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**2nd Lieutenant
Oscar Mackenzie
Chilvers**

51st Battalion



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CHILDERS Lt. A.C.H. I

Lt Childers was wounded somewhere opposite Henguet Farm on the south side of the road between Eszieren and Thiopval, during the attack and got into a shell hole. I went out to him and got wounded too but was able to crawl back. The shell hole where the officer lay was only a few yards from our trench. Sgt Brown saw him also and said he was dead. I heard from others before I was put into the strain that Mr Childers body could not be found.

Reference: Pte W.B. Verriore, 2696.A.
51.A.I.P. L.S.B.O.

Liverpool Hospital, Staple .
18.9.1916.

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CHILDERS, 2 Lt.O.M.

M. Aug. 15. 1916.

He was wounded at Pozieres on about August 14th. I saw him lying in the front line trenches. He seemed to have lost his head. He would not let any of us touch him. I do not know the extent of his wounds. I was buried by a shell soon afterwards, and do not know what happened to him. He belonged to III Platoon, A Co.

Reference: Pts. R.R. Cookinern, 4580, A. Co.
23 Gen. Staples. 26.9.1916.

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Childers, Lieut. O. M.
A Coy.

(M. Aug: 15/16.)

Informant states "I saw Lieut. Childers wounded in a shell hole about 250 yards from the front line. When we were returning after our attack, I asked him if I could assist him. He said he was wounded in the leg and wanted stretcher bearers. He was left there and I found there were no stretcher bearers available. The place where he was lying was heavily bombed the night following."

Reference:-- L/Cpl W. Riley, 3926.
Australian L. I. A Coy.
I.M.O.S.
3rd. Western General Hospital,
Howard Gardens, Cardiff.

Home address:-- Sayer St
Midland Junction,
W. Australia. M/M

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Hayward.

51st Australians.

Childers, 2nd Lieut. O. M.

(Missing Aug: 15/16.)

Informant states that "On Aug: 15th outside Albert, Lieut. Childers was wounded in the thigh in the charge in No Man's Land about 150 yards from the German trench. He was able to walk, but seemed to have lost heart and refused help to return to our lines, & remained sitting where he was; several offered help and I was one. He was not found when the stretcher bearers went out after dark."

Reference:--

Frank Dawson, 3310,
51st Australians, A Coy,
St. Mary's Hospital,
Paddington.

Oct: 10th
Humphrey.

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51st. A. I. F.

Childers, 2nd Lieut. O. M.

(M. Aug: 15/16.)

Informant states that there was no Lieut. Childers in his battalion but there was a Lieut. Chilvers, and when informant was wounded at Mouquet Farm on August 14th he was crawling in and Lieut. Chilvers called to him and told him to send stretcher bearers. Elliott got back and told stretcher bearers to go, but they were unable to, not knowing the exact spot and it being dusk it was about 200yds from the dug out.

Reference :-- Pte. F.H. Elliott 3666,
51st A. I. F.
3rd. London General Hospital,
Mandsworth.

Home address:-- 9, Abbotsford St,
West Leederville,
W. Australia.

Oct: 13th
Garrard.

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51st A.I.F.

Childers, 2nd Lt. O.M.

W. August 15th 1916.

Informant states that about August 15th 1916 at Mouquet Farm, Lt. Childers was wounded in the leg and was seen on "No Man's Land". No assistance could be given him at the time, so they asked him to return as well as he could; but he preferred to stay in the shell hole. A party went out at midnight to look for him, but they could not find him. He belonged to A. Coy.

Reference: Sgt. J. Stewart 2210,
51st A.I.F., A. Coy.,
3rd London General Hospital,
Horseferry Road,
S.W.

Oct. 24.16.
J. Perrin.

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51st Australian Imperial Force.

Chilvers, 2nd Lt. O.M.

M. Aug. 15/16.

Informant states that he thinks that this name should be 2nd Lt. Chilvers. 2nd Lt. Chilvers was his platoon officer. He saw him lying wounded in an old German dug out near Monguel Farm on the 15th August. Heavy shelling was going on, but informant, who was wounded was crawling back to our lines. He spoke to Lt. Chilvers but he would not take the chance of crawling back through the shell fire.

Reference:-Pte. Thos. Bird, 3789,
51st Australian I.F. A.
Bradford Hospital.

Home address:-Glenorchy,
Hundijong, W.A.

Oct. 17/16.
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51st Australian Infantry.

Childers, 2nd Lieut. O.M.
A Coy.

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Informant states that on August 15th on the Somme he was told that 2nd Lieut. Childers had been wounded and was lying in No Man's Land. A party went out to bring him and others in, but he would not allow them to take him in, probably because he considered others were more badly wounded than himself. He was not seen again and was probably taken prisoner.

Reference:-- Pte. S. Sutcliffe, 3470.
51st. Australian Infantry.

County of London Hospital,
Horton, Epsom.

Oct: 17th
Jackson.

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51st. Battn.
A.I.F.

Chilvers,
2nd. Lieut. O.H.

"Missing 15-8-16"

Was my Platoon officer, and was wounded in the leg in neighbourhood of Mosquet Farm on August 15th. Stretcher bearers went out next morning to get him, but he refused to be moved. They went out again after that, but the body was removed. The wound was not serious, but he could not walk. He could not have been brought in by Australian Stretcher bearers or I should have seen him. He must have been taken prisoner(?)

Reference:- E. H. Swanwich, 1836,
51st. Battalion,
Southall Hospital,
24-9-16

London,
28-10-16
W.E.F.

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A. I. F. 51.

France.
CHILVERS, 2nd.Lt.O.M.

W/August 15th. 1916.

This should be Chilvers. I saw him lying out in No Man's Land at Pozieres on August 14th. He had been shot through the legs. A party went out next morning to get in wounded. He was still out there, and could not be got in because of shortage of stretcher-bearers. He could stand up but lost his nerve and would not face getting in himself. That night again he was searched for but could not be found. Shells were bursting all over the place. He must have been blown up by one of these.

Reference: Cpl. F.B. Deane, 3761, A. Coy.,
No. 4 A.D.B.D.

Staples.
31.10.16.
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Chilvers
2ndLieut.O.M.

"Missing Aug.15th 1916"

On the night of the 14th August, he was wounded and was in a shell hole in No Man's Land. Instead of crawling in as others did, he did not come and was left. On the next day they took him in. I hear they found him dead.

Reference:- 2ndLieut.T.S.Edmondson.
51st Battn. A.I.F.,

3rd Southern General Hospt.
25-10-16.

Home address:-
c/o C.E.Edmondson
Wybrow
Workington, CUMBERLAND.

Informant is reliable.

London
9-11-16

Off. M.

51st A. I. F.

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2nd Lieut. O. H. CHIDERS.

Chidlers

Missing 15.8.16.

On the right of Pozieres in the attack I saw him wounded. He crawled into a shell hole and later a party went out to try and bring him in. He asked for a stretcher, but it was impossible to take it, and he died of his wounds in the shell hole.

Reference: Pte. C. Westcombe, 3955.

No.10 General, Rouen. 9.11.16.

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A.I.F. 51st Btn

CHILBERS
2/Lt. O. Mack

"Missing 15-8-16"

Killed in Action 15-8-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 4-5-17.

London
8-5-17

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A.I.F. 51st Bttn.

CHILDESS.
Oscar Mackenzie. 2/Lt.

Killed in Action. 15.3.18.

No trace Germany.
Cert by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

L^ondon.
22.10.19.

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