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6th Battalion



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6th Btn. D. Coy. 16th Platoon. JOHNSON, C.F. Pte. No. 951. current hedrick

Mentioned in our cable of the 6th Jan, as Missing in August.

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He was a champion amateur light weight wrestler and was an M.P. in Egypt to the 6th Btn.

H. W. Day, No. 925 of the 6th Btn. on the 6th October wrote to his father as follows.-

"He was in the same tent as the casualty. They wentout together in the last charge, but had not gone far when they got to the Turks' trenches and had to retire, and informant missed the casualty and he and about a dozen others went out again but could not find him. The informant had a look over the trench every night for 3 or 4 nights to see if he could see the casualty lying about, but could not find him."

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Encw him as Charlie and saw him go into the charge on the left of Lone Pine when attacking the Germans Officers' trench on August 6, which was about 100 yards from the trench they left. It was clear country and neither side could get out to collect the dead and wounded who could be seen lying out between the trenches. He never came back, as he must have done had he not been killed.

About 5 ft 5, medium to dark complexion, stiff built, clean shaven, young, had been one of Silitary Police on the Poninsula.

> Pte V.Cooke 775 6 A.I.F. Hqrs. stretcher boarer Staff.

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Informant states that the 6th Btn. on the 6th August, charged from the 8th Btn. trenches at midnight (Friday night). There was no chance of getting out to identify the corpses. It is very possible that the body of the above casualty was lying between ours and the enemy trenches, which were very close together, a distance of only 60 yards between.

> Ref:- T. J. Lawler, No. 1680, 8th Btn. 5th Rfcts. C. Coy.

Private address -168 Lord Street, Richmond.

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Witness knew a man in the 6th Btn named Johnson. His name was Chas. and his N° between 800-900. He was in the original Btn not Rfts. and came from Victoria. He was at one time in H Co and then in D Co. He was fond of wrestling. Witness knows that this man took part in the charge on the German Officer's trench on 8/8/15. Witness was there and saw Johnson during the charge. The casualties were very heavy in that charge and witness does not know what became of him subsequently.

> Ref:- L/C T.J.Bennett, 913, B Co, 16 A.I.F. O/S Base, Giza, CAIRO.

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Informant states that Sgt. Gray of the 6th Batt., told him that on August 7th 1915 he had seen Pte. Johnston struck and killed, he fell in on his face. The Sgt. did not see his face, but knew him by his back. This was at Anzae at the "German Officers' trench".

> Reference: Sgt. C. Nelson 971, 5th Australian Regiment, Herbert Hospital, Woolwich,

Home address: c/c Sergeant's Mess,

Abbeywood Camp.

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Informant states that this casualty, who was his best pal, went out on the 6th August to the German Officer's trench, between Johnston's Jolly and Steele's Post. Informant saw casualy leave the trench to attack, and mays that he did not return. Casualty was last seen on the parapet, where he was killed. Informant searched for his body, and came to the conclusion that it was in the trench and was buried by the Turks. They did not take any prisoners.

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Ref:- Sgt. E.P.Hitchcock, 371, 6th Btn., 90 Cassell's Rd., Brunswick.

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Reported Missing, August.

Informant states that casualty was a friend of his, and that he was dark, 5' 8" in height, clean shaven.

Informant further states that one Alexander F. Caldwell of the 6th Btn. to which he was attached as stretcher bearer, and who lives at Seddon, told informant that he saw casualty's body lying in front of the German Officers' trench on the 6th August.

> Ref:- Pte. H. Wise, No. 1006, 6th Btn.

228 High Street, Kew.

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