Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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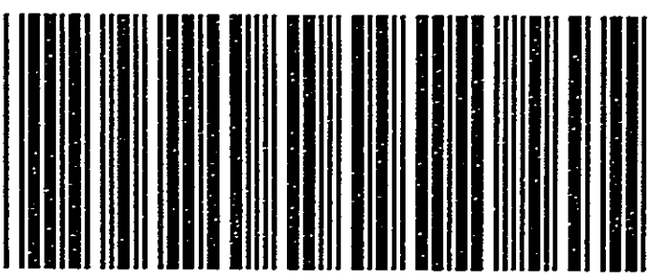
6269 Private
Charles John Messer

16th Battalion



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A.I.F. 16th Battn.

MESSER
C.J. 6296

"REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR"

Arrived Ripon 26/12/18
Cert. by Information from A.I.F.Hqrs 30/12/18

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"Rep't'd. P/War"

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"Missing 11.4.17."

I know he is Prisoner of War. His name is Charlie - He is very young, and his people live in Wagin on great Southern Railway. Last saw him well at Le Quesnoy, though I know he came on to Lille.

Witness:-
Pte. Stewart 6214.
16th Battn.
(Escaped Prisoner of War)

NOTE Witness was clear and quite reliable in his information. In all cases Pte. Stewart was able to supply the rank, or number or initial of the missing man. He gave most of the information from memory as he feared to raise suspicion by attempting to compile a complete list from his fellow captives. Naturally he only knew a small percentage of them, but his memory seemed excellent and he was most anxious to supply all possible information. I understand a full report of Pte. Stewart's and L/Cpl. Parsons' experiences has been sent to Australia by Lieut. Col. Murdoch.

London.
21.6.17.

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16th Batt,
A.I.F.

Messer,
C.J. 6296.

"Prisoner of War"

Captured Riencourt 11.4.17 - Interned Limburg

Cert, by German List dated 23.6.17

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16th Batt,
A.I.F.

Messer,
Charles, 6296.

"Prisoner of War"

Transferred Dülmen

Information from Post-Card received from Man dated 23.8.17

London 18.9.17

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16th Batt,
A.I.F.

Messer,
J. Charles, 6296.

"Prisoner of War"

Interned Dülmen

"I am fairly well most of the Boys receiving parcels are the same

Extract from Man's Post-Card dated 23.9.17

London 27.10 17

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16th Batt,
A. I. F.

Messer,
Charles, J. 6296

"Prisoner of War"

Reported German List of 8.11.17 - Transferred Soltau from Dulmen

London 3.12.17

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