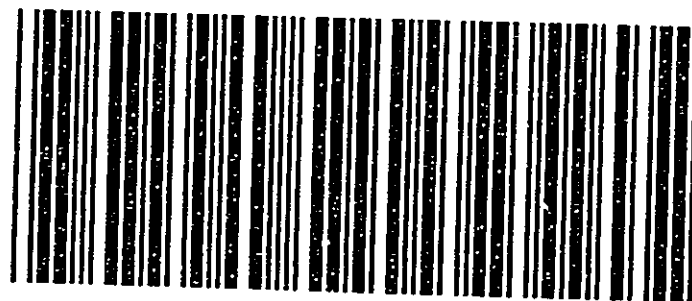


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4015 Private
John Currie

1st Pioneer Battalion



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Australian List.A.I.F. 1st. Pioneer Bn.

Currie J. 4015. (late 3rd.)
 Davis S.F. 3751. " 2nd. (S
 Johnson J.J. 4224. " 6th.)
 Long H.J. 4029. " 4th.)
 Mann C.W. 2744. " 18th.)

H. 30.5.16. France.

On 30th. May the Germans bombarded the trenches on the Australian front and levelled the breastworks to the ground for 200 yards. This was at V.C. Avenue, near Sailly sur la Lys. The above 5 men were missing after the bombardment. They were believed to be entombed in a tunnel running out from the shattered trenches. They were temporarily attached to the 173rd. Eng. Bn. Co. at the time, having volunteered to assist this Co. in tunnelling at this point. They all belonged to D. Co. 1st. Pioneer Bn. Witness also belongs to this Co. He was about 4 miles to the rear when the bombardment took place. The news of the casualty came through immediately.

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Copy Davis to [unclear] S.

He and a brother of Johnson (above) were proceeding to the baths when they heard of it. They went to H. and learnt that there was no hope of recovering the men. Witness was acting Sgt. Major at the time.

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Reference: Sgt. A.G. Williamson. 2315. I.D.
 10 Gen. Hosp.
 Staples. 3rd. July. 1916.

1st Pioneers,
(Germ. List 1st Battn.) M 30.5.16.

Currie,
Pte. John, 4016.

German List per B.R.C.S. 17/6/16, Received 6/7/16.

Reported Prisoner of War at Gefangenenlager Dulmen from Gefangenenlager
Douai, captured near Sailly, 30/5/16.

Native of Australia.

London,
7/7/16.

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1st Pioneers Batt. A. I. F.
(Late 3rd Batt.)

Currie, J. 4015

(M. May 30th 1916, France)

Informant states that he was the only Lieut there at the time and considers that everything points to the fact that Currie was taken prisoner as he was there when the Germans entered the trench."

Reference: Lieut E.B. Walters,
1st Australian Pioneers,
4th London General Hospital,
Denmark Hill, S.E.
Home address: Matthew Whiting Ward.

London,
29th July, 1916.
H. Campbell.

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1st.Pioneers.
A.I.F.
(German List.1.Bn.)

CURRIE.
Pte.John. 4015.

Prisoner of War.

Transferred to Gef. Friedrichsfeld.bei.Wesel, Rheinland.

Cert. by - Card from man dated 25-8-16.

A.I.F. 1st Pioneers.

CURRIE,
John 4016.

Repatriated Prisoner of War.

Arrived Hull 29-11-18.

Cert. by Inf. from A.I.F. H.Q., 2-12-18.

- London,
4-12-18.

No Enq.