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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3131 Company
Sergeant Major
Andrew Alexander
Tennant

13th Battalion



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13th Battalion,
A.I.F.

TENNANT
Corporal Alex.A.

3131.

"KILLED IN ACTION. 28.3.18."

* His burial place can be located. He was buried by a road with a Sergeant-Major called Tennant, of the 13th Battalion. There was a cross put up. It is a good way from the 22nd General Hospital. Tennant, Robertson, and another man were in a village which was being shelled, and all three were killed together."

Extract from letter from:

Charles Wilson,
13th Battalion, A.I.F.

L.O.
17.6.18.

* Refer to this order (Robertson)
5170 E.W. Robertson 13.B.

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18th. May. 1918.

13th. Australians.

Tenant, Corporal, A.A. 3131.

K. March. 28/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was in B. Coy, and was a O/S/V. when he was killed. I saw him just after being killed by a shell just outside of Coy. H.Q. at Hubuterne when we had relieved an English Division and were slightly pushing the Germans back. He was buried in the trench; I saw the spot. He was a tall, thin chap, was English, fair haired, clean-shaven.

Inf:- Private. P. Connolly. 3728.
13th. Australians. B. 7.
H. S. "St. David".

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13th Battn.
A.I.F.

TENNANT
Cpl. A.A. 3131.

"Killed in Action". 26-3-18.

He was a Co Sgt Maj. I saw him dead. Killed outright by a shell at Nebuturne. I was wounded and I saw him dead beside me. I was told by a man who saw it that Tennant and three others were buried in a grave just over the top of the parapet. Over 6ft. and somewhat lanky and darkish.

Informant. P.C. Actdn. 6210.
13th Battn. A.I.F.
HAREFIELD.

W. Alison.
London.
23-5-18.

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13th BATT. A.I.F.

TENNANT. Cpl A.A. 3131.

K. March 28th. 1918. Det.

He has relations over here, in Ireland I believe. He was not a corporal, but Coy-Sgt-Major when he was killed. He was a friend of mine. It was at the end of March and he and four others were sitting at the top of a cellar in Hebuterne, when a shell came and killed him and one of the others. I was not near when he was killed. He is buried just at the edge of Hebuterne.

JNA.

Ref ---Pte Greenleaf. 4783.
No 47 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. May 25th. 1918.

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13th A.I.F.

Tennant. Cpl. A.A. 3131.
B Coy. B H.Q.

(K. Mar. 28/18.)
Dets. D/B.

"I saw A.A. Tennant after he was killed. He was struck by a shell and death was instantaneous. I do not remember the exact date, but it was the end of March or the beginning of April. The place of occurrence Hebersterne, and he was buried there."

Eyewitness: No. Informant unable to give this information.

Description: A.A. Tennant was tall and slight of medium of colouring. Previously he had been wounded in the leg.

Informant: H.J. Townsend.

13th A.I.F. B. H.Q. A.H.Q.

No. 5 Hospital.

Home address: Castle St. Exeter.

66 Holderman St.

North Sydney.

N.S.W. Australia.

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A.I.P. 13th Battn.

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TENNANT
A.A. 3131.

Killed 28/3/18

Refer to Sergt. Sturney 13th Battn., who is Pioneer Sergt on Headquarters and at present in France, for he buried Tennant. He was killed by a shell near the Church at Hebuterne which is near Arras, and he was badly knocked. I saw his grave near the Church in the village of Hebuterne - grave was marked by a cross which bore details.

Witness:- 6478 Cpl. Bales J.,
Headquarters, 13th Battn.,
No. 3 A. A. H. Dartford.

W. Oman.

London
14/6/18.

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13th Battn.,
A. I. F.

TENNANT,
Cpl. A.A. 3131.

Admitted to 26th Gen. Hosp. 16-8-16 with gun shot wound in
right hip.

Transferred to Sycamore Rd. Hospl. Nottingham 21-8-16.
Quite well - waiting to be discharged.
Cert. by - Ltra. from O.C. 20-9-16.

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London,
21-9-16.

