

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**635 Lance Corporal
David Summers**

60th Battalion



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A.I.F. 60th Btn

SUMMERS
L/C. David 635

"K/A. 19-7-16"

No trace Germany
ert. by Capt. Mills 10-10-19.

London 23-10-19

OFF.M & P.I.

60th Batt,
Late 8th
A.I.F.

Summers,
L/C.D. 635.

"Missing"

Killed in Action 19.7.16 - Previously reported Missing

Cert, by A.I.F. Headquarters dated 22.8.17

London 30.8.17

Off M & P.I

60th Battn.
A.I.F.

SUMMERS
L/Cpl. David 635

"Killed in Action 19-7-18"

Re 635 L/Cpl.D.Summers, 60th Battn. I am sorry to say that the only details known by me is that he was buried at Fleury. Although I have made enquiries throughout his Battn. I cannot get any further details, but should I receive any further details I shall communicate with you.

Letter from:- Kitchen. Pte.A.L.
FRANCE. 7-6-18

London
19-6-18

OFF M.

60th Batt.

A.I.F.,

D.60.,

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SUMMERS
L/Cpl D.

635

"Missing 19.7.16"

Refer to Pte Arthur Kitchen of 57th Batt. who can give details of his having been killed also of his grave at Etaples. We were all school mates in Avoca in Victoria.

Reference:- 3707 J.W.Lewis,
60th Batt. A.I.F.,
Dartford,
4.4.17.

Note: Written Pte Arthur Kitchen 18.4.17.

London
21.4.17.
L.P.J.

*Letter returned marked Noted 57th Batt. P.I.
Off.M.*

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19.9.17
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH



B. R. C. S.

The Sec., Australian Red C.

Sir, I have received a letter from the relatives of a soldier named L/Cpl. David Summers No 635, 60 Bn, late of 8 Bn, employed as a bugler, requesting me to make inquiries re his whereabouts - This soldier is said to have been reported missing on 19th July 1916.

I would thank you on behalf of the soldier's mother for any information you may give.

P. T. O.

I am, Sir,
yours faithfully
John O'Reilly
No 4513.

Staff Coy.
Monte Video Camp
No 2 Command
Depot
Weymouth
England

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Letter to 9 (635) Summers.
Plt Arthur Kitchen 60 Bath
574 Bath.

Turned again.

Application to H. Q. 29-5-18
Shows the only Plt Arthur Kitchen
in the A.I.F. is

3834 Arthur Leslie Kitchen
80 Bath.
Late 1st Lt.

note a note 30-5-18 & sent to Kitchen
with return's letter.

Kitchen A.P. 57 Bath?
Arthur 60 Bath?

Address wanted

Re 635 1/cpl D. Summers
60 Bath
Killed 19-7-16.

Report-Dept:
28-5-18.

24 3856 Arthur Kitchen we have is
3856 Arthur Kitchen KITCHEN
well with unit 8K-Bm
only 6 Bm.

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Yone Cancel Draft.

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About 635 L/Cpl D Sumner
60th Battalion. A. 7.7.

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Killed in action
Previously reported missing

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Lo Pte W Dunnitt
5th Battalion
West Point Lighthouse.
Glenale Ave.
Scotland.

60th Batt.
B. Coy.
Lt. 2nd

Sullivan
A.J. 2793

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23.1.18

M. W. Burnett
c/o M. F. Kaye
Arcoa
Victoria

Re. 635 Lt. David Summers
604. Batt A.I.F.

K.M.A. 19.4.16

Australian Draft sent.

P.S. We are again applying to B.A.T.
Kilten Sgt. Batt. who is believed to
have information concerning Lt. Summers
grave & location - is doing what is
obtain ~~from him~~ details of your cousin's
death & burial.

Pte. ARTHUR KITCHEN

57 BATT

A I. F

B E. F

for

L/Cpl. SUMMERS. D. 635

60 BATT

A I. F

B. E. F

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M. G. B.

21.5.17
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH



B. R. C. S.

Friday

May 18 1917.

Dear Mr. Eakin,

In the last Rollers
list of missing men I noticed that the
name of a chum of mine had been
removed. I asked what did it
signify & was told that if I wrote to
you I would be given the official
information concerning him.

His particulars are "Vob 53. Bugler
E. Summers. 8th Battalion" &
was listed missing on
June 19. 1916.

Thanking you in anticipation,
I am.

Yours ffl
R. La Roche.

Mr. R. La Roche.

Ward B 31

3rd Aust Auxiliary Hospital

Cardiff.

sent

Aurkham

Recd.
9.12.16. Mb.

Word 38A,

Scottish General Hospital,
Stobhill, Glasgow.

4-12-1916

Dear Sirs,

I will be greatly obliged to you if you can
give me any information about my cousin - T/Cpl D.
Summers, 635, 60th Battr. Australian Forces.

I heard (unofficially) that he has been
missing since the 19th of July and he might be a
prisoner of war.

Trusting to hear from you soon

Yours faithfully,

Pte. W. Burnett, 4760
(5th Batt. A.S.F.)

3rd April 1917.

No. 4760. Pte. W. Burnett,
5th Australian Inf. Batta.
No. 3. Australian Auxiliary Hospital.
Dartford.

Dear Sir,

We regret to advise you of an unofficial report of a sad and distressing nature about No. 655. I/Cpl. D. Summers, 60th Batta. A.I.F. in which informant says that he was killed in action on July 19th. Pte. Arthur Kitchen of the 57th Batta. can give details of his death and also of his grave at Etaples. They were all at school together in Aveca, Victoria.

We have written to Pte. Kitchen and will forward you his reply.

