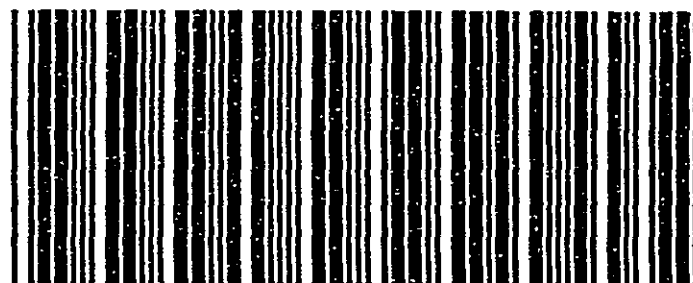


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2614 Private
Josia Allen

49th Battalion



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LONDON, S.W. 1.

January 28th, 1919.

2615 Pte. B. Allen,
49th Infantry Battalion.
Australian Imperial Force.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir.

re 2614 Pte. J. ALLEN. 49th BATTN. A.I.F.

With reference to your enquiry for any particulars about your brother's death, we beg to inform you that we have received an unofficial report from 2744 Pte. A. Turner 49th Bttn.

"I knew an Allen from Queensland (who had two brothers at the front) He was in 49th Bttn. I did not know his initials, about 5'8" in height, very fair, about 40 years old. He was killed instantly by a shell on a sunken road on the right of Villers Bretonneux in June '17. I saw and recognised his dead body. He was buried by a comrade - Bob Lewis of 49th Bttn. I did not see him buried."

In a letter from the Adjutant of the 49th Bttn, he gives the map reference for your brother's grave as Sheet 28.S.W.O.28. C. H.S.I.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Denton

Secretary.

Vera Denton
ppal

*Letter returned
to us wkd "not with Bttn"*

49th Battn.
A.I.F.

Allen.
Pte.J. 2614

"Missing 7.6.17"

Re 2614 Pte.J.Allen. In reply to your letter I might inform you that I have heard nothing more about my brother No.2614 Pte.J.Allen but my parents have received official news to the effect that my other brother Pte.J.E.Allen No.2616 was killed in action on 7th June last. I know no other reliable details and should I learn of any later I will write to you and explain them.

Letter from:-

Pte.E.Allen 2615

49th Battn.

France 15.12.17.

London.
11.1.18.

B.

Havre

30th October.1917.

49th AUSTRALIANS

ALLEN, J. 2614
Allen, J.E. 2616A.

M. June 7th.1917.

These boys were brothers, and both Pte. in C.Co. They came from the same town as I - Gingin, Queensland. I have had word from my people that Allen's people had received word that they were both killed. There is another brother Pte. Ernest Allen of the 49th Batt., A.Co., 2615; he was in Hospital in France about 3 weeks ago.

Informant: Pt. P.J. Eileen, 2198
52nd Australians, A.Co., 111. Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouellon.

RDX.

Written Pte. Allen 7-11-17 See letter from E. Allen about J.E. Allen 2616A

Headquarters,
49th Battalion,
12th December, 1917.

D.M.C., 8/78.,

Secretary,
Aust. Red Cross Society,
54, Victoria Street,
LONDON, S.W.1.,

KA

Reference Attached.,

REGIA FC J.E. ALLEN This soldier was at first reported Missing in Action, 7-6-17, but later his effects came to hand so he was reported Killed in Action same date, the location of his burial site is Sheet 28, S.W., O.28.C.2.1.,

No. 2614. Private ALLEN. J is a brother of the above soldier and is still reported Missing in Action, 7-6-17.,

I hope that the information will prove of some use in your efforts to clear this matter up.

*2614. J. ALLEN 49 BT AIF
M. 7-6-17 B 4*

*2616A. J.E. ALLEN 49 BT
KA. 7-6-17 B 3*

Q
Captain,

W. J. Allen
CAPT. 49th Battalion

No 2615-
49th Batt

France

15th Dec 17

To The Secretary of the Wounded & Missing
Australian Branch B.R.C.S.

In reply to your
letter dated 7th Nov I might inform
you that I have heard nothing more
about my Brother No 2614 Pte J Allen
but my Parents have received official
news to the effect that my other Brother
Pte J. E. Allen No 2616. was killed in action
on 7th June last.

I know ^{no} other reliable details &
should I learn of any later I will
write to you & explain them.

Should your searchers learn
any more news in the meantime
kindly let me know.

Pte J. E. Allen.

18.7.6.17.

B.

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49th A.I.F.

J. ALLEN, 2614.

J. E. Allen, 2616A.

M. 7.6.17.

Their bornter, Pte. E. Allen of the 49th Bn., told me that he had got word officially from the war office that they were killed and their discs found and handed in.

Reference: H. Ringnet, 2725.

No.11 Con.Camp Buehy Nr.Noua . 14.11.17

FEP

See citation Pte. Allen

49th Battn.
A.I.F.

