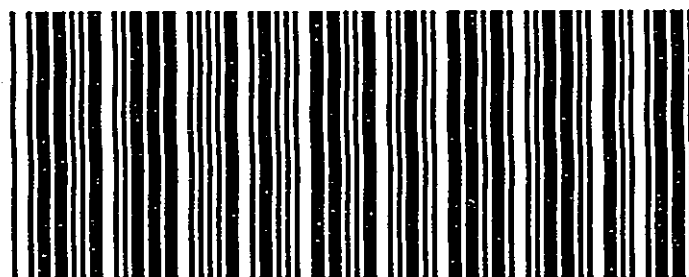


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**6828 Private
Arthur Butler Rutter**

18th Battalion



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A.I.F. 18th Battn.

RUTTER
A.B. 6828 Pte.

"Killed 1/8/18."

I am nearly sure Rutter was killed at Villers Bretonneux on August 1st 1918 and was buried (with an American (we had some of them with us) who was killed at the same time) at the Neutrals Camp, Rivery, at the back of Amiens. I was not an eye-witness, but was there at the time. The ground was held. Death was instantaneous.

Informant:- 7033 Pte. Benjamin Barry
18th Battn.,
B. Coy.
Red Cross Hospital,
Christchurch.

Home address:-
Wither Street,
West Wallsend,
Newcastle. N.S.W.

D. Watkinson.
London
18.11.18.
H.G.

P.I.S.

A.I.F. 18th Battn.

RUTTER
A.B. 6828.

"Killed 1/8/18."

He was in A. Company and was killed while on night patrol at Villers Bretonneux. The Patrol reported the Casualty and I with three other Stretcher bearers carried him in. He was hit in the hip and stomach by Machine Gun Fire. He was dying when we got to him and was unconscious though moaning a little. He died about halfway to the Dressing Station and as the fire was so hot we left the body in a sap. Next morning we carried the body to the limber which took him right back to Villers Bretonneux. He came from New South Wales and was quite a young chap, about 18 years old, and very boyish. He had been in the Battalion only a short time. Refer to Pte. R. Reynolds, "A" Coy, Stretcher bearers, 18th Battn.

Informant:- Pte. E. Ivers 634
A. Coy, Stretcher Bearers,
18th Battn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

M. Priddle.
London
18.11.18.
H.G.

Note:- Written Reynolds 16.11.18.

S.
P.I.

18th Battn.
A.I.F.

RUTTER
A.B. 6828

"KILLED 1-8-18"

He was in A. Coy. and was killed by H.C. bullets when hit in chest in front of Villers Bretonneux. I saw his dead body on stretcher in transit back to Battn.H.Qs. on the left of Villers Bretonneux.

He was a young man and came from New South Wales - he volunteered for the patrol that night and was the only one hit.

All our dead were buried in Military Cemetery on the left of Villers Bretonneux (the left as you pass the line).

Informant - Wallace Sgt. J. 4265
18th Battn. A. Coy.,
3rd A.A.H.
DARTFORD.

N.B. Priddle
14-11-18
London
25-11-18
H.C.

P.I.
S.

18th Batn.,
A.I.F.

RUTTER,
A.E. 5828.

"Killed in action - 1-8-18."

"I remember that Pte. Arch Rutter (18. A. II) went out on patrol one night, about August 1st at Villers Bretonneux and was wounded by Machine Gun Bullets. I believe he was shot through the stomach, and died while being taken down on a stretcher, to the Dressing Station. Snowy Cassidy (18 A. H.Q.) helped to carry him, and told me about it. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Ho.

Description:- 20 Reinforcements, single, sharp features, 17 or 18.

Home address:-
27 $\frac{1}{2}$, West Street,
North Sydney,
N.S.W.

Hilda M. Pichard-Cambridge,
London,
19-11-18.

Informant:- Phelan, Jim. 7111, Pte.,
18th Batn., A.I.F., A. Coy II Plt.,
3rd Southern General,
The Base,
Oxford.
(quite intelligent).

P.I. S.

18th Battn.
A.I.F.

HUTTER
A.B. 6828

"KILLED 1-8-18"

I did not see the Casualty, but saw his grave in a little village about two miles from Amiens in a Cemetery there - the Grave was marked by a Cross having full details marked thereon.

Refer to Pte. Simpson R.L. A.Coy., 18th Battn., who is now in England wounded, for he carried body to Cemetery and assisted with burial.

Informant - Neville.Pte.J. 7105
18th Battn. A.Coy.,
3rd A.A.H.
DARTFORD.

W.Oman.
20-11-18
London
26-11-18
J.E.A.

Note:- Written Simpson 22-11-18

P.I.
S.

18th Battn.
A.I.F.

RUTTER.
A.B. 6826.

"Killed in Action 1-8-18"

Re No 6826. Pte. A.B. Rutter. 18th Battalion. A.I.F.
As far as I know he died on the stretcher while we were
carrying him out and was buried in a soldiers cemetery
at Longeau near Cameon. A nice cross was erected over
his grave. Age about 20 years, height about 5ft 10 ins,
complexion fair.

Letter from:- 281. P.C. Snowie Cassidy.
A.Coy. 18th Battalion. A.I.F.
FRANCE. 19-11-18.

London.
29-11-18.
I.E.D.

