Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6394 Private
George Thomas Vidler

26th Battalion



2820308N

A.I.F. 26th Battn.

VIDLER (Hq.
VIDDLER
G.T. 8394

"MISSING - MONTH AGO"

Killed in Action 29/8/18 - details not stated
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs List 26/9/18.

London
27/9/18.

P.I.

A.I.F. 26 BAT.

Vidler, G.T. 6594.
George Thomas

K. Aug29/18.

I knew Tim Vidler well. We came over together and he was in my Co. He was badly wounded during the 8 Aug. stunt, at Villers Bretenneux near the sugar refinery works. A shell got him in the lower part of the body, injuring him severely, and he suffered such agony that he asked us to shoot him; but he only lived a short while.

I do not know where he is buried. Vidler is the only one of that name I know in the Bat. I am sure the date of his death that I give, is correct.

Inf: Spratt, priv.A. 5746, B Coy. 26 Bat.

W.S.

G.F.G.
Westham, 19/10/18.

K in A, 29.8.18. Buried 500 yds N.N.E. of P.1 Bertheux, France (K.Q. 26.10.18)

Havre. 31st. October. 1918.

26th. Australians. P.I. Vidler, G. T. 6394.
C.S.M. B. Parish, J. E. 3157A (cancelled)

K. August. 29/1918. Dets. D/B.

Both Privates; Vidler was a runner for H.Q. I made Crosses for both their Graves. Private A. W. Corbett, Battalion H Q. a painter, took the Crosses to the Graves and can give the Map reference. He could give information about the burials and map references of most of the men of the 26th. Battalion who were buried.

Inf:- Private. O. E. Smith. 4207.
26th. Australians. H.Q.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

Written Corbett 13.11.18

RDM. Not typed for Parish - too C.P.

26th Battn.
A.I.F.

VIDLER.
G.T. 6394.

"Killed in Action 29-8-18"

I know that Pte Vidler (36th Bn. H.Q.Runner) fell in action on August 29th North of Peronne, while we were making an attack. Cpl.J.West (36th Bn. H.Q.Runner) could get all particulars for the Red Cross, as they were great friends. I heard about it at H.Q's. We were moving forward together at the time. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- No.
Description:- From Northern Rivers I believe. single, very tall and fair.

Home address:-
Finch Hatton.P.Office.
Via Mac Kay.
N.Queensland.

Informant:- Leslie.Alfred.4551.Sgt. (very Intelligent)
26th Battn. A.I.F. H.Q.
3rd S.G.Hpl. The Base.
OXFORD.

Hilda.M.Pickard-Cambridge.
London.
8-11-18.
J.E.A.

P I.

Note:- Written Cpl West. 2-11-18.

Letter returned. No trace Cpl. West in H.Q Records.

26th Battn. A.I.F.

Vidler,
Pte. G.I. 6894.

Killed in Action 29.8.18.

I was acting as Stretcher Bearer at the foot of Mount St. Quentin on 29th August last. I remember the fact that Private G.T. Vidler was dead on that day and that his was one of the pay books which I collected but beyond that I cannot go.

Informant:- Pte. F.W. Zeller. 5969. (Intelligent)
26th Battn. D. Coy.,
A.I.F.
1st Southern General Hospital,
University, Birmingham.

Arthur Allen,
19.10.18.
London,
9.11.18.
E.D.I.S.

P.I.

26th Battn.
A.I.F.

VIDLER.
G.T. 6394.

"Killed in Action 29-8-18"

I knew Pte Vidler was killed in action on August 29th 1918 (Map reference Sheet.62.C.N.18.B.) and was buried in the vicinity of the map reference.. A cross marks his grave, bearing his name, and number. The ground was held. Was told by Cpl West.H.Q.

Eye-Witness:- Nc.
Description:- Tall, red face, clean shaven, "Vid".

Home address:-
Wallangarra.
Queensland.
G.M.Jackson.
London.
13-11-18.
M.I.S.

Informant:- Guyer.P.H.4273.Sgt.(well educated man, most reliable and intelligent)
26th Battn.A.I.F. H.Q.
Ford House Hospital.
DEVONPORT.

Note:- Written Cpl West 2-11-18. P I.

26th Batn.,
A.I.F.

VIDLER,
G.T., 6394.

"Killed in action - 29-8-18."

"I wish to inform you that I was with the above named soldier at the time of his death. He was killed by a high explosive shell, the shell exploding a few yards away from us. He was buried in a soldier's Cemetery, and his grave has been registered, (Map 62C. Map Reference N. 12 D. 33.) He was in my section from 18-8-17 until time of death. Discription of personal appearance:- Height about 5'11". Complexion fair. Hair light. Eyes blue. Dimple on chin.

Letter from 4228 L/Cpl. J. S. West,
26th Batn., A.I.F.,
France.

A.C.K.
London,
22-11-18.
J.E.A.

P.I.

26th Batn.,
A.I.F.

VIDLER,
G.T. 6394.

"Killed in action - 29-8-18."

"I am able to inform you that the above soldier was killed on the 29th August 1918 and was buried in a Cemetery near the village of Barleux and a cross erected by his comrades.

Letter from:- Pte. A.W.Corbett,
26th Battalion,
A.I.F.
France.

A.C.K.
London,
13-12-18.
J.E.D.

P.I.

Vidler — 29.5.2 — Q.M.A. Corps

639H.

26 Bln

G. T. George Thomas

K. 24.8.18. Date? Names? Burial?

Grave 500 yds N.N.E of Barlieux Farm

H-9 26.10.18.

M.D.S. 25-10-18.

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P.C. 18.11.18
G.E.D.

6394
G.J. Vidler,
26th Battn,
K. in A. 21.8.15
P 1/2

France
9/11/18

To The Secretary.
Aust Red + Society

In receipt of your letter dated 2/11/18. In which you are seeking for information concerning the Death of (No 6394 Pte Vidler G J) formerly of this Battalion. I wish to inform you, that I was with the above named Soldier, at the time of his Death. He was killed by a high explosive shell. The shell exploding a few yards away from me. He was buried in a Soldiers Cemetery. And his grave has been registered (Map 62C. Map Reference 16.12.D.33) Description of his personal appearance. He was with my section from (Height about 5 feet seven inches.) 18/8/17 (Complexion Fair. Hair Light) until time (Eyes Blue.) of Death. Yours Obediently (Dimple on Chin.) No 4228 L/Cpl J. West 26th Batt A.I.F.

6394.
G. J. Nidler
26 Bn
K. W. R.

France.

23rd Nov. 18.

The Secretary,
Aust. Red Cross Society.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of 13th Nov. received, re enquiries about 6394 Pte G. J. Nidler, 26th Bn. I am able to inform you that the above soldier was killed on the 29th August 18. & was buried in a cemetery near the Village of Barleux, & a cross erected by his comrades.

Yours faithfully,
P. Beauchamp
26th Bn.