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2028 Sergeant Archibald Urie

14th Battalion



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A.I.F. 14th Btn

URIE
Sgt A. 2028

"M. 11-4-17"

Killed in Action 11-4-17
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 14-6-17.

OFF.M.

London
28-6-17

Havre 20th May.1917.

14th AUSTRALIANS URIE, Sergt. A. 2928

M. April 11th. 1917.

He was in D. Co., I believe XV. Pltn. I enquired particularly about him at the Orderly Room as he was my great friend. They told me that he had died of wounds in a Hospital. I do not know where he was buried. He was a Scotchman.

Informant; Corpl. M. Simonsen 1419
14th A.I.F. D.Co., XIII.Pltn.
~~Australians~~ H.S.Grantully Castle"
Havre.

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Off cll

Written B. R. Sgt 7.6.17

14th Battn.
A. I. F.

Urie.
Sgt. A. 2028.

"Missing 11.4.17."

Lieut. Mitchell now Capt. in Hospital somewhere in England saw Sgt. Urie dead in a shell hole.

Witness:-
Sgt. F. W. Dalitz,
14th Battn.
Harefield. W.14.

W. Alison.

London.
14.6.17. Note Written Capt. Mitchell 12.6.17. Off.M.

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Letter from:-
J. A. Mitchell, Capt.
14th Battn. A.I.F.
14.6.17.

London.
23.7.17.

Off.M.

Note Written 6825 Pte. C. Ensby, Prisoner of War, Dulmen.

14th Batn
A.I.F.

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Letter from:-
Pte. C. Ensby 6253
14th Batn Prisoner of War
Gef. Dülmen
2.9.17.

London.
28.9.17.

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14th Btn.

UHIE, A.
Sgt. 2028.

"Killed in action 11/4/17."

"Casualty died of wounds at Bullecourt on the 11th April ,1917. I saw him lying dead in a shell hole in No Man's Land."

Informant:- L/Cpl. G. W. Eedy,
No. 3316, 14th Btn.

Private address:-
Ballandean,
Queensland.

H.A.B.
28/11/17.

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A.I.F. 14. URIE, Sgt. A. 2028.

K. April 11th, 1917. Det. D/B.

Sgt. A. Urie was in D. coy. but I forget his pltn. His number was about 2028. He was about 5ft.7. with iron gray hair, stiffly built, clean shaven, and about 34, I dont know if he was married. Before the war he was a sailor and he was also a miner for a short while. I recognised his dead body after the action at Bullecourt on 11th April. I believe he was buried near the sunken road. He was a very popular and game man. He got the D.C.M. at Pozieres.

Inf. Sgt. Maj. M. J. O'Brian, D.C.M., M.M.,
1542, H.Q.
No.8. Stat. Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 20.3.18.

AGL.

14th. Battalion.A.I.F. Urie.Sgt.A.No.2028.

K.April.11/17.Det. D./B.

saw him hit in the stomach during the hop over at Bullecourt, and he died instantly.He was not buried at the time,and I could not say if he was buried later on.I knew him well in the company,and he came over with the eighth Reins. to the battalion.He came from Newport,Victoria, where he was a builder in the Railway work shops.

Description. Age.38yrs.Height. 5-9. Comp.Grey. Well Built.

Witness. Scanlan. C-S-M. R. No.528.14th. Battalion.

Taken at
No.4.C.D.
22-5-18.
F.G.H.

S.Whitmee,
No.4.C.D.
Hurdcott.

14th Battn.
A.I.F.

URIE
Sgt.A. 2028

"Killed 11-4-17"

I saw him dead, left in a shell hole in "No Man's Land" with Capt. Mitchell, who came out all right. Not likely buried. He came from Scotland, enlisted Victoria.

Informant. Gaster G.J. 2592
14th Battn.,
ANZAC BUFFET.

W.Alison
London
11-4-18

14th Batn.,
A.I.F.

URIE,
Sgt. A. 2028.

"Killed in Action - 11-4-17."

"He was Platoon Sgt. in 15th ~~Batn.~~ Plat. I did not see him killed, but several of the others (cannot remember who) stated most definitely that they saw him fall during the advance.

Informant:- 4179 E.W.Evens,
14th Batn.,
Repatriated Prisoner of War.

London,
2-1-19.

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14th Batn.
A.I.F.

URIE,
Sgt. A. 2028.

"Killed 11-4-17."

