make every endeavour to have my brother's personal effects forwarded to me. I understand that you attend to these as soon as possible I would like to have these back.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully

*Brooke*





Phone, Central 1160

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D 6598  
S.Y.  
J.F.H.

48a Murray Street, Hobart.

2nd December 1915 191

M Capt. J.M. Lean

Officer in Charge

Base Records

Victoria Barracks

Melbourne

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of 28th ulto R.O'B D6598, regarding my brother V.C.Brooke, late Private 12th Battalion, and I thank you for your prompt attention to my request for further information.

Will you please send me a copy of the cable you received from Egypt, and also on its arrival a copy of the letter on its way from the High Commissioner.

Kindly forward me the usual certificate of death furnished by you as I wish to prove his Will.

Again thanking you.

Yours faithfully

*E.A. Brooke*



R.C.B. D 6598

26th Nov. 1915

29847

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter of 11th instant, I beg to inform you I am in receipt of a cable from the High Commissioner London, stating that the reported death of your brother, No. 98 Private V.C.Brooke, 12th Battalion, emanated from a private source, adding, however, the information is most probably true. The message further mentions that a letter is following, which will doubtless contain full details of the above. Upon receipt of same his next of kin will be promptly communicated with. Whilst writing this letter a cable was received from Egypt stating that your brother is now recorded as dead by the Authorities there.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. E.A.Brooke,  
48a Murray St.,  
Hobart, Tas.

A.D.R.

MILITARY COMMANDANT  
HOBART. (TAS).

REFERENCE MY BR. 29288 THE FOLLOWING CABLE HAS BEEN RECEIVED  
FROM EGYPT TO THE EFFECT THAT 98 PRIVATE V. C. BROOKE TWELFTH  
BATTALION NOW RECORDED AS DEAD STOP KINDLY INFORM MOTHER MRS. A.  
BROOKE RIALANNAH TOWER ROAD NEW TOWN RELIGION ANGLICAN.

TRUMBLE.

26/11/15.

W 4036

FHI/VTH

267EP

11th November, 5.

Dear Sir,

In view of your letter dated 3rd instant and copy  
(which I have retained) of communication you received from the  
Australian High Commissioner, London, I have cabled the military  
authorities in Egypt asking them if they have any advice on the  
matter, and will communicate with you when the reply is to hand.

There is so far no official report here that your  
brother died, on the 9th May last, in a Military Hospital at  
Biga, Asia Minor.

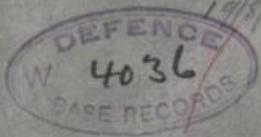
Yours faithfully,

Capt.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. E. A. Brooke,  
46a Murray Street,  
Hobart, Tas.

W 4036

27/11/4/673



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MELBOURNE. 2nd August. 1915.

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Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiries of the 28th ultimo regarding Private V.C. Brooke, No. 98, A. Company, 3rd.

Infantry Brigade, 12th Battalion, 1st. Australian Force, -

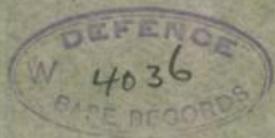
I desire to inform you that it is much regretted that the only record in this office is that Private Brooke has been reported as missing. Every endeavour is being made in cases of this nature to secure more definite tidings, and in the event of any further information being available, advice will be sent with the least avoidable delay.

Yours faithfully,

W.H.Laird Smith, Esq., M.P.,  
Parliament House,  
MELBOURNE.

lend VELIXORO TAMBAM  
Due 15/8/15





H.M.

LETTERGRAM  
BROOKE LOVETT

MAIN ROAD

5915 NEWTOWN

HOBART (TAS)

NUMBER NINE EIGHT PRIVATE VIVIAN CYRIL BROOKE TWELFTH  
BATTALION OFFICIALLY REPORTED MISSING NO OTHER REPORT RECEIVED. NEXT  
OF KIN WILL BE NOTIFIED IF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED.

DEFENCE

11/7/15.

Ch N. C. Brooke  
only report missing  
M. C. (6) was advised  
of ~~this~~, also report

W4036

No. 98  
Private V.C.Brooke,

A. Company,

3rd. Infantry Brigade

12th Battalion.

1st. Australian Force.