Allen. Pte.J.E. 2616A
Allen. Pte.J. 2614

"Killed in Action 7.6.17"

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Re 2616A Pte.J.E.Allen. This soldier was at first reported Missing in Action 8.16.17 but later his effects came to hand so he was reported Killed in Action same date. The location of his burial site is Sheet 28.S.W. O.28.CM.S. 1. No.2614 Pte.Allen J. is a brother of the above soldier and is still reported Missing in Action 7.6.17. I hope that the information will prove of some use in your efforts to clear this matter up.

Letter from:-

The Adj.

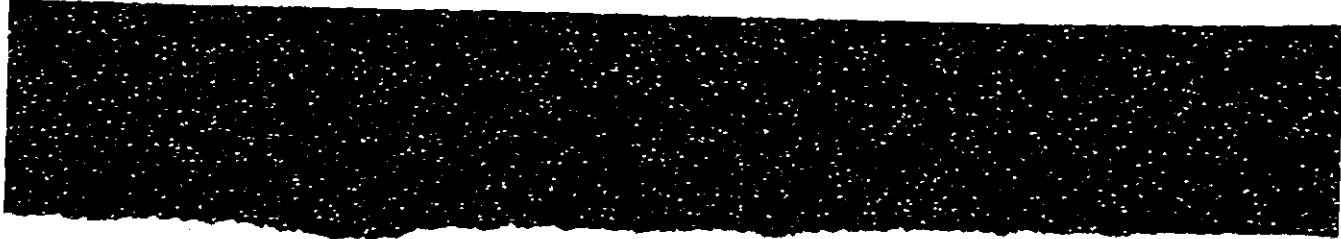
49th Battn.

12.12.17.

London.

7.1.18.

B.



49th Battn
AIF

ALLEN

Josiah 2614

ALLEN

James Edward 2616a

2614 Josiah Allen
Grazier born Giu Giu Next of Kin Mother Sarah Ann Allen
2 Ox Hill, Giu Giu
Age..... 28 yrs 4 months - 5.7.16
Weight..... 143 lbs
Complexion.... dark
Hair..... Black
Eyes..... Brown
Religion Church of England
Missing..... 7.6.17

Cert. by AIF Hdqts 4.1.18.

B

London.
10.1.18.

49th Battn
A.I.F.

ALLEN JOSIAH 2614
Allen James Edward 2616a

These men are brothers and embarked together on "Ceramic" 7.10.16 and went O/S to France on Princess Henrietta 8.1.17. as 6th Reinf. to 49th Battn

2616a James Edward Allen originally 2161 and 21st Reinforcements to 49th Battn

Grazier born near Bundaberg.

Age..... 30 years 3 months on 5.7.16.

Height..... 5'9"

Weight..... 144 Lbs

Complexion..... Fair

Eyes..... Blue

Religion..... Church of England

Next of Kin..... Father-William Allen Ox. Hill, ~~Queensland~~ *Queensland*

Killed in Action. 7.6.17.

2614 Josiah Allen Grazier born ~~Grazier~~ *Lin Lin*

Next of Kin..... Mother Sarah Ann Allen Ox Hill, ~~Queensland~~ *Queensland*

Age..... 26 years 4 months on 5.7.16.

Height..... 5'7"

49th Battn.
A.I.F.

Allen.
J.E. 2614
(& 7 others)

"Missing 7.6.17"

Killed and Buried. Map Reference O.23. C3 1. Sheet 28.S.W.2.. The above list of names with their Burial records were supplied to me by Lt-Col.R.Paul of the 49th Battalion. from his battalion records.

S.Whitmee. Searcher.
No.4 C.Depot.
Hurdcott.
31.1.18.

London.
4.2.18.

P.I. & B.

A.I.F. 49th Battn.

ALLEN

J. . 2614.

"Missing 7.6.17"

I knew an Allen from Queensland who had two brothers at the front. He was in 49th Battn. I did not know his initials. About 5ft.8ins, very fair, about 40. He was killed instantly by a shell, on a sunken Road on the right of Villers Bretonneux (?) in June 1917. I saw and recognised his dead body. He was buried by a comrade, Pte. Lewis of 49th Battn. I did not see him buried.

Informant:- Pte. A. Turner, 274,
49th Battn.
3rd A.A.H.
Dartford.

R.P.T.
London
18.1.19.
J.F.A.

B.
P.I.

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1614/9/26

C O P Y

Statement made by He.Lt-Col. Paul H. 49th battn.

re No.2614 Pte Allen J. 49th Battn.
Missing 7.6.17.

I am unable to state the fate of the above named soldier,
I was wounded in the same engagement at Messines and have not
yet rejoined my unit.

Dated at Hurdcliff this 22nd day of February 1916.

(Sgd) H. Paul.
Lt-Col

Allen
E. (Ernest) ^{Pt.}

26152

49th Batt

6 wfts

Whereabouts?
KIA 25.4.18

w/K mother

File under
2614 Pt. J. Allen
49th Batt.

Wife Sarah Jane Allen
Ochill
Gin Gin
Qld.

Garrissley
P. W.

3424.
~~5912.~~

M. 4. 7. 18.