

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2nd Lieutenant
Robert David Julian

14th Battalion



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14th Battn.,

A. I. F.

JULIAN,
2nd. Lieut. R. B.

Missing 2-7-16.

Killed in Action 2-7-16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' List 20-10-16.

P.I.

London,
21-10-16.

A.I.F. 14.

France

JULLIAN, 2. Lt. R.R.

M. 2. July 1916.

Jullian came from Ballarat as a Sgt., was raised to R.S.M. at Zeithun and received his commission shortly before the July fight.

On the 2nd. July, at Hamercourt Wood, about 8 miles from Sailly, he was out on a patrol at night and was left on the barbed wire. He had been cut to pieces by H.G. fire.. We were in the main line, exactly opposite to him and could see him on the wire the next morning.

Informant spoke in the highest terms of admiration and affection for the Lt., with whom he seems to have been intimate, speaking of him as 'Bob' and 'dear old Bob'.

JJF.

Reference: Pte H.Dredge, 3307. 43 (late
22. Gen. XIV) Hatt.

Etaples 27th. July 1916.

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14th Battn.
A.I.F.

Jullian,
2nd/Lt.

Off.M. 2.7.16

"On 2nd July, 1916, at Armentieres we made a raid at night in order to divert the Germans from "the Push" in the South. Lieut. Julian was in charge of the right trench party. We got in and succeeded in what we set out to do. Lieut. Julian must have been hit coming back over the German parapet. I found him all huddled up. I took him by the belt and tried to carry him, but I had been hit myself and was too weak. Sgt. Pearce (I think, but we had our faces blackened and I am not sure) tried to help me, but we saw he was finished and agreed it was hopeless. He was dead."

Informant - Lieut. Wanliss, 14th Battn. A.I.F.,
Moreton Gardens, 29/7/16.

N. Binford-Hamock
London,
29/7/16.

Off.M.

14th Battn.
A.I.F.

D-Julian,
R.B. 2/Lt.

M. July 2, 1916:

"I was in Lieut. Julian's company. I saw him wounded near German Trenches. I could not bring him in. His batman, J.R. Ponder went out to try and bring him in - was told this. We got a letter from Sergt. Anderson, telling us this."

Informant - No. 1720, Hayatt, 14th Battn. Ward 3.
Harefield 1/8/16.

D.P. Dickson,
1/8/16.
London,

Off.M.

14th Batt.

FRANCE

JULLIAN
N.Lt. R. 2. D

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Missing. July 2/16.

8 Informant states that on Saturday night July 2nd, 1916. at Bois Griere during a raid, Sergt. Pearce of A. Coy. 14th Batt. tried to bring Lt. Jullian into our trenches but got him entangled in the barbed wire and could not get him in. Sergt. Pearce had told informant that Lt. Jullian was dead at the time. It was dark when this occurred. Jullian was tall, young and clean shaven.

Reference : L/Cpl W.H. Watts.
No. 5477 A. Coy.
14th Batt. A.I.F.
Faucett Rd Hospital.

Home address : Ashford,
Aberdeen Street,
Geelong, Victoria.

Intelligent & reliable witness.

Off M.

8 G.W. Gully,
Aug. 14/16.
E.M. Townsend.

French Cas:

14th. Bat. Australian Imp. Forces.

Julian, 2nd. Lt. R.E.

(Missing July 2nd., 1916)

Informant states that on the night of July 2nd., at Armentieres, 2nd. Lieut. Julian was killed during a raid, he had no particulars, but referred me to 2nd. Lieut. R. Jackla. V.C. 14th. Bat. who said the actual raid was at "Bois-grenier" and he was also sure Lt. Julian was dead and thought there was no possible chance of his being taken prisoner.

Reference: H.M. Lewis Cpl. 2408. + 15 Jackla
14th. Bat. Australian Imp. Forces.
3rd. London General Hospital,
Wandsworth Common.

Home Address:
Penalhurst,
Australia.

August 15th.,
1916.
Care H.M. Lewis
for Mrs. Arnold Davis.

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14th Battn.
A Coy.
A.I.F.

Julian,
2/Lt.R.B.

Missing 2/7/16:

Informant states that - On 1st July/16 at Armentieres Julian was 2nd in command of a raiding party. He got safely to the trenches and was returning when he was shot. Lieut. Wanliss saw him fall and grabbed him by the heel, but he was dead. (Initials should be R.J.) He came from Geelong, Victoria, Australia. He was a very popular man, well loved by all. The raid was successful, occurring at 1 a.m.