No 98.

Private & C. Brooke  
A Copy of  
*Referred to Secretary Defence Department 29.1.15*  
J. A. Jensen 13<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade  
12<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
First Australian Force  
Reported missing ~~26~~.

Last letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April,  
then very fit & eager for action.  
Spoken of by Major Elliot  
on his return to hospital  
after the landing as Harvey  
had a narrow escape,  
a bullet having gone through  
the butt of his gun without injury.  
Three private letters last  
mail mention him as having

P.Y.O.

been wounded.  
He was an excellent  
correspondent, & he never  
let an opportunity of  
writing to his people  
pass him.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1915

Mr. J. A. Johnson,

Dear Mr. Johnson

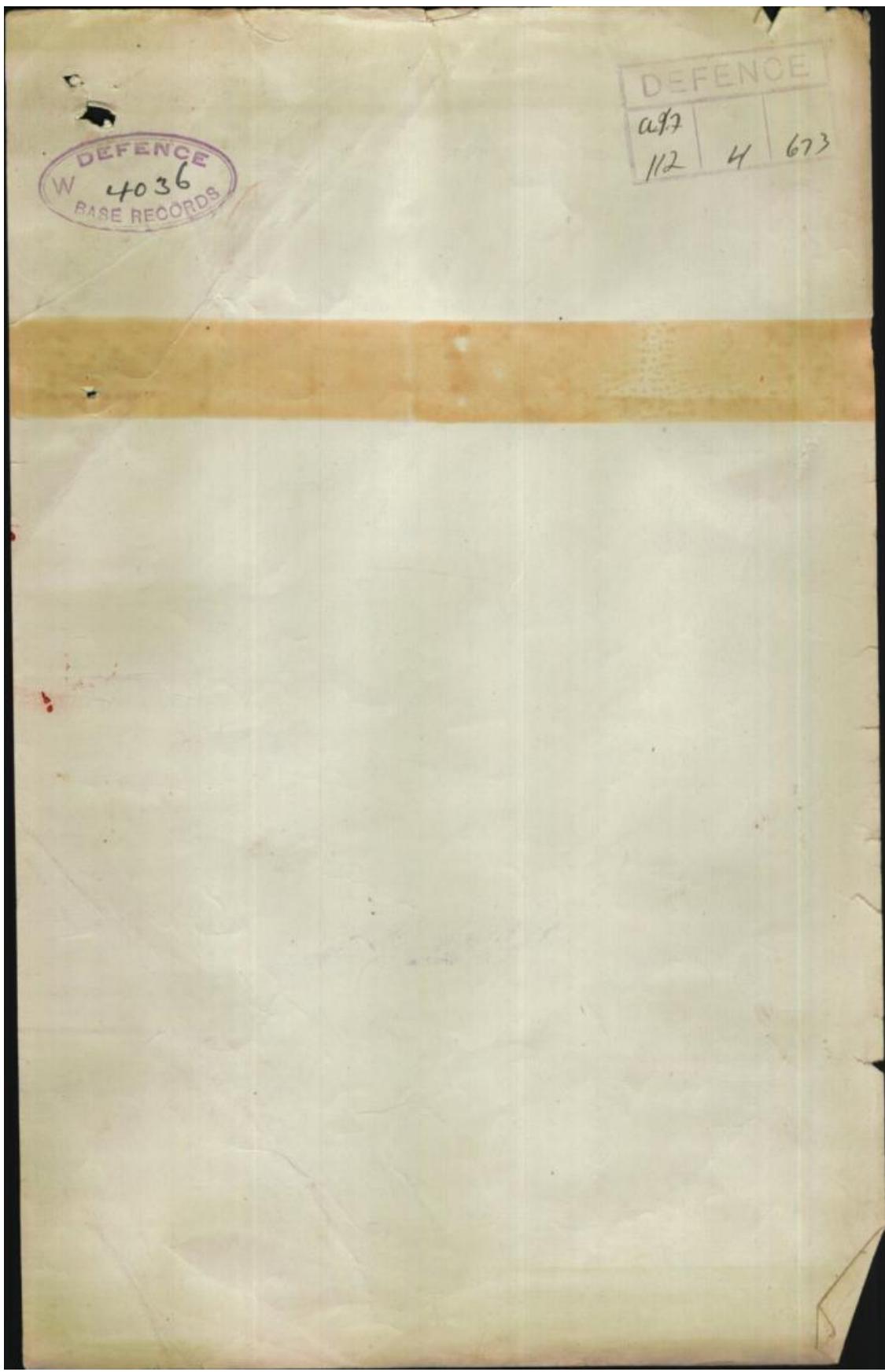
I shall be glad of  
any information with reference to  
the young man referred to herein.