"Pte. Goldsmith, a prisoner of war, told me in Germany that he was beside Urie when he was killed by machine gun bullet. I understood Urie lived about ten minutes & and they were in the same shell hole.

Informant:- Wright, 512, F.L.
14th Batn. A.I.F. Repatriated Prisoner of War

M.I.S.
London,
17-1-19.

M.

Written Pte Goldsmith
22.1.19

A.I.F.14th Battn.

URIE
A. 2028.Sgt.

"Killed 11.4.17"

Fairly tall, about 5ft.6ins, thickset, inclined to be bow-legged, dark, 35, Prominent chin. Sergeant in D. Coy(I think, 15th Platoon). In Bullicourt stunt on 11th April 1917, he and I were in same shell hole. Shrapnel got him, right beside me. He and I and Lieutenant Mitchell were together. Urie was badly hit in bowels. I saw him die. He lived about half an hour. The Urie I mean had a pronounced scotch accent and was called "Scottie." He wore the D.C.M. I was wounded and taken Priscner. I did not see anything further of Urie.

Informant:- Pte. C. Ensby, 6255,
14th Battn. Repat.P/7
3rd A.A.H. Ward 10.
Dartford.

R.P.T.
London
18.1.19.
J.E.A.

M.

14th Battn.
A.I.F.

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Sgt. A. 2028.

"Killed in Action 11-4-17"

He was of D.Company. I only knew of one Sgt Urie in 14thBattalion. He belonged to D.Company. XV Platoon. His number appears peculiar to me as I thought he was an old hand. This Sgt Urie, I saw mortally wounded at Bullicourt on 11th April 1917. We were through the wire and in front of enemy's trench. He was lying in a shell hole with a burst of machine gun bullets in body. When I saw him he was just on the last, and could not speak. Nothing could be done for him. He enlisted in Melbourne. was a Scotchman.

Informant:- Sgt.C.G.Roberts. 3486.
14th Battn. D.Coy. P/W.
RED CROSS.

A.D.G.
London.
30-1-19.
H.G.

M.

Adresse exacte de l'expéditeur. — Adresse of the sender.
(Nom et prénom) Pte. C. Ensby
(Name) 14th Bat. A.I.F.
Gefangenenlager Dülmen i. Westf., Detachement No. Group 3
Compie. 1A. Barraque 4A.
Coy. Barrack

1.B.

Dülmen i. Westf., ~~to~~ the September 2nd 1917.

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C. Ensby.

A.I.C. H.P.D

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A.I.C. H.P.O.

Place réservée pour les cachets.
Place reserved for stamps.

Geprüft. 16
Kommandantur

Kriegsgefangenensendung.

(M.) (Mr.) The Secretary

(Rue) (Street) Wounded and Missing

(Ville) (Town) Enquiry Bureau

(Arrondissement) (District) Australian Red Cross

(Département) (County) London

(Pays) (Country) England.

Gen. Corres -

Sgt. URIE

Lt Bath

July 11th, 1917.

6225 Pte. C. Ensby,
14th Battn. A.I.F.
British Prisoner of War,
Gefangenenlager,
Dulmen, Westphalia,
Germany.

Dear Pte. Ensley,

We have been requested to make enquiries concerning -

2028 Sgt. A. URIE of your battalion - Missing 11.4.17.

and have been told that possibly you might give us some information as you were known to have been with Sgt. Urie when he was wounded. Our informant said he was badly wounded in the stomach.

We should be very grateful, for the sake of our enquirers if you would kindly write and tell us anything you know concerning Sgt. Urie, and if you thought him to have been so badly wounded that he could not live long. Do not trouble to write a separate letter - if you will include it on the acknowledgement postcard to Miss Chomley we shall receive the message.

We trust your parcels reach you regularly and that they contain what you desire.

With all good wishes,
Yours faithfully,

V. D

Secretary.

No. 5 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
Digswell House,
Welwyn.
Telephone: 22 Welwyn.

14/6/17.

? Bullecourt

The Sect. Wounded & Missing
Enquiry Bureau.

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No. 5 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
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Sgt URIE was my Plat. Sgt, and was a fine soldier, and his loss will be felt by the whole Battalion.

J. A. Mitchell Capt.
14th Batt A. I. F.

2028/ Sgt A. URIE / 14 Battn A IF

M. 11.4.17

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Note Written 6225 pte C. Ensley. P.W. Dulmen
10.7.17