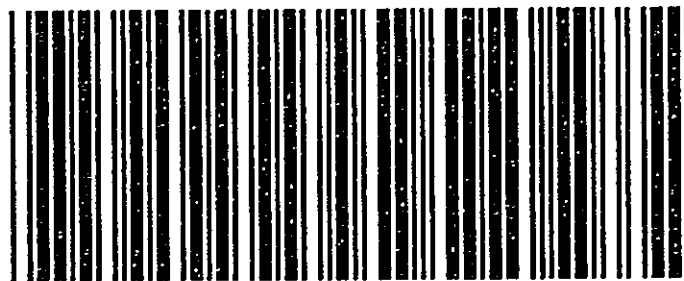


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884 Company
Quartermaster
Sergeant
Charles William Hector
Needham

6th Battalion



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A.I.F. 6th Bttn.

NEEDHAM.
C/M/S. Charles William.
884.

Killed in Action. 7.8.15.

K. in A. 7.8.15.
Cert by A.I.F. Hdqrs List. 25.8.19.

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6 Coy

Q.M.Sgt. NEEDHAM 884
CHARLE: WILLIAM

Lieut. Moncur has called to-day at this office with regard to the above man. He says:

"This man went out in a charge on the German Officer's Trench, at midnight August 7/8 last. The company returned but he could not be traced. He is gazetted as missing."

Lieut. Moncur thinks there is no hope for him.

W. & M. I.B., B.R.C.S.

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6th. A.I.F.

G. W.

(W. 7/8/18.)

NEEDHAM. Q/A/B.C.W.

Charles William No 884.

Witness says that Needham took part in a charge at Anzac against the German Officer's trench at about end of July and was never seen since.

Ref; Dock.Pts.A. No 793.

6th. A. I. F.

Luna Park Hospital.

Cairo, 23rd Nov. 1918.

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6th Batt: Australians. G. Coy.

Needham, Q.M.S. C.W. 884.

Charles William

M. August 7/15.

Informant states that on August 7th at Anzac Cove he saw Q.M.S. Needham in the trenches. Q.M.S. Needham was in the charge, and was missing afterwards. There were about 20 men lying in front of the trench that night but it was impossible to get to them. Several of the others declared that they saw Q.M.S. Needham lying there. Liout. Monour, 6th Batt. D. Coy might be able to give information. He was at Lemnos when informant left five weeks ago. He was a Sergt. Major at the time of the charge when Q.M.S. Needham was missing and has been made a Liout. since.

Reference:-- Charles Frederick Hodges,
6th Australians, D. Coy.
3rd Southern General Hospital
Somerville College,
Oxford.

Home address:-- Victoria.

LONDON,
November 30th

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6th Australian Regiment,
Needham Q.M.S., C.W., 884,
G. Co. *Charles William*

(M. Aug. 7th 1915)

Informant states that everyone out there said that "Chick" Needham was killed on Aug. 7th in the attack at Steels Post, on the German Officers' observation trench.

Reference: Harry Richards, 2242,
6th Australian Regt., D. Co.,
St. Thomas' Hospital (Vict).

Home address:
4 Mitchell Street,
Melbourne.

London,
Dec. 3rd 1915,
A. Wedderburn.

W. L.

92. Stephens Road
Lumbridge Wells

Mr. Deafar would be very
grateful for any information

re -

Sergt. C. Reedham

G. A. I. F. C. Coy

who was missing

Aug 6-7/15 on the

Peninsula

894 Q/M/S. Charles
William Reedham
68th. G. Coy

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The Secretary

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August 22nd 1916

Miss Peglar,

92 Stephens Rd,

Tunbridge Wells

Dear Madam,-

Charles William

In answer to your enquiry for No 884 Q.M.S. *C.* Needham 6th Battn. we are forwarding you all the information we have. I am sorry to say very little is known about him, but what there is seems to point to his having been killed about the 7th August 1915. In Nov 1915 We heard from Pte. Hodges 6th Battn, who was then in hospital that Q.M.S. Needham was in a charge at Anzac Cove on Aug 7th and was missing afterwards, later he was told that Q.M.S. Needham's body was seen lying in front of the trenches with about 20 others. Pte. Hodges told an enquirer that Lieut Morran(?) might be able to give further information, and on applying to him he confirmed this report, adding that the trench charged was known as the German officers trench. 242 Pte. Richards 6th Battn. also believes that "Chick" Needham was killed at Steals Port on the German Officers observation trench. We are sorry to have so little news to give you and regret very much that it is only bad news.

*in the
attack on
7th Aug.*

With reference to your letter enquiring re 3170 L/C Wilson we notice that the Battn is not given and as this is probably an oversight we should be very glad to hear from you again.

Yours faithfully.

Secretary.

Ans.