Yours faithfully

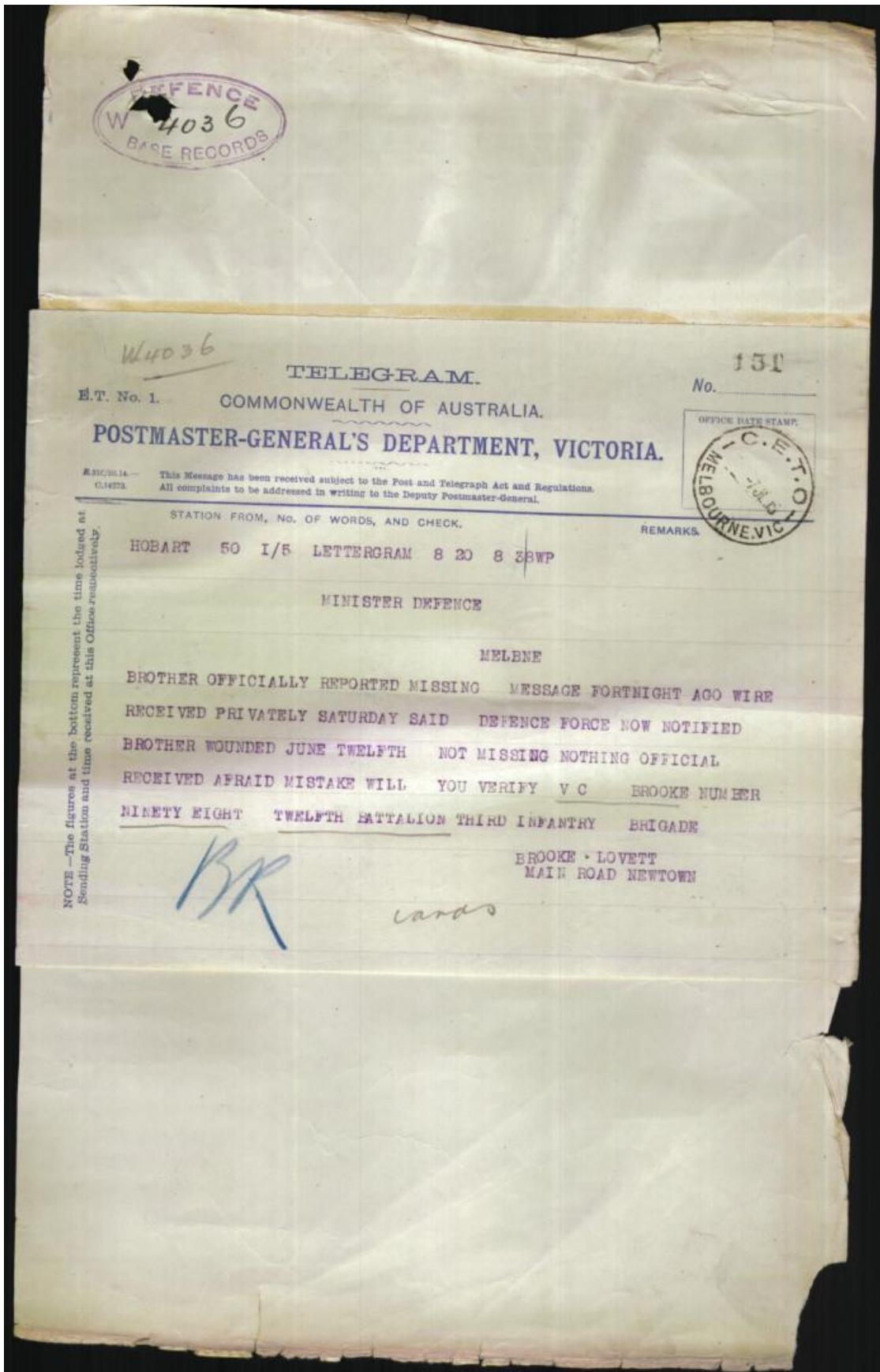
John Edward Smith  
28/7/15

Reply to be sent to  
Mr Laird Smith, M.P.





