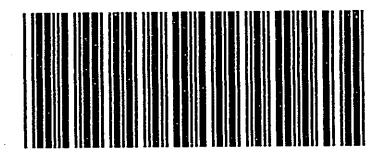
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668 Private Geoffrey Colborne Colborne-Veel (Geoffrey Colborne Veel)

14th Battalion



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5/6th Btn. A.I.F.

VEEL -Y.O. 668.

W. & M. 21/8/15. Geoffrey Colborne.

No trace in 6th Btn., but 668 G.C. Veel, 14th Btn., is W. & M. 21/8/15.

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14th Btn. A.I.F. A Co. 4 Plat VEEL. G.C. 668.

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L/C.Pellet, now on Regimental Headquarters, knew nothing of his own knowledge, and anything he had heard came from some one whose name he did not remember.

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All I could say to his mother, to whom I have written, a was that it is almost/certainty he is dead. I have heard from one of Pte Veels old mates that a machine gunner, now in the 14th Btn., can say for a fact that he saw him dead, and, as he knew him well (so we heard), it may put all our doubts right.

(signed) No.633 Sig. R.Potts,

Head Quarters Sig.,

46th Btn., 13/5/16.

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YEEL. Pte. G.C. No. 668.

Reported Missing, August.

geoffrey Colborne

Theorement states that this casualty was killed on the 7th August at Lone Pine, at Hill 971, in the afternoon about 3 o'clock. Casualty was killed when digging himself in in a sap. He was carried away by Pte. Harvey, who, as far as informant knows, is still at the front.

Ref:- Sgt. F. B. Smith, 2267, 14th Btn. 6th Rfs Machine Gun Section.

Private address,

Sea Lake, Vict.

Now at Wirth's Park Rest Home.

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VEL. Pto. G.U. 668

I heard this man was killed as he was carrying despatches to the O.C. on the left flank at Angae on the 21st Aug. 1915. He was shot deed by rifle bullet just before he reached the 0.0. I was told this in September by several of my chums in the Sattalion. Veel was 5'9" in height chums in the Battalion. rather thin, had black hair, and came from Bendigo, Victoria. Be worked in a grocer's shop before the War.

> Informant: Corporal Ross 645 formerly in 14th Esttalion, A.Co. now attached to 50th Battery Field Artillory Bo. 1 Camp, Havre

14th Battalion, No. 1 or "E" Coy

K/A 21.8.15

VEEL G. C. Pte. No. 668.

Mentioned in cable of the 7th Dec. as wounded in August. Since officially reported as wounded and missing.

Reference is made to Pte. C. Pellett, No. 634, 14th Btn. reported wounded not seriously, and also to Pte. R. Potts, No. 633 of the 14th Btn., recently reported returned to duty.

The casualty was known as "Jeff" amongst his mates and has been confused with Pte. N. Veal, No. 2070, 14th Btn., who was killed on August 7th and buried by the late Chaplain Gilleson of the 14th Battalion.

Letters to the casualty have been returned marked - "Killed" and signed by A. E. Hastings, 2nd Lt., G. R. McDonald, and C. L. Giles. The latter has returned to Australia and will be communicated with.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE. 8 - FEB 1915

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Pte G.C. 668 geoffier Colborne

Veel was wounded toward the end of Pay 1915 and was sent to England. He came back two or three days before Aug. 21, and was made a dispatch carrier. On Aug. 21, Weel & L/C D.W.Ryan, 915, 14 i.I.F., had to carry dispatches across a very bad area between Australia Gully and Hill 60. They delivered the dispatches and almost immediately Vecl was about her dispatches and almost immediately Vecl was shot by a sniper. Pte L. Padden, P.G.S. 14th Battn, saw this happen. He did not know Yeel, but described the new leather equipment Yeel wore, which led witnesses and their mates to be certain it was Yeel. Yeel and Kyan were both recommended for the D.C.M. as the result of this exploit, but owing a miscarriage the recommendation did not go through. Witness described Veel as a fine fellow, the best chap in the coy. Se-

veral men near who knew Veel agreed heartily in this.

Ref: - Sgt A.J. Harris, 1202, H.Q.14 A.I.F. Pts L.W. Bain, 689, D Co. 14 A.I.F. Rosson Camp, Ismailia.

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14 A.Y.F. A Co, 4 Platoon. VERL G. C. 668.

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Pte C.Pellet, 634, 14th Btn., School of Instruction, Zeitoun, says that he has already referred two or three inquirers regarding Pte G.C.Veel, 668, to a man in the M.G.S., 14th Btn, Tel el Kebir. Pellet had forgotten this man's name.

CAIRO. 22/3/16.

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Pte Potts, 568, was on his way back from England when the casualty happened, so cannot give any information regarding above, but was Pte Armstrong, A Co, 14th Btn. can give names of men who saw Veel killed.

S.A. CAIRO. 27/3/16

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Ho633 Sig. R. Potts Head Quarters lips 46 7 Pattn. 13/5/16. olear Miss Johnson. your note of inquiry to hand ned to G. lo Heal. 40668 who is so far reported wounded and missing. as an old found of his I certainly would very much like to give you some news of him. His Mother writes to me fairly often and you can understand. now her letters are full of worry and anxiety for her son. But although she has asked me Time out of number to. tell her all I Know even if the

worstall I can say so that it is almost a certainty he is dead. I have met a few members of your inquiry Recawat different campo (if Jana, mistaker) and of course could tell them nothing. But Thave heard from one of Ite belo old mates that a Machine Gunner now in the 14 de Battalion can say for a fact. that he saw him Head and as he Knew him well (so we heard) it may fut all our doubto right. When we get back to bamp or anywhere near the 14 TH I will hunt him up and let you Know anything I may learn. Wishing all success to your splended work I Remain Yours Truly at Your Service of Potts.

Cairo, 19th April 1916.

Dear Sir,

We have been told that you might be able to give us information about Pte G.C. Veel, 668, of A Coy., 14th Btn., A.I.F., that might help us to clear up the mystery surrounding his fate.

If you can, will you write and tell us anything you know?

We are sorry to troublr you, but it is for his people.

Yours faithfully.

(M88) W77

Secretary.

Pte R.Potts, 633,
46th Btn., A.I.F.

10th Sune 1916. australian Mauch BRCS. dondon_ Enquiry Burcan: Dear Sirs. I have been asked to have enquire made in reference to Pk. G. C. Veal of Burdilo. who Particulars are was reported missing. will you kindly Set out on the enclosed slip. give instructions for the veces san steps to be tallen Town faithfull BRITISH RESPOSS PRIETY

Particulans for Enguen Bureau

Veal Private G.C. 1º 668, 14 Batt A.i.F.
Reported wounded truising august 21 1915.

Enquirer (Mother) Mrs Veal "Mirva" Jarritt It

Bendigo, Victoria