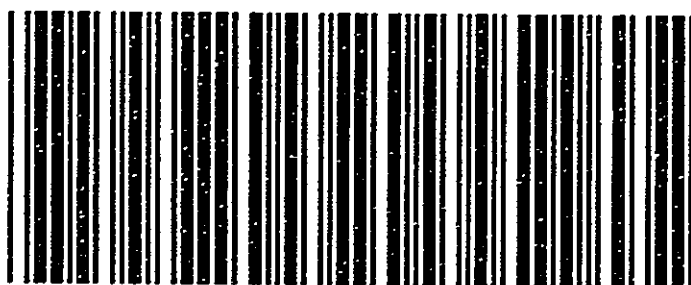


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2457 Private
George Thomas
Mercer

48th Battalion



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A.I.F. 43th Batta:

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George Thomas 2457

"REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR"

Arrived Hull 17/12/18

Arrived London 19/12/18

Det. by List from A.I.F. Hqs 20/12/18

London

27/12/18

48th Batt,
A.I.F.

Mercer,
George T. 2457.

"Prisoner of War" (Wounded)

Interned at Laz Minden,
Cert, by Post-Card from Col Burke, dated 17.4.17.
to Commanding Officer. 48th Batt, 12th Brigade France.

London
8.6.17.

Off M

48th Batt,
A. I. F.

Mercer,
George T. 2457

"Missing 11.4.17"

Prisoner of War,

Cert, by information from A. I. F. Headquarters 28.5.17

London
29.5.17

Off M

May 28th, 1917.

The Adjutant,
48th Batta.
A. I. F.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We are advised by Head Quarters that word has been received in the Battalion that No 2487 Pte. G. T. Mercer, 2571 Pte. E. Mackenzie, and No 5058 Cpl. R. B. Burke ^{all of your unit} are prisoners of war in Germany, but unfortunately H.Qs cannot supply their addresses.

Will you very kindly send us these particulars as soon as possible giving if possible an exact copy of their postcards. Very great care ^{will} ~~would~~ be taken of the originals if you will send us them, and they ^{will} ~~would~~ be returned as soon as possible. Our prisoners of war department at this address is the only channel through which these may receive their parcels and until we know their addresses we are unable to send them these necessaries.

We should therefore be most grateful for your help both now and at any other time that you hear of your men as

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prisoners, always giving their address^{as} written on their post-cards. We shall thereby be enabled to dispatch their parcels more quickly.

With many apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary.

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