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Transferred to

## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 99 ✓  
27/6/11.

Rank Private Name V. C. Brooke. ✓

Unit 12th Battalion ✓

Casualty Missing at Dardanelles M. A. C. 4686/454-12/6/11.

Report death of from private source but not probably true  
letter follows 4/12/15 7/12/15 BR 26909

Do report to this office other than previously called. Now recorded as dead or information supplied by info

DATE A.F. B. 103 Received PURPORT A.F. B. 2090A Received 17/12/15 24/12/15 BR 26630

		29/10. M. C. (6) adv'd. Vide M. 428
	7/11/15	Brooke Lovett States private were caps wounded and verification
	11/11/15	Reply sent wire 7/11/15
	28/11/15	L. Smith M. P. forward letter from A.O.N.
	2/12/15	Reply sent to enquiry 28/11/15
3.	11. 15.	E.A. Brooke. forward 2 copies of letter from H. Com and asks for any information concerning above or confirmation re attached report. from H. Com.
	25.11.15.	M.C. 6 ad (Dead from French cause, but most probably true letter 7/11/15)
	26.11.15.	M.C. 6 ad (Now recorded as dead - see M. 27683/3687. 26/11/15)
	26.11.15.	H. C. Brooke add Report of death from French source probably true. Now recorded as dead by Egypt.
	1. 12. 15.	Copy made for War Pension.
2	12. 15.	E.A. Brooke asking for copy of cable, & of letter when it is to hand and applies to R. P. Act.
	7/12/15	E. A. Brooke, inquiry re personal effects
	7/12/15	Civilian Savings Bank Asking for certificate of death
	6/12/15	M. Brooke asking any information re above
	14.12.15	Reply sent letter 7/12/15
	17. 12. 15.	Reply sent letter 6/12/15
20.	12. 15.	E.A. Brooke asking for & Act. 23/12/15
20.	12. 15.	Out Service Court Martial asking for & Act. 23/12/15
		CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. M. 27683 Vide 135/42
	23. 12. 15.	Ind. Savings Bank Robert acknowledging 23/12/15
	23. 12. 15.	E.A. Brooke re personal effects 23/12/15
	29.12.12. 15.	Reply sent to letter of 23.12.15
7.	1. 16.	A.M. 9. 16. AM. 9. 16. asking for & Act
		DOPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS
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## BROOKE V C.