S & P I.

18th Batn.,
A.I.F.

RUTTER,
A.B., 6828.

"Killed in action - 1-8-18."

At Viller s Bretonneux before the big stunt. He was killed by Machine Gun fire while on patrol at night. I saw him after he was killed and being taken away on Stretcher, hr came from Mallet Beach, Sydney. We came from Australia together, I did not see his grave.

Informant:- Bennett, 6763,
W.15 Harefield.

D.P. Dickson,
London,
29-11-18.
H.G.

S. & P. I.

To

Mr. R. ~~Reutter~~ Reynolds

S/B. Co

18 Ballu

A. 1. 7

Admt

6828 Mr. A. B. Reutter

18 Ballu

A. 1. 7

K 1. 8. 18

Written 16. 11. 18

M. G.

S

6828
A. B. Rutter
18th Ball
June 18. 18. (cd)
S. P. 3 France. 19 11 18

Dear Miss Beal

a line in
answer to your letter of the
12 instant concerning #6828
A. B. Rutter 18th Ball
as far as I know he died
on the stretcher while we were
carrying him out. I was
buried in a soldier's
cemetery at Longeau
near Camelon. I a nice
cross erected over his grave.
I will not conclude this
but as information I will be of
some use to you.

Yours faithfully

J. S. D. #281 1st Stoughton
at 15th Ball #115

age about 22 years
Height about 5' 10" 1/2
Complexion fair

To

Pte R. L. Simpson
a. Co.
18 Bttn. A. I. F

at

6828 Pte A. B. Rutter
18 Bttn
a. I. F

K 1. 8. 18

written 22. 11. 18
Mrs S

To

Pte. Snorog Cassidy
A. Co. H. Q. 18 Btlr
a. i. f.

about

6828 Pte A. B. Reutter
18 Btlr
a. i. f.

N

K 1.8.18

Written 13.11.18
JMB

November 29th, 1918

3635

Sgt O. G. Ferns
13th Bttn , A.I.F.
2nd Australian Auxiliary Hospital
Southall

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry dated 5. 11. 18 regarding 6838,
Pte A. B. Rutter, 13th Bttn A.I.F. who was killed in action on 1. 8. 18
we beg to inform you of the following unofficial report received through
7033 Pte B. Barry of the same Bttn , who states:-

"I am nearly sure Rutter was killed at Villers Bretonneux on 1. 8. 18,
and was buried at the Neutrals Camp, Rivery at the back of Amiens."
This is confirmed by 4265 Sgt J. Wallace of the same Bttn, who was an
eye witness of the casualty and states as follows:-

" Rutter was in A Coy. and was killed by M. Gun bullets when hit in
chest, in front of Villers Bretonneux. I saw his dead body on stretcher
in transit back to B. H. Q. on the left of Villers Bretonneux.
He was a young man and came from New South Wales, he volunteered for the
patrol that night and was the only one hit.

All our dead were buried in Military cemetery on the left of Villers

Villers Bretonneux (the left as you face the line) "

We are persuing our enquiries and will advise you if any further particulars come to hand.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend, and trusting you are getting on well.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully

Wm. H. J. J. J.
W. H. J. J.

Secretary

2nd. 9. 9. 4.

Senthall.

1st Dec.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of 29th Nov.
is hand yesterday.

I thank you very much for
your inquiries which have resulted
in the details of my friends death.

I know the country and exact place
practically so that I can tell his people.

Yours faithfully

3635 Olt. Ferns Sgt.
13th Btn.

6828

Pte A. B. Kutter
18 Btn

2nd Aust. Aux. Hosp.

Seethall.

5th Nov. 1918

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6.11.18

Dear Madam,

Could you furnish me with any particulars regarding the death of no. 6828 Pte Rutter A. B. 18th Battalion who was killed in action in France on 1st of August last. He is a cousin of mine and I am anxious to know the place where he was killed and place of burial if it is possible to find out.

Yours sincerely

A. J. Ferns. Sgt.
no. 3635, 13th Bn.

December 9th, 1918.

3635 Sgt. O.G. Ferns,
13th Bttn. A.I.F.
2nd Aust. Aux. Hpl.
Southall.

Dear Sir,

In further reply to your enquiry regarding 6828 Pte. A.B. RUTTER. 18th Battalion. A.I.F. who was killed in Action on 1.8.18. We beg to inform you of the following unofficial reports received from men in the same Battalion, which may be of some assistance to you.

281Pte. P.C. Cassidy states:- "As far as I know Pte. Rutter died on the stretcher while we were carrying him out and was buried in a soldiers Cemetery at Langeau near Camero. A nice cross was erected over the grave."

634 Pte. E. Ivers states:- "Pte. Rutter was killed on the night patrol at Villers Bretonneux. The patrol reported the casualty and I with three other stretcher bearers carried him in. He was hit in the hip and stomach by machine gun fire. He was dying when we got to him and was unconscious. He died about half way to the Dressing Station and as the fire was too hot we left the body in a sap. Next morning we carried the body to the limber which took him right back to Villers Bretonneux."

We are now closing our enquiries as we fear there is little chance of our obtaining further details, but should we receive any other particulars we will at once advise you.

Once more assuring you of our sincere sympathy and with all good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

B.M.

Secretary.