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3989 Private George Hartley

23rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 23rd Btn

HARTLEY
Geo. 3989

"K/A. 28-7-16"

Killed in action 28-7-16 - previously re orted Missing same date
vert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 25-3-18.

O.H.M.

London
26-3-18

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Ltr 30.12.16

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30 DEC. 1916

In Hospital
France
25/12/16.

To
The Secretary
British Red Cross Society

Dear Sir

Your letter of 24th Nov. re Pte. G. Hartley came to hand some time ago, & I beg to apologize for the serious delay in replying, but for this I must blame the "Fortunes of War".

The particulars I am able to give you are as follows:—

"At Poziers on the night 28th/29th July, at 12-15 A.M. our battalion attacked the German trenches. At 4 A.M. when the roll was checked, 3989 Pte G Hartley was found to be "missing", & was recorded as "missing". What his actual fate was, I am unable to state.

I can only hope these particulars will be of assistance to you, & I deeply sympathize with all concerned.
Pte Hartley left Australia on 8/2/16 (under my Command & I had seen a great deal of him. He certainly proved himself a good soldier.

Yours faithfully
T. McRae 2nd Lieut
23rd Bn A.I.F.

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M. 22.7.16.

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