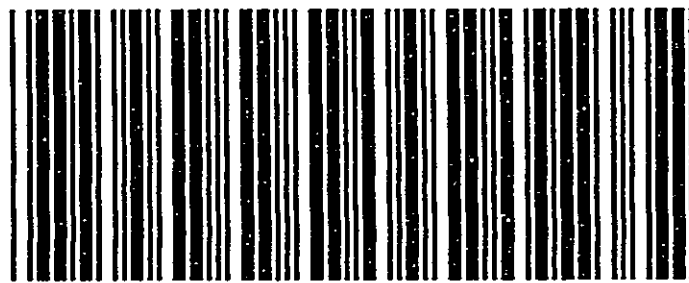


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**234 Private
William Stanley Eeles**

4th Battalion



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A.I.F.
4th Bn.

RELS Pte.
No. 231

STANLEY

Killed in Action 5-9.3.15.
TAIN NALLAATUA

Killed in Action 6-9.8.15.
Cert. by Hqs List 27.8.19.

Case of Certificate	Casualty	Unit	Name
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4th Batt., A.I.F.

EELES,
Pioneer William Stanley,
No.234. ✓

(MISSING).

One of the returned soldiers told me that Mr. Eeles had been wounded early in August, and that he believed him to have been covered with earth while lying in a trench which was struck by a shell. He himself could not prove this, but understood that Eeles was in that particular trench, and he heard someone say on the hospital ship that "Poor old Bricky has gone". "Bricky" was the nickname given to Mr. Eeles by his mates.

Extract from letter
from Miss Langworthy.
20/1/16.
SYDNEY.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

4th Batt., A.I.F.

EELES,
Pioneer William Stanley,
No.234. ✓

(MISSING).

Private Langworthy (who is with 19th Battn.) wrote from Gallipoli that he had interviewed several of Mr. Eeles' mates, who stated that he was wounded in the back on 6th August, during the Lone Pine battle. The Sergeant of his Company stated that the ground had been cleared up after that action, and every effort had been made by his mates to find Mr. Eeles, whom he thought could not be a prisoner. He also stated that a burial party had been disturbed, and a number of identification discs had been lost.

Ref.: Pte.Langworthy,
19th Battn.

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EELES
Pioneer *W. Stanley* 234
William

(Missing)

EELES was missing for 10 days after the Lone Pine Charge on the 6th and 7th August. He then returned to his Unit and informant saw him in the beginning of December. He is a middle aged man inclined to gray and with artificial teeth. He wore ribbons of previous service. He is now a sergeant of Pioneers (Capt. Fanning A. Company will give full information)

Ref. TRELOAR

Lt. W. S.

4th Battalion

4th Australian General Hospital
Randwick

C.E.W.
8:5:16

SYDNEY BUREAU

W. Stanley

M E D .

4 A. I. F.

EELES
Pte W. S. 254.
William

M. 6-9/8/15.

Eeles was killed at Lone Pine on Aug 6. He was in the charge on that date. He was in witness' platoon. His body was recovered at night. It was buried in a communicating trench between two Australian lines of trenches. It was difficult to get any further details, but witness gave good evidence.

Ref Sgt. Major ^{so} M. Darling, 416,
H. Q. 56th Btn.,
Ferry Post, Ismailia.

S. A.
2/4/16.

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24th April, 1916.

Captain Fanning,

A Company,

4th Battalion, 1st Infantry Brigade,

A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

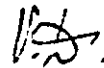
We have been informed that you could give us information regarding Pioneer W.S. Eeles, No. 234, 4th Battalion, and we shall be obliged if you will let us have particulars as to his whereabouts or when you last saw him.

He is Reported "Missing 6th to 9th August, 1915. We have had unofficial word that he rejoined his Unit and is now a Sergeant of Pioneers, and would be very glad if you would confirm this or otherwise before we send word to his people in Australia, for whom we have instituted enquiries for Pioneer W.S. Eeles.

Apologising for troubling you,

I am,

Yours truly,



Secretary,
Australian Branch,
B.R.C. W. & M. Enquiry Bureau.