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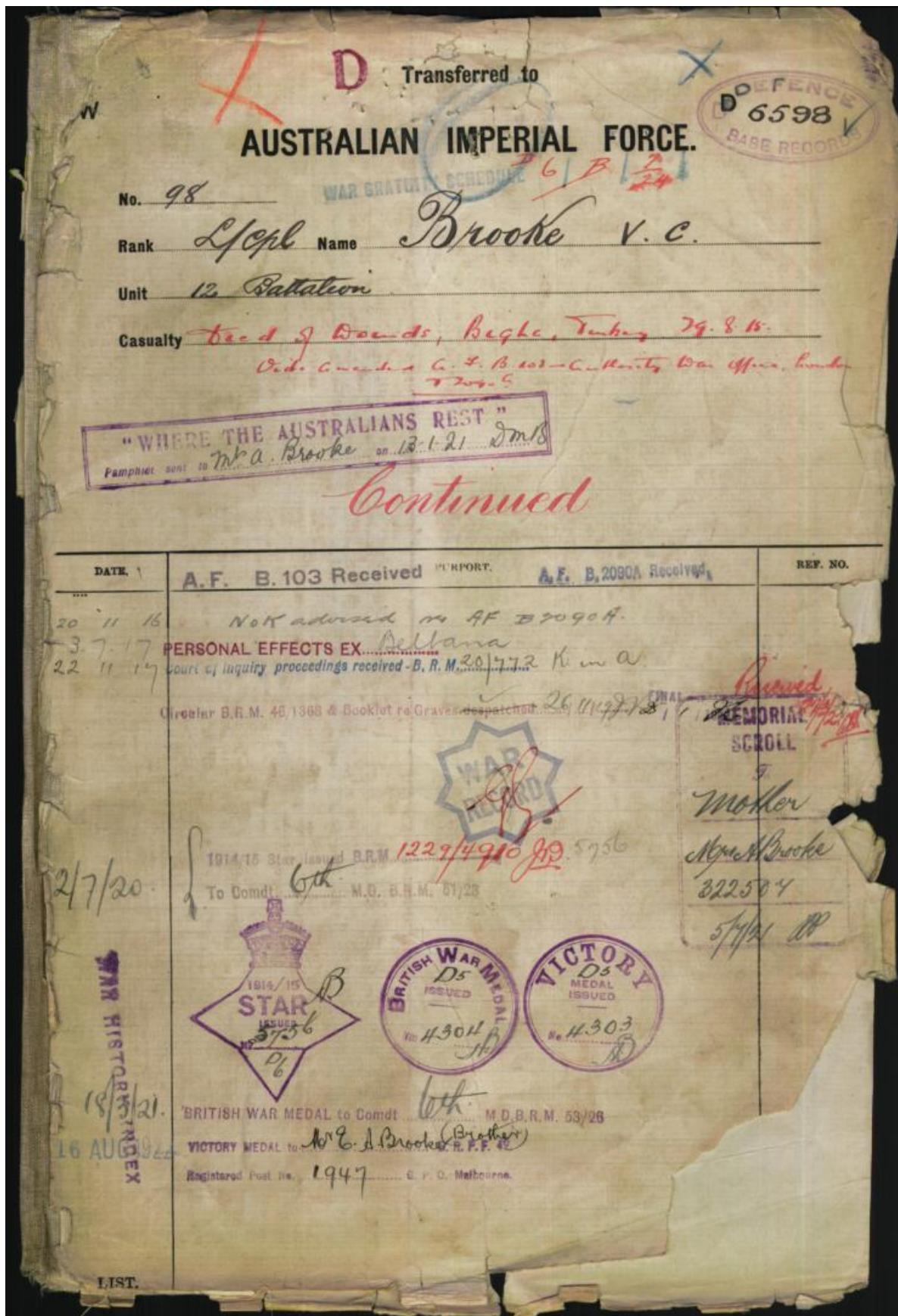
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17. 1. 16 D/cert. sent to E.A. Brook Hobart (not received) 20/1  
 1. 12. 15 Military Records office fwdg letters etc (not received) 20/1  
 21. 1. 16 To 14/bom. re missing letters mentioned in letter of 1.12.15  
 24. 1. 16 Savings bank accts recd of 8 years 20/1  
 4. 1. 16 H. Com. London fwdg. letter from Nod. Dat. 5/1/15. also forwarded  
 6. 3. 16 Reply sent to letter from Nod. dated 5/1/15 forwarded by H. Com.  
 22. 3. 16 Telly Red Cross Hobart fwdg P.C. from Lt Rawlings. retpg above R. dcl. 27/3  
 28. 3. 16 Reply sent 5. 22. 3. 16  
 19. 4. 16 Sec Red Cross Bureau enclosing letter from  
 O.R.K. asking if there is another V. Brooke 23/4  
 2. 5. 16 Reply sent to 19. 4. 16  
 15. 5. 16 H. Com. fwdg copies of letter in above  
 20. 5. 16 H. Com. fwdg copies received from War Office Major  
 Previously reported missing, now reported prisoner of war  
 now died of wound 29/8/15 Bigha Turkey 19. F.C.  
 Accoridng to 46302/7072 d 18/9/16  
 23/9/16 M.O. 6 Advised Died of wounds  
Previously missing 29/8/15  
 29. 8. 15 Died of Wounds Received in Action (White Prisoner  
 of War) Bigha Turkey Buried Christian Cemetery  
 A.F. B. 2090A Received.

