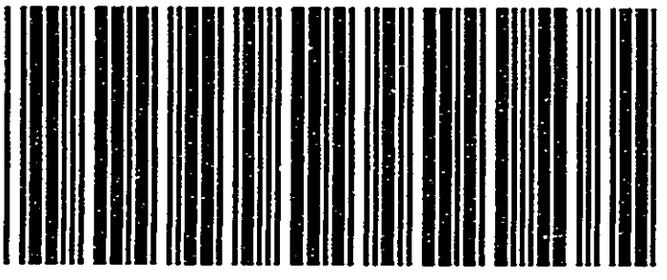
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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6468 Private
John Conrad Badewitz

2nd Battalion



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Havre 29th August, 1917

2nd AUSTRALIANS BADEWITZ, J.C. 6468

Missing 6th May 1917

I know Private Jack Badewitz in A. Co., and I think the 1st Platoon, and saw him wounded hit by shrapnel in the shoulder about 10 p.m. dark, at Bullecourt on May 6th, 1917. I was talking to him after; he said he was going to the Dressing Station. He had been knocked out about four hours previous to being wounded - shell shock and was unconscious for two hours. His brother Harry of the 2nd Btn. E.Co., told me that he was told at the Orderly Room that Jack had reached the Dressing Station and that he could not get any further information about him.

Informant: Pte. T. Belcher 6465
2nd Australians A.Co. 4th Pltn
Australian Base, Rouelles

RDM

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Havre 17th Sept. 1917.

2nd AUSTRALIANS BADEWITZ, J.C. 6468

M. 6.5.17.

I know Pte. Badewitz. He is in my platoon - the 6th Pltn., B Co., and is my chum. He is Orderly in the Sergeants' Mess. We call him Harry. He is about 28 years of age, tall, stoutly built, dark, cleanshaven. I do not know any other Badewitz in the battalion. His number was in the 6000. I saw him with the Battalion about the 31st Aug. 1917. He was then all right.

Informant: Pte. F.M. Kendall, 802AA
2nd Australians, B Co., 6th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

RDM

A.I.F 2. BADEWITZ, J.C. 6468.

M. May 6th 1916.

Pte N.J.Fitzgerald 6458 of the 2nd Battn., D.Coy could give all information respecting this case.

Unf: W.H.Gamble. 6240.
No. 57 General
BOULOGNE. 21.9.17. HH

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Written Pte Fitzgerald
1-10-17

[redacted]

Havre 3rd October.1917.

2nd AUSTRALIANS BADEWITZ, J.C. 6468

M. May 6th.1917.

His brother, Pt. Henry Badewitz of D.Co., 7.Bltn., will be able to give definite information. I was told by two of his chums whose names I cannot now remember that J.C. Badewitz was killed in May,1917.

Informant: L.Cpl. E. Stapleton, 4080
2nd Australians, B.Co., 7.Bltn.
Australian Camp, Boulogne.

RDM.

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Written Pte Badewitz 12-10-17

2 Batt: Badewitz, J.C. 6488.

K in a
M. 8/5/17.

His brother H. Badewitz who is in my Company (B) told me while at Buere that he was been killed. H. Badewitz is still with the Batt: in France.

2nd Batt: Stapleton, E.A. 4889
L/Cpl.

E. Southall. 30/11/17.

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2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

Badewitz
J.C. 6468

"Killed 6.5.17"

I was in the stunt but did not see him killed. He was killed at Bullecourt. His brother Harry Badewitz at Sandhill (Camp No.15) Warminster knows all about his brother he was telling me.

Informant:- J.V.Batson 6131
1st Battn.
Hut 17 Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
22.3.18.

S.

Note Written Pte.H.Badewitz 22.3.18.

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2nd Batn
A.I.F. 21/12/18

BADEWITZ
Jack C. 6468

"Missing 6.5.17."

Killed in Action 6.5.17.prev. reported Missing.

Cert. by A.I.F. HdQtrs 26.10.17.

London.
3.11.17.

S

Havre 6th Nov. 1917.

2nd AUSTRALIANS BADEWITZ, J.C. 6468

M. 6.5.17.

He has a brother in the same Company, B Co., and I think the 7th platoon. His name is Harry Badewitz. I understand that he has received a letter from the Missing man saying that he is a prisoner of war. Harry was with the unit on the 21st Sept. when I left.

Informant: Corpl. R.E. Chapman, 6961
2nd Australians, B Co., 8th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

RDM

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A.I.F. 2.d Bttl.

BADEWITZ.
Jack Conrad. 6468

K. I. A. 6.5.17.

o trace Germany.
Cert.by Capt.Mills.10.10.19.

London.
21.10.19.

S & P.I.

