

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2198 Corporal
Claude Milton Rich
Nuttall

23rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 23rd Battn.

NUTTALL
O.M.2198

"KILLED IN ACTION"

Killed in Action 13/8/18

Buried Harborside Cir. Cem: near the main Entrance
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs List 26/9/18.

London
26/9/18.

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A.I.F, 23rd Batta

C. NUTTALL
2198

Wounded-How.

Admitted 1st Southern Gen. Hosp. (Stourbridge Sec. 21-11-16)
Cert. by Hospital Index

Progressing favourably
Cert. by letter from O.C, 16-11-16.

London
20-12-16.

M.

23rd Battn
A.I.F.

NETTALL "M.H."
C.M. 2198

"KILLED 13-8-18"

At Harbiners - killed by Machine Gun bullet in the stomach and died soon. I saw him hit, I was near him at the time. It was in a daylight raid we were making. His body was brought; He was in my platoon and I knew him well.

Informant - Smith, Pte. 2091.
23rd Battn.
HAREFIELD.

D.P. Dickson
London
25-10-18
J.E.A.

M.

Havre.

31st. October. 1918.

23rd. Australians.

Muttall, H.M. O. N. 2198.

K. August. 13/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Corporal Claud Muttall, H.M. of A. 3. I was alongside of him in our lines near Harbonieres about August 13th, 1918. daylight, when he was killed instantly by a bullet through the chest. His body was carried back to the reserve trenches by our S/Bearers and I heard afterwards that it was taken away for burial on a limber.

Inf:- Private. A. ROSS. 6882.
23rd. Australians. A. 3.
Australian Camp.
Revelles.

RDM.

J.A.M.

CP.

A.I.F. 23rd Battn.

NUTTALL M.M. (Supplement)
C.M. 2198.

"Killed 13/8/18."

He was in 3. Platoon, "A" Coy and was a Corporal and a Military Medalist. I saw him killed in a daylight raid at Harbonnieres, when he was shot through the body by a sniper. Casualty happened about 9 a.m., on August 13th 1918, and I was quite close to him; he never moved after he was hit. I knew him well and he married in England early this year. I do not know from which state he came, but it was a Victorian Battalion. I saw them carry his body out for burial, but did not see his grave. Refer to Company Headquarters, "A" Coy, 23rd Battn., for his body was taken there. He was a very fine chap and volunteered for the raid.

Informant:- Pte. M. Standing, 6946
"A" Coy, 23rd Battn.,
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. O'Man,
18/10/18.
London
2/11/18.
JEA.

M.

Havre.

5th. November. 1918.

23rd. Australians.

Huttall, C. M. M.M. 2198.

K. August. 13/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Corporal Claud Huttall, M.M. A. 2. I was right alongside him when he was killed instantly by rifle bullet in 'No Man's Land' in August 1918. I do not remember the name ~~xxxx~~ of the place but it was some days after the advance started on August 8th. at Villers Brettonneux. We could not take our objective and retired back to our lines and Huttall's body was brought back to our R.A.P. I do not know where he was buried but I think it is in front of Harbonnières.

Inf:- Private. H. Bloxham. 3465.
23rd. Australians. A. 2.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Roules.

RDM.

J. A.

OP.

23rd Battn. A. I. F.

C. M. Nuttall
C.M. "BMI" 2198

Killed in Action 15.8.18.

OF A. Coy., 2nd Platoon. About this date in front of Proyart about 6.30 in morning, he was in a raid on Enemy's lines, which he volunteered for. Was killed outright by snipers bullet, hit in head. I saw his body sewn up ready for burial. Was buried in Australian Military Cemetery, near Villers Bretonneux. I have not seen his grave, but our transport men told me he was taken there. Was mate of mine. Was Corpl. and one of the best soldiers we had.

Informant:- Pte. R. H. Hutson. 6861.
23rd Battn. A. Compy.
4th Platoon,
Anzac Buffet.

A. D. C.
29.10.18.
London,
8.11.18.
H. D. S.

M.

23rd Batn.,
A.I.F. Infantry.

NUTHALL,
C.M. 2198 Cpl.

"Killed in action - 13-8-18."

"I was in the same trench as Nuthall on 13th August, near Villers Bretonneux when he was killed by a bullet. His death was instantaneous. He was carried out to Battalion Headquarters and buried; but I do not know the name of the Cemetery. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:- Medium height, dark, had Military Medal.

Home address:-
Bridge Street,
Port Melbourne.

Informant:- Schmidt, Jack, 5877, Cpl.,
(Very intelligent),
23rd A.I.F. Infantry,
Ford Plymouth.

F.A. Wyatt,
London,
21-11-18.
J.E.A.

M.

23rd Batn.,
A.I.F.

NUTTALL, "HM",
C.M.R. 2198.

"Killed 13th August 1918."

"In my Coy. (A) knew him well - about 5'10" heavy build, 24 - dark. I was Company Stretcher Bearer, and helped to carry him out to the Headquarters, and the limber took the dead body to Harbonnieres, where he was buried. He was killed taking a German advance post.

Informant:- Westley, H.H. 2944,

London,
20-12-18.
H.G.