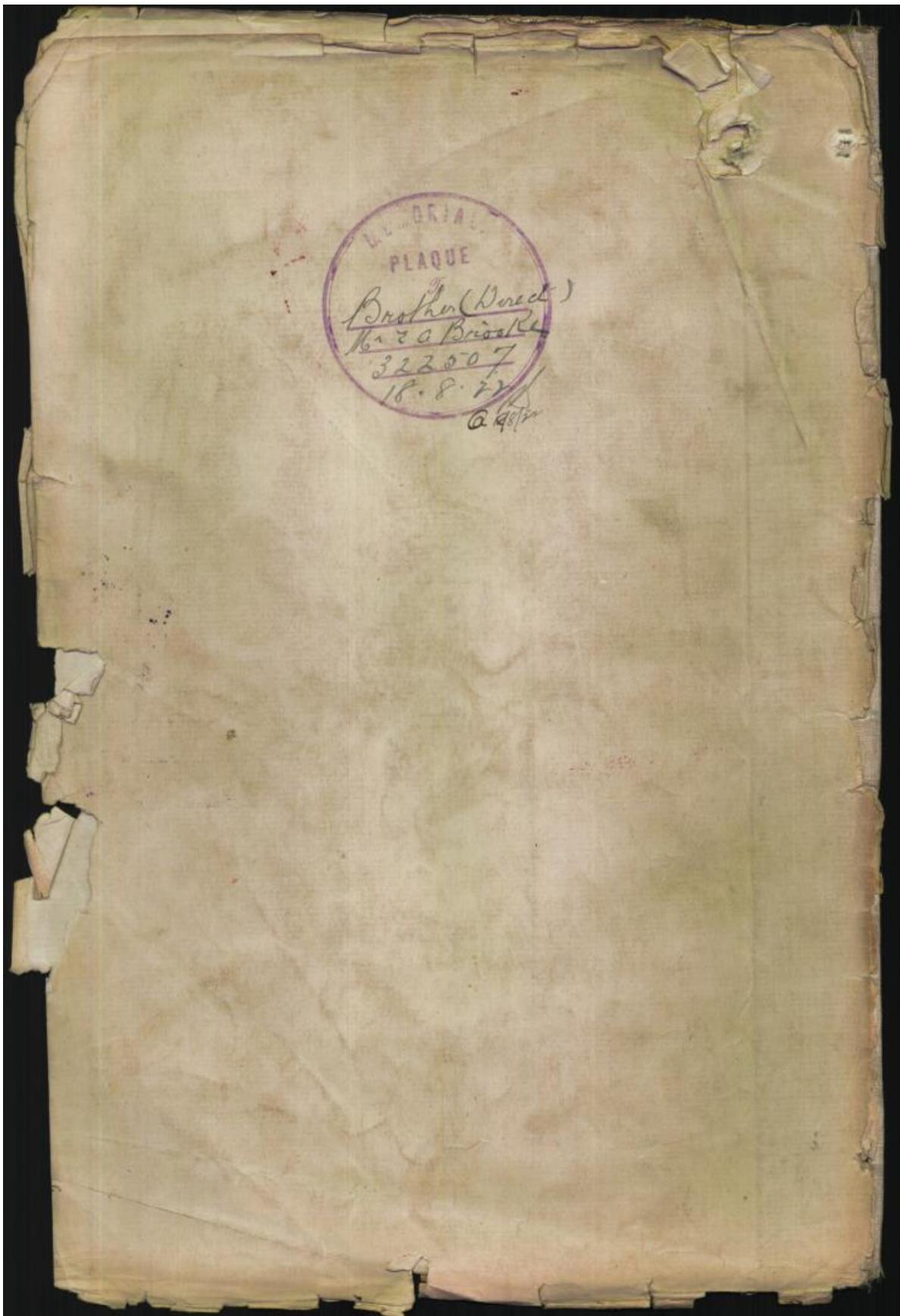
*Bigha Turkey*

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF  
Cable No. A 65728 Vde 23/3/16

- Bigha Turkey*  
 Previously reported died of wounds 29.8.15. now reported died of wounds  
 4. 5. 16 whilst prisoner of war in Turkey M.T.C. 48982/7071  
 Adm Date: 2. 1. 17. 008
5. 1. 17 M.O. 6 Advised ~~DIED OF WOUNDS~~ HIS 15 whilst whilst Prisoner of War Turkey



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