Hoping that you are now almost recovered.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

LAW.

May 22nd, 1917.

Pte. R. La Roche,
ward B 31,
3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
Dartford, Kent.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of enquiry for
658 Bugler D. Summers 8th Battalion, A.I.F. and in reply
beg to state that we have the record of 655 I/Cpl. D.
Summers, 60th Batta. A.I.F. late 9th Batta. This man is
still officially reported "Missing" as from 19-7-16.

His name was removed from our lists as belonging to
the 9th Batta., but as he was transferred we are still con-
tinuing our enquiries for him in the 60th Batta. No doubt
it is the same man for whom you are making enquiries.

We received an unofficial report concerning him
from 5707 Pte. J.W. Lewis, 60th Batta. who said -

"Refer to Pte. Arthur Kitchen of 57th Batta.
who can give details of his having been killed, also
of his grave at Etaples - we were all schoolmates in
Avoca in Victoria".

We have communicated with Pte. Arthur Kitchen, but
up to the present have received no reply -

As soon as other particulars come to hand, we shall
at once advise you, if you will notify us of any change
in your address.

Yours faithfully,

V.D. per A

Neist Point Lighthouse,
Glendale, Skye, Scotland.

28th June 1917.

To the Wounded and Missing Inquiry Bureau,
Australian Red Cross Society, London.

Dear Sirs,

I will be greatly obliged to you if
you can give me any further information
about L/Cpl. D. Summers, 635, 60th Battalion.
I wrote to you about five weeks ago and then
you had heard (unofficially) that my
cousin was buried in Etaples-France.

Sorry to say the informant (Pte
Kitchell 57th Battrn) letter has not yet turned
up, so if you can advise me of his address,
I will write to him personally.

Hoping to hear from you soon

Yours truly

Pte. W. Burnett, 4760, 5th Battrn.

P.S. I have given you my home address as I am
not certain of my future movements.

Delaney
Hendrie

23.1.18
c/o Mrs F. Kays,
Arcoa, Victoria,
Australia.

17th Oct. 1917.

Dear Sir,

I will be greatly obliged to you if you can
give me any information about my cousin
L/Cpl. D. Summers, 635, 60th Battr. A. I. F.

He was recently, officially reported killed
in action 19th July 1916, and we have heard
unofficially that he is buried in Etaples.

I would be greatly indebted to you if you
could inform me if my cousin's grave is at
Etaples.

Trusting to hear from you shortly
Yours truly,

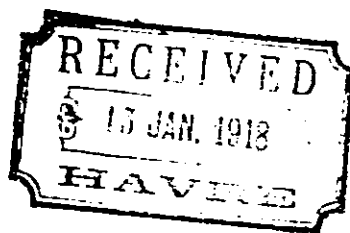
W. Bennett.

Arthur Kilburn

57 Bn

details 9 D + B at Etaples

Mr. Bennett



September 21st, 1917.

No 4518 Pte. J. O'Reilly,
Staff Coy, Monte Video Camp.
No 2 Command Depot, Weymouth.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your inquiry for

No 635 L/Cpl. D. Summers,
60th Battalion,
A.I.F.

who was officially reported Missing on 19.7.16
we regret to inform you that this soldier has since
been officially reported Killed in Action on that
date.

An unofficial report which we received from a
man in the same battalion stated that Pte. A. Kitchen of
the 57th Battalion, A.I.F. could give us details of
L/Cpl. Summer's death and the place of his burial and
we wrote to Pte. Kitchen on the 18.4.17 but have unfortun-
ately received no reply. We will however, write to
him again and trust we may be able to get some information
from him in which case we will communicate with you again.

Regretting that we have so few details to give you.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY *PM for D.H.L.*

December 11th

4760

PTE. W. BURNETT.
Ward 38A. 4th. Scottish Gen. Hospital
Stobhill,
GLASGOW
N.B.

Dear Sir,

Your letter has been handed to us as we are dealing
with all Australian cases.

We are sorry that we are unable to give you any news
concerning 635 L/CPL D. SUMMERS, 60th. Batt. A.I.F., but all
possible enquiries are being made, and as soon as we obtain
any information, we will send it on to you.

Please acquaint us with any change in your address.

Yours faithfully,

W.D.
Secretary *W.B.* (LH)

Pte. Arthur Kitchen,
57th Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force,
B. E. F.

February 2nd, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We would be exceedingly grateful if you could
give us any details of the death and burial of

635 L/Cpl. DAVID SUMMERS, 60th Battalion, A.I.F.
who is officially reported Killed in Action on 19.7.16,
We understand from 5707 Pte. J. E. Lewis, 60th Bttn, that
you are the only person in a position to help us in the matter.

We wrote to you originally on 18.4.17, but apparently
our letter went astray.

We are very sorry to trouble you again so long a time
after L/Cpl. Summer's casualty but we are having repeated
enquiries from his people in Australia, and are anxious to
do all we can for them in locating his grave.

With many apologies for troubling you and thanking you
in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

DWB
for M.K.

In Cabs by PC
18.6.18
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635-
L/cpl David Summers
60th Bath
Rm A 19.7.16

(Ca)

J. March
Jan 2/1917

The Secretary
Inquiry Bureau
Archival Unit
56 Grosvenor Place
London

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Dear Sir

Your letter enquiring about L/cpl Summers' death reached me today but am sorry to say that the only details known by me is that he was buried at Heubear's. Although I have made enquiries throughout the Bath I cannot get any further details but should I receive any further details I shall communicate with you.

60th BATH

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635

Yours faithfully
J. March
The S. L. Station