9.5.18

3131

Sgt. A. Tennant

A. Coy - 13 Bttn
4 Bde

See under

920 pte H. Chapman
9. M. G. Coy

Mrs. H. Gregg - MacGregor

8.6.18

The Library

1st ~~3rd~~ Australian Ambulance Hospital
Darefield

Dear Madam

With reference to your
enquiry concerning No. 3131. Cpl. A.A.

Yennant, 1315 Battalion A.I.F., we have
received the following unofficial report for
No 4783. Pk Greenleaf, of the same unit,
now in hospital in France.

He states that Yennant was a friend of his,
& was Company Sergeant Major at the time
of his death. At the end of March Yennant
& four others were sitting at the top of
a cellar in Deluterne, when a shell
burst ~~near him~~ nearby, killing him &
one of the other men. Informant was
not a witness of the casualty, but adds
that Cpl/M. Yennant is buried "just
at the edge of Deluterne".

We are continuing our enquiries, &
hope to send you still further
particulars at a later date.

Yours faithfully

8th Battalion.

Farries L.H. 449
Hill W.E. 5770
Kirkland S. 6542
Lang H. 6827
Pearson F.H. 5742
Peterson W. 1168

K. Sept. 20/17. Dtls. D. & B.
K. Oct. 4/17. " " "
K. Oct. 25/17. " " "
K. Sept. 20/17. " " "
K. Jan. 16/18. " " "
D.W. Sept. 21/17. " " "

9th Battalion.

Charlton H. 1526A
Flynn 2/Lieut. R.M.

K. Oct. 8/17.
K. Sept. 20/17.

10th Battalion.

Berthelsen P.M. 2289
B. Col. Briggs O.L. 6856
Crispe W.B. 2622
Duncan A.S. 157
Ferguson R.A. 4271
Foggo R.A. 2643
Foggo R.A. 5922

M. Mar 1/18.
D. Dec. 19/17. Dtls. D. & B.
M. Mar 1/18.
M. Mar 1/18.
K. Oct. 8/17. Btls. D. & B.
K. Oct. 1/17. " "

11th May, 1918.

Mrs. H. Gregg-Macgregor,
The Library, Harfield Pk.,
Middlesex.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your enquiry about -

3131 Sgt. A. TENNANT, 13th Battalion, 4th Bde, A.I.F.

We deeply regret to inform you that he was officially reported
Killed in Action on March 28th, 1918.

We have received no particulars and are making further
enquiries, the result of which we will at once advise you of.

With sincere regret that it must be of such sad
nature.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) F. J. G.

SECRETARY.

Mrs. N. Gregg-MacGregor,
The Library,
Harefield.

May 29th, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that we have received two ^{un-}official reports respecting -

3131 Cpl. A. A. TENNANT, 13th Battalion, A.I.F.
which confirm the official report that he was Killed in Action.

3728 Pte. P. Connolly of the same unit, interviewed recently on board a Hospital ship at Havre stated that he saw Cpl. Tennant just after he was killed by a shell at Heberterne when the Battalion had relieved an English division and were slightly pushing back the Germans. He was buried in the trench and Pte. Connolly saw the grave.

6210 Pte. P. C. Acton of same unit was wounded by the same shell and saw Cpl. Tennant lying dead beside him. Both describe him as tall and slight.

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you of any information we may obtain.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *F. J. G.*

SECRETARY.

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Mrs N. Gray MacGregor,
The Library,
1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
Barefield.

20th June 1918.

Dear Madam,

With further reference to your enquiry for 5131 Cpl. A.A.¹ Tennant 13th Battalion, A.I.F., we regret to inform you of unofficial reports of his death given by men in his unit.

6478 Cpl. J. Sales when interviewed recently at the 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital Dartford stated that Cpl. Tennant was killed instantly by a shell near the Church at Hebesterne, near Arras and was buried in the village. Our informant saw his grave which was marked by a cross bearing his name. This report is confirmed by Pte. H. J. Townsend who saw Cpl. Tennant's body and who described him as tall, slight and of medium colouring and added that he had been wounded in the leg on a previous occasion. We trust ^{these} details may be of some assistance to you and will advise you immediately if any further reports reach us.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary. *J.V.*