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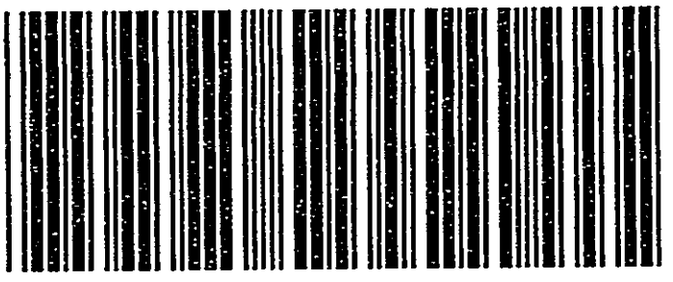
2017 Able Seaman David Gaff

Royal Australian Navy



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David A: 2017

"Died"

Died 4-5-18 - of Typhoid fever at Hpl Aumont D'or St.Germain, France, No further report.
Cert. by 'phone High Comm: 5-6-18.

London
5-6-18

Australian Navy. GAFF.

David. A. 2017.

"Died".

Seaman Gaff was admitted to this hospital on 24th March, suffering from Typhoid Fever. For some weeks we hoped he would recover, but his strength was not sufficient and he died on 4th May. He was buried in our little cemetery with the Englich soldiers, and his funeral was attended by the Officers, some Australian soldiers in the camp, the hospital staff, and convalescent patients. On the 5th May, I wrote to his Mother telling her everything I could of his illness, death and burial.

Letter from:- Sister in charge.
The Military Hospital
2 Rest Camp.
A. P.O. 3 85.
B.E.F.

London.
20-6-18.

M.

O.N. R.A.N. 2017. GAFF.
Able Seaman. D.A.

"Died of Illness"

To Secretary
Aust. Red Cross.
Melbourne.

In reply to your letter addressed to the High Commissioner, dated 25th August, enquiring as to whether it is possible to obtain a photograph of the grave of the late Able Seaman D.A.Gaff, O.N. R.A.N.2017, application will be made to the Hospital Authorities, but it is quite impossible for me to state as to whether they will comply with the same. If the application is successful, the photograph will be transmitted to you immediately after receipt.

Letter from:- ~~G.C.~~ Rear Admiral Naval Representative
High Commissioner's Offices.
Australia House.
Strand.
London.W.C.2.

London.
30-8-18.

M.

Australian Navy. GAFF.
2017. D.A.

"Died of Disease"

Further to my communication of the 27th ult., I beg to inform you that I have received information from the Military Authorities that they are arranging for a photograph of the grave of the late D.A.Gaff. O.N. 2017. to be taken and they will be good enough to forward copies of same as soon as they are ready.

Letter from:- A.Scott. Littlejohns.
Capt.R.A.N.
High Commissioners Offices
Australia House.
STRAND.LONDON. 9-9-18.

London.
11-9-18.

M.

5.6.18.

O.C.'s Draft

The Matron
Hospital au Mont D'Or
St. Germain
France.

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2017 David A. Jaffe
Australian Army

Disciplined 4.5.18.

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British Red Cross

AND

Order of St. John.

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2017 David A. Gatt
Australian Navy.

D.A.

The Military Hospital
2. Rest Camp. E.
A.P.O. 585
B.E.F.

13-6-18.

Dear Madam.

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Yours faithfully
Kate L. Chapman R.R.C. R.N.S.R.
Sister in Charge.

MB

25th August 1918.

The High Commissioner for Australia,
Australia House,
Strand, W.C.2.

Dear Sir,

Would it be possible for you to obtain for us a photograph of the grave of an Australian sailor who died in hospital in France? We are asking on behalf of his parents in Australia, who have applied to us through our Melbourne office.

The man's particulars are - A.B.2017 D.A.Gaff, Australian Navy, officially reported to have died of fever 1-5-18 at Hospital Aumont D'or, St.Germain France. The man landed from "S.S.Wiltshire" by which he was travelling to take up duty with Australian war ships. The matron of the hospital informed us that he was buried in the little cemetery at the hospital amongst some English soldiers.

Hoping you will be able to obtain the photograph for us,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Irvin Russell

Secretary.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. N.792.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"NAVREPTIVE, ESTRAND, LONDON."
TEL. No. CITY 7010.

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES.
AUSTRALIA HOUSE,
STRAND.
LONDON. W.C. 2.

Received 28/8/18

Read

27th August, 1918.

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I am,
Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

J. Hamilton-Moore

Rear Admiral
Naval Representative.

The Secretary,
Wounded & Missing
Enquiry bureau,
Australian Red X Society,
36, Grosvenor Place,
S.W.1.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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AUSTRALIA HOUSE,
STRAND,
LONDON, W.C. 2.

2017 D.A. Gaff
Australian Navy
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9th September, 1918

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