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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6623 Private Arthur Butler

8th Battalion



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8th Battn.
A.I.F.

Butler.
A. 6623

"Killed 22.4.17"

Was an D.Coy. 13th Platoon. Called "Arthur". He was killed during the stunt at Bullecourt. I did not see him knocked, but was told by 607 McAvoy J. D.Coy. 13th Pltn. 8th Battn. France who was with Butler at the time and can give full details regarding D. & B. W.Heweston D.Coy. 13th Pltn. 8th Battn. was at Weymouth - had Butlers wristlet watch.

6626 J.R.Pollock
8th Battn.

W.G.J.

London.
24.1.18. Note Written McAvoy & Heweyson 19.1.18. M.

8th Battn.
A.I.F.

Butler.
A. 6623

"Killed in Action 22.4.17"

Re Pte.A.Butler who was in the same Machine Gun Team as myself and was in it at the time of his death. He was killed on the 22.4.17 at Lagnicourt, but was not buried as we were driven out of the trench not long after we had taken it. He had his head blown off with a shell and was left where he fell along with many others. He was a man I should say about 30 years of age, very fair. I am quite certain that he was the man aswe have his name and number in our Machine Gun Book. The name and number we have in our Machine Gun Book is as follows:- 6623 Pte.A.Butler 22nd Rfts. of the 8th Battalion. I think he came from Victoria and was not married.

Letter from:-

London.
13.2.18.

France 25.12.17.

M.

8th Battn.
A.I.F.

BUTLER
A. 6523

"Killed 22-4-17"

I saw him killed by a bullet at Lagnicourt and he died instantly. We had to leave him there, so unless the Germans buried him he was not buried. We came over together in the Nestor, Victoria. Very decent chap.

Informant. Hogan J. 6523
8th Battn.,
War Chest.

W. Alison
London
14-3-18

M.

Note:-
We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

A.I.F.
8th. Battelion.

BUTLER. 6623.
Arthur.

"Killed in Action 22.4.17".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
14.10.19.

M.

J. McAVOY 607
D. Coy 8 A.I.F.
B.S.7.

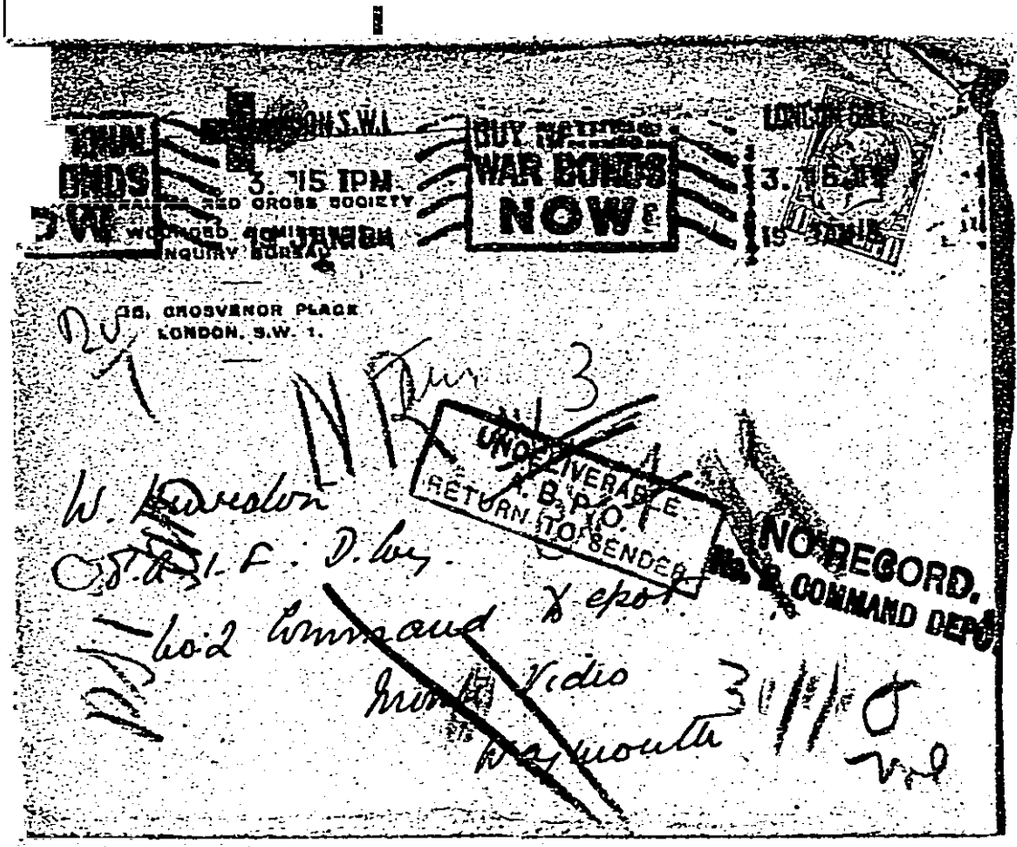
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D. Coy 8 A.I.F.
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Weymouth.