Description - about 6 ft. very fair, smart appearance.

Ref.: - Pte.G.M.Quigley, 3548, A Coy. 14th A.I.F.
3rd London General Hospital, 18/8/16.

J.Ferrin,
18/8/16.

London,
28/8/16.

Off.M.

14th Battn.
A.I.F.
A Coy.

Julian,
Lt.R.B.

Missing:

Informant states that - On or about 2nd June, 1916, Lieut. R.B.Julian, with A Coy. went to raid the German trenches. When the stretcher-bearers went out to bring in the wounded, they found Lieut. Julian's body, he was dead, had been shot. His great friend, G.R.Pender, 3458, 14th Battn. A.I.F., B Coy. (also in Missing List) had gone out to find him, but never returned.

Ref.: - Pte.Heal, 3343, D Coy. 14th A.I.F.
Fort Pitt Hospital, Chatham, 14/8/16.

Home address - Corston, Stawell, Victoria, Australia.

M.F.Huntsman,
14/8/16.

London,
28/8/16.

Off.M.

For God. For King & For Country

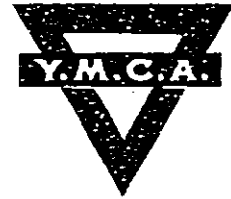


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Sept 7th 1916

Dear Sir,

Noticing in this day's paper that you are asking for comfort for Australian prisoners in Germany I am writing to ask you if among the list is Lieut. R. D. Julian, my brother.

He was reported missing on July 2nd. & since then although I have made every effort I can get no further information of him.

If he is not on your list could you let me know to whom I should write in regard to prisoners of War.

Trusting a reply will not inconvenience you

I am

Yours faithfully
W. R. Julian

41801

W R Julian
3rd D. S. C. M.T.
Larkhill
Salisbury Plain

For God, For King & For Country



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Address reply to 11801

Mr H. R. Julian
3rd D.S.C. MT
Larkhill
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CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE.

Sept 8th 1916

Dear Sir,

Noticing a letter in today's paper in regard to prisoners of War in Germany
could you give me any information about my brother who was reported missing
July 2nd. His full address is

3542

Lieut. Robert D. Julian

A Company

14th Battalion

4th Infantry Brigade

Australian Imp. Forces

If you could give me any information about him I should be very
grateful to you.

Yours faithfully

William R. Julian

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12th September, 1916.

No.11801.

Pte. W.R.Julian,
3rd Divisional Signalling Coy.,
Motor Transport,
Larkhill,
Salisbury Plain.

Dear Sir,

We have received your letter dated Sept.7th,1916, concerning your brother Lieut:R.D.Julian,14th Btn.A.I.F. We are very sorry that we are only able to send you bad news. From several reports that we have received from men in his battalion it would seem that he was killed during a raid on the German trenches at Armentieres on July 16th.

Lieut: Wanliss, 14th Btn. admitted to 6th AuxV. Hospital (Moreton Gardens) on July 30th, says that your brother was in charge of the right trench party. He found him on the way back after the raid, which was successful, and with the help of Sergeant Pearce tried to carry him in. He was himself wounded and had to give up the attempt. He, himself, was quite sure your brother was dead.

Lieut: B. Jacka, V.C., 14th Btn., No.3408 Corporal H. H. Lewis. 14th Btn., admitted to 3rd London General Hospital Wandsworth, No.5477, L/Cpl.W.H.Watts, 14th Btn. A.Coy.. and others all confirm these statements.

No.3343, Pte.Heal, D. Coy, 14th Btn. - admitted to Port Pitt Hospital, Chatham, and No

.1720 Pte.Hyatt, 14th Btn. - Ward 3, Harefield, both say that his great friend No.3458, G.R. Pender, 14th Btn. B.Coy, went out to find him and is now posted as missing.

No. 3548, Pte.G.M. Quigley, A.Coy.14th Btn. says that your brother was a very popular man, well loved by all, and

No.11801,
Pte.W.R.Julian.

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11-9-16,

No.3307, Pte. H. Dredge, speaks of him in the highest terms of admiration and affection.

We are afraid that there is no possible chance of his being taken prisoner as they saw his body next morning near the German trenches.

We sympathise very deeply with you in your loss and you may be sure we will gladly send you any information that we may receive later.

Yours truly,