

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

**5352 Private
Alfred James
Christmas**

16th Battalion



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A.I.F. 15.

CHRISTIAN, A.J. 5395.
(and 3 others)

M. April 11th. 1917.

I was a runner that day and H.G. was a little behind them when they were captured, being in the trench from which they kicked off. The second run I made I could not deliver the message as they were almost entirely surrounded. The first time I left these boys were quite all right and unless they were killed after that they are P/W. After once they were cut off I don't think there was heavy fighting. This was at Bullecourt on April 11th.

HC.

Reference:- Thoms, C.H. 5395. A.I.F. 15.B.
No. 11 Gen. Hosp.

Etaples
15.5.17.

P. G.
P. W.

16th Battn.
A. I. F.

Christmas.
A. J. 5352.

"Missing 11.4.17."

I am certain he is Prisoner of War. He comes from Northam, W. Australia. I talked to him at Villiers & he was quite well. I suppose he must have come on to Lille, but I did not see him after leaving Villiers.

Witness:-

Pte. Stewart, 6214.

16th Battn.

(Escaped Prisoner of War)

Note Witness was clear and quite reliable in his information. In all cases Pte. Stewart was able to supply the rank, number or initial of the missing man. He gave most of the information from memory as he feared to raise suspicion in attempting to compile a complete list from his fellow captives. Naturally he only knew a small percentage of them, but his memory seemed excellent and he was most anxious to supply all possible particulars. I understand a full report of Pte. Stewart's and L/Cpl. Parsons' experiences has been sent to Australia by Lieut. Col. Murdoch.
London.

22.6.17.

P.

V.D.

16th Batt.

A.I.F.

Christmas,

A.J. 5352.

"Prisoner of War"

Interned Friedrichsfeld

Information Copy of Telegram from Copenhagen List dated 27.9.17

London 2.10.17

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16th Batt.
A.I.P.

Christmas
A. J. 5352

"Prisoner of War"

Interned Friedrichsfeld

Post-card (first) received from man dated 16.9.17

London 20.11.17

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16th Battn.
A.I.F.

CHRISTMAS
Alfred J. 5352

"Prisoner of War."

Interned Gustrow.

"Just beginning to receive my parcels. I would like
you to let my people know in Australia that I am quite well."

Cert. by extract from Post card from man dated 27.2.18.

London.
15.5.18.

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18th Battalion

CHRISTMAS
A.I.P. 5582

REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR

Arrived Ripon 18/12/18

Cert. by Information from A.I.P. Hqs 21/12/18

London
27/12/18

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