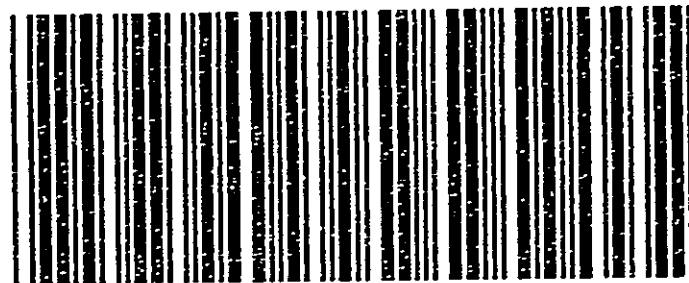


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**5402 Lance Corporal  
William Gillespie**

**15th Battalion**



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15th Batt,  
A.I.F.

Gillespie  
L/Cpl. W 5402.

"Missing 11.4.17"  
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Prisoner of War - Captured Biencourt 11.4.17 - Interned Limburg

Cert, by information from German List dated 23.6.17

London  
1.8.17

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15th Battn.  
A.I.F.

GILLESPIE.  
I/Cpl. W. 5402.

"Prisoner of War. "

One thing I would like you to take special notice of  
5402 Private Gillespie William has been under arrived here since  
last February waiting trial. For the last five months he has been in  
the mentally deficient ward. I myself have seen him and he cer-  
tainly is not right in the head, and the longer he remains there  
the worse he will become. So is there anything that you can possibly  
do to influence people on this side as regards his trial. I be-  
lieve it would be a lot of help to him, and he will know how he  
stands. At present he only thinks of his trial and it plays on  
his brain. Extract from Letter received from Sgt. J. C. Whitbread.  
15th Battn. Prisoner of War, Schneidemuhl. dated 30.8.18.

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15th Batn.,  
A.I.F.

GILLESPIE,  
L/Cpl. W. 6402.

Prisoner of War

"He was taken away from Schneidemuhl Hospital to a lunacy Hospital, supposed to be mad - but was feigning madness as he was sentenced to five years imprisonment. Ask Sgt. Whitbread about him.

Informant:- Giles, J.A. 4788,  
53rd Batn.,  
A.I.F.

Repatriated Prisoner of War.

L.A.W.  
19-12-18.  
London,  
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A.I.F. 15th Battn.

GILLESPIE  
L/Cpl. W. 5402

"REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR"

Arrived Ripon 18/12/18

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

London  
27/12/18

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15th Battn.  
A.I.F.

GILLESPIE.  
W. 5402.

"Prisoner of War"

I spoke to Gillespie about 3 months ago through the bars only and the German guard was present. He spoke in a childish manner and his eyes looked very funny. He was taken to Hospital about 2 months ago to Stargard for the observation ward. I asked in the President of the British Help Committee Schneidmühl, Color Sgt Hales who was staying on there, if there was any news of Gillespie but he knew nothing at the time.

Informant:- 3953.Sgt.J.C.O.Whitbread.  
13th Battn. A.I.F.  
A.R.C.S.

London.  
6-1-19.

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