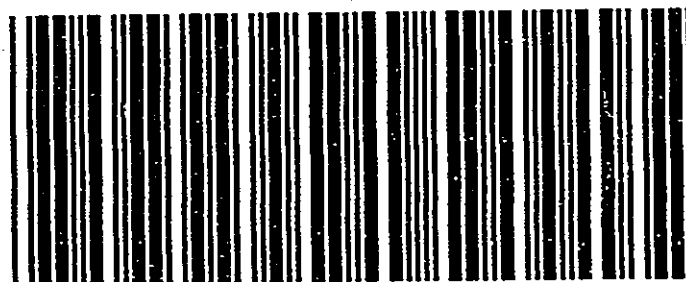


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**5904 Private
Ernest Arthur Vallance**

24th Battalion



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A.I.F. 24th Btn

E.A.

VALLANCE
5904

"M. 3-5-17"

Killed in action 3-5-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 8-1-18.

London
16-1-18

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A.I.F. 24th Bn.

VALLANCE.
Ernest Arthur. 5904.

Killed in Action. 3.5.17.

No trace in Germany.
Cert by Captain Mills 10/10.19.

London.
16.10.19.

M.

24th A.I.F.

H.A. VALLANCE, 5904.

M. 3.5.17.

Informant states that he was in the same Signal School as Vallance, and that he came over with him in the 16th Reinforcements, also that he was told by several men of C and D Co., of whom Pte. Iaing (C Co.) was one, that this man was killed in the attack at Bullecourt on the above date. Iaing was still with the Bn. when Informant left it on June 25th.

Reference: Signr. Pope, 5783.

No. 8 General, Rouen. 4.7.17.

Written by Iaing 16.7.17

GJS.

off clb

24th Battn
D. Coy.
A.I.F.

Vallance,
E A. 5904

"Missing 5.5.17."

He was taken prisoner the night we were making an attack at Bullecourt. We did not actually see him taken prisoner, but during the attack quite a number of our men became surrounded, of which he was one, and although we searched the ground, subsequently pushing the Germans back, no trace of any of them could be found either dead or alive so I feel certain he was taken prisoner. Refer to Pte. Weatherhead, 24th Battn who was slightly wounded the same night, and who is now in France and can give particulars.

Witness:- Pte. D. Holmes, 5875-
24th Battn C. Coy, 12th Fltn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman,
London.

5.9.17. Note written Pte, Weatherhead. 1.9.17

Off. M.

Havre

24th September.1917.

24th AUSTRALIANS

VALLANCE, N.A. 5904

M. May 3rd.1917.

I knew him; he was first in my Company and Platoon, but later on was transferred to D. Co. His initials and number are as stated. He went as batman to a Sergt., who later on got his Commission. I knew nothing of him before he joined, but there was no other of that name in the Company. We were attacking at Bullecourt on 3rd May, 1917, and had gained our objective. I was close by when Vallance was struck by a shell splinter and killed outright. I saw him lying there; that trench was never lost, but I cannot say if he was buried or not.

Informant: Corpl. Swetman, C.W. 3978

24th Australians, A.Co., I.Pltn.

Havre Hospital

L. do D.

W. M.

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Statement made by No.5875 Pte McInnes D. 24th Btnre No.5904 Pte Vallance E.A. 24th Btn
Missing 3.6.17

On the date mentioned Pte Vallance and his mate Pte Swalell went out together near Bullecourt and did not return. A search was made the following day and later a further thorough search was made for these men but no trace of them could be found.

The opinion of all men in my company is that these two men were captured.

Dated at Weymouth this 30th day of September 1917.

(Sgd) D. McInnes.

Statement made and signed before me

off
(Sgd) G.S. Baker.

Lieut

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Q.S. Spedding:
4 OCT 1917

126 Carey Street
Melbourne

Melbourne Australia 8th October 1917

Ans. Day
10.1.18

The Secretary

Red Cross Society
Westminster London

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf
of Mrs Vallance

Salvation Army Military Rooms

(50) Watson's Place, Windsor Lane

Melbourne Australia

whose husband has been reported
missing on 3rd May 1917. The last
letter he wrote was dated 1st of the same month.

His Regimental address is

No 59 of

Private E. A. Vallance

16th Reinforcements

24th Battalion

6th Infantry Brigade

Australian Imperial Force

I shall be extremely grateful if you can
supply me with any news about this
soldier. Very probably he is a
prisoner in Germany, but you will no
doubt have particulars on your records.
Thanking you beforehand. I write
kind regards

I am, Yours sincerely
Jas. G. Marton

Australian Draft

10.1.18.

5.10.18
7.10.18

J. G. Morton Esq.

126 Harcourt Street.

Auburn, Melbourne

about 5904 Pte E. A. Vallance

24 Batt. A.I.F.

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Appj. Unit on Hq. in England 1.11.17. No further report.
Cert. by AIF Hdtrs 1.1.18

Det on
9.1.18

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