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593 Private William Robert Clive Beasley

2nd Battalion



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THE SALVATION ARMY
WITH THE
BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE,
ARMY POST OFFICE 3
B.E.F.

7th December 1917.

The Secretary, (Wounded Missing Enquiry Dpt).
Australian Red Cross Society,
36 Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

Dear Miss Deakin,

Thank you very much for yours of the 2nd December re Pte. W.R.C.Beasley, - and for the information therein contained. 593 William Robert Cleo 2nd Bn D Coy

Yours faithfully,

O.C.
Salvation Army with B.E.F.

[redacted]

M E D.

2 A.I.F.
D Coy

BEASLEY
Pte W.R.C. 593.

Rep. M. June. William Robert Cleo

Missing 2/5/15.

No trace at Malta.

CAIRO,
21/3/16.

S.

A.I.F. 2nd Bn.
D.Coy.

BEASLEY
Pte.W.R.C. 593
(William Robert Clive)

Killed in Action 2.5.15.

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Cert. by Hqrs List 25.8.19.

London.
3.10.19.

S & P.I.

[redacted]

2nd Batt., A.I.F.
D. Co.

BEASLEY,
Pte. ~~W.R.C.~~ 593.
William Robert Clive

(Missing).

Informant was with Beasley on the 25th April, and the Company had taken up its position about two miles inland. They were out in the open, and Beasley was on the left of Informant, about two men away.

Informant saw Beasley fall shot, he dropped and never moved. The Company then retired, and Beasley's body was left where he fell.

Beasley was a big man, ruddy complexion, about 22 years old.

Both were in the 14th Platoon.

Ref.:- Robertson,
Lance-Corporal W., 1176.

Sgd

The above is corroborated by:-

Brooks,
Pte.A., 3246,
A. Co., 2nd Battalion,
No.4 Aust.Gen.Hospital, RA[illegible]WICK.

C.H.R.McL.
27. 7. 16.

Med.

2nd Battalion
A.I.F. D Coy

M.2/5/15:

Beasley,
Pte. ~~W.R.C.~~ 593
William Robert Clive

Witness appears to be a very reliable man. He says he knew a man named Beasley in the 2nd Battalion. He was in D Coy. and was called "Bill". Witness knows he landed on the Peninsula on 25/4/15 and took part in the fighting in the early stages.

The Battalion made an advance on a position near Courtney's Post soon after the landing and subsequently they had to retire.

A muster was held on Thursday, 29th April, after the retirement and Beasley was not present then. Witness has not seen him since and does not know what became of him.

Witness - Sgt. A.C. MacInnes, 658, D Coy. 54th Battalion
Camp Ferry Post, Ismailia.

J.L.K.
2/4/16
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Med.

2 A.I.F. D Coy

Beasley,
Pte. ~~W.R.C.~~ 593
William Robert Clive

M. 2/5/15:

Witness knew Beasley quite well. They were in the same Company. The last time witness saw him was at the Anzac Landing. A few days ago Corp. J. Reece, A.Coy. 2nd Battalion, told witness that Beasley was killed. Witness simply heard this as a fact and could supply no details. He believed that Reece was now with his Battalion. Beesley was a snowy-headed little fellow, who came to Australia some years ago as an immigrant.

Witness - Pte. G. A. Hibbert, 171, A Coy. 2nd Battalion
Kit Store Agricultural Grounds, Ghizeh

S.A.
31/3/16

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36, Grosvenor Place,

2nd December 1917.

W.J.Haines,Esq,
O.C., Salvation Army,
B.E.F., A.P.O.3, B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry about

593 Pte.W.R.C.BEASLEY, William Robert Clive
D Coy 2 A.I.F.

we beg to inform you that he is reported Missing 2.5.15, we have several unofficial reports from men in the same Battalion.

171 Pte.G.A.HIBBERT, says that Corp.J.Reece, A.Coy, 2nd Battalion, told him that Beasley was Killed, he speaks of him as a snowy headed little fellow.

Another man 658 Sgt.A.C.McInnes, D.Coy, 54th Battalion, knew a man called Beasley in the 2nd Battalion, "He was in D.Coy, and was called Bill". Witness knows he landed on the Peninsula on 25.4.15, and took part in th fighting in the early steges. The Battalion made an advance on a position near Courtney's Post soon after the landing and subsecuently they had to retire. A master was held on 29.4.15, after the retirement and Beasley was not present then. Witness has not seen him since and doed not know what became of Him".

1176 L/Cpl.W.Robertson, was with Beasley on 25.4.15,and the Coy had taken up its position about 2 miles inland. They were out in the open and Beasley was on the left of him about 2 men away. Robertson saw Bealey fall shot, he dropped and never moved. The Coy then retired and Beasleys body was left where he fell. He describes him as a big man, ruddy complexion, about 22 years old. This statement is corroborated by 3246 Pte.A.Brooks, A.Coy, 2nd Btt,

Copies of all these reports have been already sent to our office in Sydney, but we realize from the very contradictory descriptions given by our witnesses that the reports are not by any means conclusive. We regret that owing to the lapse of time since the casualty occurred we are unable to obtain further information concerning Gallipoli cases.

With apologies for being of such a little assistance.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

THE SALVATION ARMY
WITH THE
BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE,

27th November 1917.

ARMY POST OFFICE 3
B.E.F.

The Secretary,
The Australian Red Cross Society,
54 Victoria Street, S.W.

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Sir,

Robert Clive

593 - Private William R.C.Beasley,
D. Company, 2nd Battalion, A.I.F.
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This man was last seen at a dressing station at "Gaba Tepeh". A comrade of his who was also wounded says they were placed on board the Hospital Ship "Delta" and conveyed to England, but is unable to say if [redacted] was on board or not. He was reported missing about May 2nd 1915, and his comrades seem positive that his injuries were not serious. A Board of Enquiry subsequently reported him as killed; but the relatives would be more than grateful if any further information could be secured for them to either prove their loved one a prisoner of war or to finally relieve their suspense as to the possibility of his being alive.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Wm. Haines

O.C.
Salvation Army with B.E.F.