[redacted]

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

Badewitz
J.C. 6468

"Killed 6.5.17"

I know him well in battalion, in B.Coy. - I was there when he joined up. I saw him yesterday at No.1. Command Depot No.8 Camp 4th Coy. Sutton Veny. That is about his number.

Informant:- Cpl.J.W.Symonds 3942
2nd Battn. D.Coy.
Hut 12 Westham.

W.C. Rand
10.2.18.

Searcher's Note

Several present at interview saw Badewitz but none could identify him except a 2nd Battn. man that name. Pte.Batson in his interview 18.3.18. refers to H.Badewitz at Warminster. Is this the man they saw? W.A.Rand.

Note 6469 Pte.H.C.Badewitz (brother) wrote to us on 3.4.18. from Sutton Veny and told us that he had been making enquiries about his brother, but had not succeeded in gathering any definite details of his death. Cpl. Symonds evidently refers to this brother.

London.
4.3.18.

A.I.F. 2 BADEWITZ, J.C. 6468.

K

M. May 6th 1917.

I knew Badewitx personally we came over together. On May 6th we went over with our battalion for an attack on Bullecourt but with regard to his being missed in that stunt I would refer you to his brother Harry who is in the same company and was with him on May 6th. He is now in Blighty on account of a wound he got on the 19th Sept.

Inf: W.J.Hope. 6510.
No. 57 Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 6.11.17. HH

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Ref letter no

(29-9-17)

6458 Pte N.J. FITZGERALD.
9 Coy. 2 Batn A.I.F
B.E.F

Also 6468
J.C. BADEWITZ.
2 Batn A.I.F

M 6-5-17

W.C.
1-10-17

(10.10.17)

Pte Henry BADEWITZ
6 Platoon
B Co.
2 Batn A.I.F
B.E.F

— Sydney Bureau
P. brother
6468 J.C. BADEWITZ
2 Batn A.I.F

M. 6. 5. 17

13.10.17.
A.J.B.

22.3.18

Pte. H. Badewitz

Camp No. 15

Sandhill

Warminster Wilts.

abt. brother

6468 Pte J.C. Badewitz

2nd. 1/Batt. A.I.F.

K. 6. 5. 17.

Wk by P.C. 18-1017

6468 J.C. BADEWITZ

2 Batt

M 6-5-17 S

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9/10/17

Dear Miss Deakin

Your letter to hand with ... regarding No 6468 Pte. Badewitz. The particulars I have is that he was an advanced dressing station on the 5th of Aug wounded with shell shock. I have not been able to ... since. His brother who is in this Batt has done all in his power to locate him but as far as he can ascertain he was last seen about 6 p.m. that day. Should you receive any further information kindly let me know and I will do all I can to assist you.

Yours faithfully

Major for Lieut-Colonel

Officer i/c Records.

H.D. Wade

6468
J. C. BADEWITZ
2 Batt
K/A 6-5-17
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Ack by letter (thanks)
4-4-18
W.J

No 1 Command Depot
3/11/18

The Secretary Australian Red Cross Society

In reference to your enquiries regarding my brother Pte J. C. Badewitz. No 6468
The only thing that I know about the matter is that he was reported as missing from the 6th May 1917. I wrote to Head-quarters, London twice asking could they give me news of his whereabouts, eventually I received word about the 21st Dec. stating that he had been killed on the 6th May while operating with the Australian Forces. but could give me no particulars of his death. This is the only information I have received which can be called definite, and have forwarded same to my parents in Australia.

Yours Sincerely
6469 Pte H. E. Badewitz
2nd Battalion
Australian Imperial Forces

No 1 Command Depot
No 10 Camp - Sutton. Veny. Wilts
26-11-18

To Manager Red Cross
Dear Sir or Madam. 3.12.18

Could you give me any information as to how my brother No 6468 pte John. C. Badewitz 2nd Batt, A Coy, was killed and where buried. from information I have received. he was reported missing after 6th May 1917 while engaged in operations with the A.I.F, some six months or later he was officially reported as killed. any further particulars will be gratefully received and Obliged.

No 6469 pte H. C. Badewitz
2nd Battalion
guard Company
Sutton. Veny Wilts

M.E.H.

6469.
Pte. H.C.Badewitz
2nd Battn. A.I.F.
Guard Company,
SUTTON VENY.

4/12/18.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry of the 26th ulto. for 6468 Pte.J.C.Badewitz 2nd.Battn. A.I.F (who is now officially reported to have been killed in action on 6.5.17 having previously been reported "Missing"). We regret we have never obtained any definite information concerning his fate.

Reports of man of his Battalion state him to have been last seen wounded in an advance dressing station.

We have placed his name on a new enquiry list we are making which is to be circulated among the returned Prisoners in all camps and hospitals in England, and should we obtain any further information concerning him we will at once advise you.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss).

MR.

SECRETARY.