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401 Private George Gain (George Skinner)

18th Battalion



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A.I.F.A.Coy.18th Btn

SKINNER
Pte. George 401

"M.27-3-15"

K/Action 27-3-15 - no burial
Gaz. by A.I.F.Hqrs 13-9-19.

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18th Australian Imperial Force

George
Skinner, G. 401,
A. Company

(K. Aug. 27th 1915)

Informant states that "On 27th Aug. 1915 at Anzac, Hill 60 in a charge over open country during the day-time George Skinner and J. Aspin were both killed. The bodies were not likely to be found, as many bodies were burnt then. Informant heard that these two had been killed from men who were with them." Informant says Skinner was fair, of average size and clean-shaven.

Reference; Cpl William A. Patterson, 392,
18th Australian Imperial Force, A. Coy,
3rd Southern General Hospital,
Cowley, Oxford.

Home address:
18th A. I. F.,
B.E.F., France.

12th August, 1916.
O.C. Jacks.

A.I.F. 18th Batt A Coy

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SKINNER. Sergt G.101

H. Aug. 27th 1915

Pte A Redmond. 80. III Platoon, A Coy. 10th Batt. saw Skinner killed at Hill 60, Anzac. He is still with the Batt. and could give details.

Reference: Pte.C. Money. 242, A Coy. 18th Batt.
Pte.R.C. Clabont, 1903 A Coy . 18th Batt.

No 2 A.D.H.D. Etaples .
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18th Battn.
A.I.F.

Skinner,
G. 401 A Coy.
George

M. 27/8/15:

Informant states Skinner shot in head on Friday night (27th) just leaving the trench during an advance at Suvla Bay.
Where S. fell was subjected to much high explosive shell fire, and most of the dead in the vicinity were quite unrecognisable w..en buried. Skinner was a tailor by trade and a "real good fellow."

Ref.:- G.Love, 413, 18th Battn. Ward 1, Harefield Aux. Hospital, Harefield, 25/8/16.

G.D.D. 25/8/16.

London,
30/8/16.

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18th Australian Imperial Force
A Coy

George Skinner, [illegible]. 401,
A. Company

(M. August 27th 1915)

Informant states that about three weeks ago in France, Pte Byrne, 18th A. I. F., A. Coy, IV Platoon, now in France, told him Pte Skinner had been killed.

Reference: Pte William Shorrock, 325,
18th A. I. F., A. Coy, M.G.S.,
3rd Northern General Hospital,
Sheffield.

Home address:
170, Raglan Street,
Mossman,
Sidney,
New South Wales,
Australia.

8th Sept. 1916.
Esther L. Bentley.

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August 18th 1915.

Private A. Redmond, 80.
A. Company,
10th Infantry Battalion
B.E.F. FRANCE.

Dear Sir,

We have received inquiries from Australia for news of 401 Private G. Skinner, 18th Battalion, who is officially reported as Missing since 27-8-15, but whom we fear to be killed. We hesitate troubling you at such a time but naturally are anxious to send all particulars we can and should be much obliged for any details you can remember concerning Private Skinner.

With good wishes.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

28th Sept. 1916.

Pte Byrne,
IV Platoon,
A. Company,
18th Australian Inf. Battalion,
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have received an enquiry from Sydney about the fate of 401 Pte W. Skinner, who is reported as Missing at Gallipoli on 27-8-15, and have been told you can give us some information.

In all the time that has elapsed we have been able to find out very little for his people, and they would be so grateful for any details you can give. Would you also kindly add a personal description of Pte Skinner, so that they may be sure you write of the man for whom they are enquiring.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,

VB

Secretary.