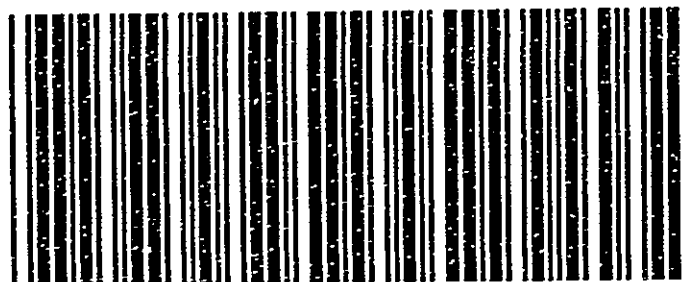


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**1493 Lance Corporal
John Gilligan**

15th Battalion



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A.I.F. 15th Battn

3rd Rfts

GILLIGAN

John 1493

"No news for 6 months"

Missing 1-2-17

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 27-2-17 I.B. 168

London
5-3-17

S & B

A.I.F. 15th. Battrn.

GILLIGAN.
J. 1493.

MISSING 1.2.17.

The above formed part of a party of about 70 sent out to take a German advance post at Guidesourt. We held it for a time but our bombs ran out and the Germans came up in large numbers taking many of us Prisoners before we could get away and they recovered the position. The operation lasted from 7.p.m. on 1st. Feb. until 4.a.m. next morning. I got away. I am almost certain that these men were all taken prisoners. I saw Jones and Lenman lying badly wounded and of course they may have died. They were all from Brisbane where I come from and of A.Co. except Poeppel of whose Co. I am not sure. Major Mundell of A.Co. was in charge. Refer to Pte. Benny Fraser of D.Co. who was with us all the time and got back.

Ref. A.D. Edwards, 4495, B.Co.
Dartford. 26.3.17.

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31st March, 1917.

15th AUSTRALIANS

GILLIGAN, J. 1493

M. 1.2.17.

He was in B Co., 6th platoon. This man was reported missing.

He was with the battalion on the 23rd March. He had been wounded on the 1-2 February.

He is 5'5", fair, clean-shaven, sandy hair, about 25 or 26, single I believe.

Informant: Pte. J.W. Elliott, 5673
15th Australians, B Co., 6th Pltn.,
R. S. Warilda.

LLH

write adj.

Written Adj: 10.4.17

15th Batt.
C.Co.,
A.I.F.,

GILLIGAN
J 1493

"Missing 1.2.17"

Our records show that No 1493 Pte Gilligan J of "C" Company is reported as Missing 1.2.17. He has not rejoined Battalion.

Cert. by letter from The C.O.
15th Batt. A.I.F.,
B.E.F.
17.4.17.

London
3.5.17.

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A.I.F.
15th. Batta.
3rd. Reinfts.

GILLIGAN.
John 1493

" Missing. "

Killed in Action 1.2.17. previously reported Missing

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters ^{List} 4.5.17.

London.
16.5.17.

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B.D.

15th Batt. A.I.F.

GILLIGAN J. I493.

"C" Coy. No 12 Platoon.

* K. Feb. 1st., '17. Det D & E *.

" We received word through Coy. orders, that Gilligan had been killed at Guedacourt, on Feb. 1st. This was some considerable time afterwards, so evidently his body had been found, and no doubt it was buried. "

Witness. Butler E.C. Sgt.
15th Batt. "C" Coy.

Taken at the 4th Training Battalion.
Codford. S. W.
October 26th '17.

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No 4 Command Depot,
Codford.

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A.I.P. 15.

GILLIGAN.
GILLIGAN. J. 1493.

K. 1.2.17. Det. D & B.

In February at Gueudesourt we took a German trench and held it for about 5 hours, and then had to retire. We hopped over at 6.0 p.m. No Man's Land was about 80 yards across. Gilligan, who was in my Coy. in 12 Pl. had got up to the German wire when I saw him wounded. The wounded were all brought into the trench and put in dug outs and attended to by Cpl. Wilson, A.A.M.C., though I cannot speak specially about Gilligan. When we retired the wounded had to be left. Cpl. Wilson has been heard of as a prisoner.

Informant: Pte. W. Leeding, 1965, C Co. 11 Pl.
No. 32 Stat. Hpl.
Boulogne. 29.9.17.

JZ.

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14th A.I.F.

J. GILLIGAN, 1493.

K. 1.2.17. Det. D & B.

Informant said Gilligan was in C Co., Bn. bombers and was att. to 12 Pl. His name was Jack and he was nearly an original, being, Informant thinks, at Gallipoli. Informant was in the bombers with him, and knew him as a very nice fellow for some months. He went over with him Feb. 1st at Gueudecourt and the last he saw of him was when near the German line he was hit in the eye with the stick of a bomb. After the evacuation in February, Informant saw his grave behind the German line. He had been buried by the Germans and a cross put up with his name on but with the data crossed out. Informant thinks Sgt. Turner, still with the Unit, also saw the grave.

Reference: Pte. R. M. Norman, 6068. C Co.
No. 9 General, Rouen. 27.10.17.

DLF.

Written Sgt. Turner 16.11.17.

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B.
12.11.17

15th Australian Imperial Force Gilligan, J. 1493
A Coy.

(K. Feb. 1/17. Dets D & B)

" Gilligan was buried on the Somme by the Germans who put his name and number on a board, but scratched out the date of burial. The grave was seen by members of XII Platoon. "

at Grudicourt

Eye Witness - Not of death

Description

Informant :- Pte. R.M. Norman, 6068,
C Coy. 12th Pl. 15th A.I.F.
Bath War Hospital, Ward 1

Home address :-
(Not given).

15. 11. 17.
C Orford Smith.

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From:- C.O. 15th. Battalion.
To :- Secretary
Aust. Red Cross Society.

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He has not rejoined Battalion.

1493 J. GILLIGAN

M. 1. 2. 17

17th. April 1917.

15-Batt AIF ... *P. S. Atherton* Captain.

Adjutant 15th. Battalion.

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Pte. J. Gilligan 1493
15th B. Co.

see under.

Sgt. A. T. Farr 3299
15th B. Co.

2.4.17.