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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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486 Private
David Chestnut

13th Battalion



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13 A.I.F. Kw A28-4-15 CHESTNUT
(M. 2/6/15.) Sig. David 486.

Informant was told by Sig Church of the same Battn that Chestnut shared a dug-out with him. About half way through one night Chestnut got up and went out with full equipment on saying he was going out to get a drink. He was never seen again.

Ref:- Pte.R.B.Mann, 536,
13 A.I.F. D.Co.
Sporting Club Hospital,
Heliopolis, Cairo.

J.W.Carter,
26:11:15. (S.)

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13 A.I.F. Kia A 29-4-15 CHESTNUT David
Sig.D. 486.

(M. 2/5/15.)

Chestnut left the trench on Pope's Hill early on the night of May 2nd to fill the water bottles from the water tank which was only about 280 yards away down the Gully He never returned.

Two things might have happened. (1) He might have been wounded by a sniper and taken to the dressing station and thence to the hospital ship without the Batt. knowing, or (2) He might have taken the wrong turning in the dark when returning to his trench -which could easily have been done- and thus walked straight into the Turkish lines. In which case he might have been taken prisoner.

Informant was a great friend of his and came from the same town (Blackheath).

Ref:- Bugler D.Spraque 443, 13 A.I.F.
1st A.G.Hospital, Heliopolis, Cairo.

J.S.St Clair, (S.)
6:12:15.

33 B., A.I.F.

CHESTNUT,
Pte.B. 486.
David

(Missing). Kin A. 28-4-15

On ~~April~~ May 5th, at night, Chestnut went up Monash Gully for water. He was never heard of again. On 24th ~~April~~ May some bodies were found at the head of the Gully, but there was no trace of Chestnut. The general opinion was that he had been taken prisoner.

Ref.:- Watt,
Pte.G.E., 577, 13th Batt., B.Co.,
4th Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

D.W.
2.3.16.

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18 A.I.F.
13 Bde

CHESTNUT
Sig David 486

M. Kw A 29-4-15

No record in 18th Btn. or 5th Bgde.

Cert. by:-

3rd Echn. G.H.Q. ; M.E.F.
&
A.I.F. H.Q.

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22/3/16.

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A.I.F. 13th Btn

CHESTNUT
David 486

"M. since about June 1915"

Killed in Action 28-4-15
Mert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 26-8-19.

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London
15-10-19