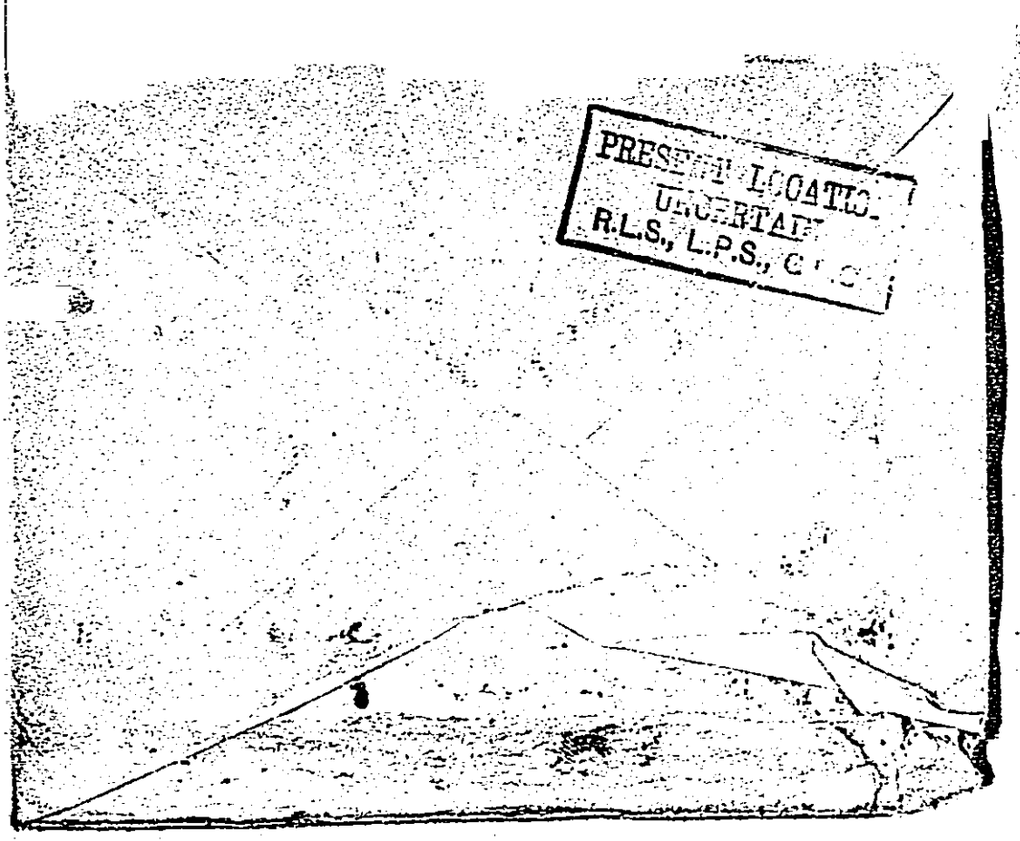
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A. BUTLER 6623
8 A.I.F.

A 22.4.17.

Enl.
19.1.18


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19. 1. 18.

H. Hewes Esq
D. Coy
8 A. I. F.
No 2 Com. Dep.
Monte Video
Weymouth.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit

6623 A. Butler 8 A. I. F. reported Killed in Action 22. 4. 17.

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning A. Butler but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldier's cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY.

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identificationcf the soldier about whom you are writing.

Ack'd
P.C.
4-3-18

6623 A BUTLER
8 Batt
K/A 22-4-17
In France
3. 26.11.1917

Dear Miss Durkin

Your letter of the 19.1.18 to hand today & pleased to give you some information concerning Pte A Butler who was in the same Machine Gun Team as my self & was in it at the time of his death He was killed on the 22.4.17 at Lagnicourt Post was not buried as we were driven out of the trench not long after we had Durkin if He had his Head taken off with a shell & was left there he fell along with many other fine men a Year I shall long remember Mr Butlers (Twin?) very Dear face but I am glad to think that he was the same when as we knew him & I remain your Sincerely Pte 4 Mc Machine Gun Coy.

The Name & Number are
here in our Machine
Your Book is as follows
663 Off & Buglers
22 Reinforcements of
4th & 8 Battalion
I think he came
from Victoria
and was attached