M.

A.I.F. 23rd Battn.

MUTTALL (H.M.)
C.M. 2198.

"Killed 13.8.18."

On August 13th 1918 at Harbonnieres, we had just taken some trenches. Cpl. Nuttall suddenly stood up and exposed himself. He was immediately killed by a german bullet. No one knew why he did this. His body was taken away from the line in a limber wagon. I was not an eye-witness, but any further information could, I think, be obtained from Pte. N. Harris, A. Coy, 23rd Battn., A.I.F. who is now in France. Cpl. Nuttall, belonged to A. Coy, 3rd Platcon, 23rd Battn., A.I.F. He was buried behind the lines at Harbonnieres Ground was held. Christian name Claude. Unable to give description of man.

Informant:- 3752, Pte. L. Pricr, (Intelligent. I consider accurate)
23rd Battn.
A. Coy, 1st Platcon.

5th Sth. Gen. Hpl,
Fawcett Road,
Pcrtsmouth.

Home address:-
13, Day Street,
Leichhardt,
Sydney, N.S.W.

Ida.V. Cadd.
Londn.
23.12.18.
E.G.

H.

23rd Btn.

MUTTALL, C. M. R.
L/Cpl. 2198.

K. in act. 13/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 6 ins. medium build, medium complexion, about 25 years of age, known as "Clender". Casualty attacking a machine gun post at Armfens, Harfuss. I was in the same party and I saw Casualty fall. He was taken away by the stretcher bearers but died on his way to the Dressing Station. I saw his body shortly afterwards. He was most severely wounded about the head. I do not know where he was buried.

Informant:- Pte. H. G. Green,
No. 5357, 23rd Btn.

Private address:-
191 Pickle Street,
Port Melbourne.

T.C.F.
7/2/19.

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G
inf

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

23rd Btn.

MUTTALL, C. M. R.
L/Cpl. 2198.

K. in Act. 13/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 9 ins. well built, medium complexion, about 30 years of age. Casualty was advancing on a German post with a bombing party near Villers Bretonneux. I was in the same party. He was sniped by a rifle bullet which entered his chest, killing him instantly. I was alongside of him at the time of his death and he fell at my feet. He was carried out behind the lines and that was the last I saw of him."

Informant:- Pte. A. E. Noonan,
No. 592, 6th M.G.CO.
Private address:-
32 York Street,
St. Yilda.

T.C.F.
28/2/19.

M
G
inf

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

23rd Btn;

HUTTALL, C.M.R.
I/Cpl. 2198.

K. in act. 13/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a stout built man about 5 ft. 8 ins. medium complexion, about 24 years of age. Casualty was in the front line at a place 10 miles in front of Villers Bretonneux. He went in a daylight raid against an enemy machine gun strong post, and while going over was sniped in the head by a bullet which killed him instantly. I was about 100 yds. away at the time and saw him go down. I saw him being carried out that night but do not know where he was buried."

Private address:-
"Ailsh"

John Street,
St. Kilda.

H.A.T.
20/6/19

Informant:- Cpl. J. H. Cribbins,
No. 2130, 23rd Btn.

M. cd suff

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

23rd Btn.

HUTTALL, C.M.R.
I/Cpl. No. 2198

Wid. in act. 13.6.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 8" well built medium complexion about 32 years of age. Casualty was raiding on Villers Bretonneux. I was in the same raid. He was hit by rifle bullet, the bullet entering his left breast killing him almost instantly. I was 15 yards away at the time of his death and I saw his body lying out in the open. He was carried to the rear of Jihons and buried, but I did not see his grave."

Informant:- P. Scott
30. 6887

Private address
22 Hanover Street,
Witsey.

T.G.F.
27.6.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8858.

Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John,
54, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

To The Officer Commanding

1st Southern Gen Hosp
Howbridge St / Birmingham

Dec 13th, 1916.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by our Australian Bureau to obtain a bulletin and ascertain the nature of the sickness or

wounds of *2198 Pth Tullall (C)*

wounds of

2198 Pth Tullall (C)

93rd Bata A.I.F.

who was admitted to your hospital *21-11-16*

We should be most grateful for any particulars you can supply. We regret having to trouble you in the matter, but are desirous of allaying the anxiety of the relatives so far distant in Australia.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. J.

The Secretary.

To The Officer Commanding

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 5235

From: The Asst. Administrator,
1st Southern General Hospl.,
Stourbridge Section.

Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau
HONORABLE ASSISTANT BRANCH
Victoria Street
British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John
S.W.
14 VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

18.12.16

Dear Sir,

Re reverse. We have been requested by the Australian Bureau to obtain a certificate and specify the nature of the sickness of

Pte. Mittall is progressing favourably in pl.,

..F.I.A. this Hospital.

Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau

Yours faithfully

W. K. Kitchin

MAJOR, R.A.M.C.T.
REGISTRAR AND ASST. ADMINISTRATOR,
1st S. GEN. HOSP. STOURBRIDGE

...the nature of the sickness of Pte. Mittall is progressing favourably in pl., ..F.I.A. this Hospital.

STOURBRIDGE

18.12.16.

The Secretary