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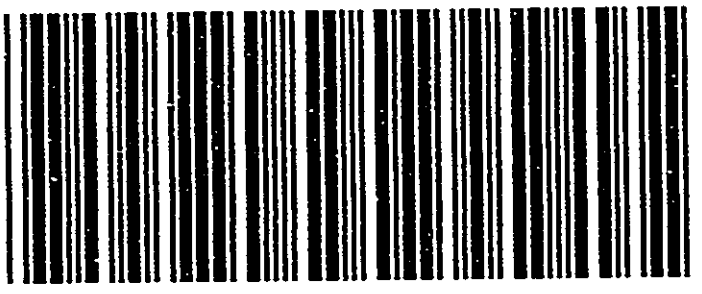
3187 Private
William Bernard Tier

53rd Battalion



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53rd Batt.
A.I.F.,

W.B.

TIER
3187

"K. in A 20.12.16"

Now reported K. in A 20.12.16.

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters,
21.4.17.

London
27.4.17.

S.

53rd Batt.
A.I.F.,

TIER
Pte W.B. 3187

"K. in A 20.12.16"

In reply to your enquiry re No 3187 Pte Tier W.B. I regret to have to inform you that this soldier was killed in action on the 20th January 1916.

A. Adj.t-
Cert. by letter from The Officer Commanding,
53rd Batt. A.I.F.,
B.E.F.
25.2.17.

London
7.3.17.

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A.I.F. 53rd Battn
not 17th Battn

TIER

Pte Wm. Pernard 3187

"Killed in Action 20-12-16"

No casualty reported
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 23-1-17.

A.F. filed with 53rd Battalion

London
23-2-17

A.I.F. 53. TIER, W.B. 3187.

K. Dec 20th 1916. Det D/B.

Tier was my pal. On Dec 20th he was in an advanced bombing post. They had been relieved and were coming back in to the front line. There was too much mud in the sap and so they came over the top. When they got to a certain spot where it was the regular thing to be fired on he got hit and killed straight out. This was at a place beyond Ginchy. It was a place where it was impossible to bury ...the dead at the time, so I can say nothing about his burial.

Inf: Cpl. E.V. Moyse. 3129. C.Coy.
No. 32 Stat. Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 14.5.17.

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53rd A.I.F. Tier Pte. W.B. 3187,

(K. Dec. 20/16 Det. D/B)

"In front of Delville Wood, Somme Front on Dec. 20/16 we were being relieved and as we were coming out of the line, a sniper hit Tier through the head. Cpl. Dolan 4952 H.Q. told me he had seen him instantaneously killed. He told me this about 2 hours later. The sap was very shallow which would make burial difficult. Tier was att. H.Q. he came from N.S. Wales. He was killed at night".

Eye-witness: No

Description: Medium height, broad, dark, 30-35, known as "Bill".

Informant: Pte. W.K. Wilson 4742,
53rd Infantry A.I.F.,
D. Company, XV Plt.,
5th Southern General Hospt.,
Portsmouth.

Home address:
Whatmore St.,
North Sydney.

June 4th 1917,
E.C. Hughes.

Written Cpl Dolan 14.6.17

A. I. F. 53. TIER, W.B. 3187.

K. December 20th, 1916.

He was sniped through the forehead and instantaneously killed the night we were coming out of the line at Le Transloy. I sawhim buried just behind Monsoon trench. We put up a rough cross. He was a friend of mine.

RNA.

Reference:- Bros. 4680,
No. 18 Gen. Hosp.

Etaples
8.6.17.

Havre 13th June 1917

53rd AUSTRALIANS TIER, W.B. 3187

K. 20th Dec. 1916 Det. D/B

I saw him killed at Flers by a machine gun bullet; he was killed outright - hit in the head. He was 5'9", rather dark. The ground was held. I know nothing of his burial.

Informant: Corporal G. Jones 3548
53rd Australians C. Co.
Australian Camp, Rouelles

GRB

Havre 14th June 1917.

53rd AUSTRALIANS TIER,N.B. 3187

K. 20.11.16. Det. D/B.

He was killed by a bullet wound in the stomach at Gueudecourt in the front line trench, and was buried just behind the trench. I do not know if his grave was marked. He was buried alone: there were no other graves near by. I am writing to his people to give them details.

Informant: Pte. P. Andrew, 3289
53rd Australians, H.Q.,
H. S. Grantully Castle.

RBS

53rd Australian Imperial Force — Tier, Pte. W.B. 3187,
C Company.

(K. Dec. 2[illegible], 1916).

" Just before Christmas, 1916, coming out of the trenches, Tier was sniped through the temple. It happened at dusk in front of Beaumâncourt near Baupaume. Tier came from Newtown in Australia. For further information refer to - Corp V. Noyes, C Coy. 53rd A.I.F. France, who was near him at the time."

Eye Witness - No.

Description - Of medium height, dark, clean shaven.

Informant :- L/Cpl. Denston, 4093,
D Coy. 14th Pltn. 53rd Aus. Imp F.
Bermondsey Military Hospt,
London, S.E.

Home address :-
Tempe Tramway Depot,
Sydney,
N.S.W.

June 28 1917.
Maud Hammond.

6 d. Soft
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Havre 29th June 1917

53rd AUSTRALIANS TIER, W. B. 3187

K. 20th Dec. 1916 Det. D/B

He was in the 12th Platoon, D.Co. and was killed instantly by a sniper's bullet in the head while changing over on a bombing outpost at Gueudecourt in our trenches.
I do not know where he was buried.

Informant: V. J. Mulvany 4482
53rd Australians C.Co.
H.S. "Grantully Castle" Havre

RBS

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D Co

53rd Battn.
A. I. F.

Tier.
W. B. 3187.

"Killed in Action 20.12.16."

I saw Tier shot by a sniper on Dec.20th 1916 at Gueudecourt. He was thrown out on the trench parapet as we had no opportunity of burying him. The sector he was in was known as "Picardy"(?) In appearance he was about 5'8" high and fair.

Witness:-
Cpl. G. W. Nott.
45th Battn.
Dartford.

S.

O. A. H.
London.
25.6.17.

14.6.17

4952 Cpl DOLAN

HQRS

53 Batt^n A.I.F

B.E.F

3184 Pte W.B. TIER

53 Batt^n A.I.F

K. 20. 12. 16

19.4.17

J.H.

Ack. 5.3.17
Thu.

The Secretary,
Australian Branch,
British Red Cross Society.

In reply to your enquiry re No 3187 Pte Tier W.B. I regret to have to inform you that this soldier was Killed in Action on the 20th January 1916.

[signature]
.....2/Lieut.
Asst. Adjutant 53rd Battalion A.I.F.

25/2/17.

3187. Pte W. B. Tier / 53 Batt.

KA 20.12.16

S. 2

15th February, -7.

The Adjutant,
58rd Australian Infantry Battalion.

Dear Sir,

We must apologise for troubling you but we should be extremely grateful if you would let us know if No. 3197. Pte. Wm. Bernard Tier, 58rd Batn. A.I.F. has been killed, or if he is still with the unit.

There is no report of his death at Head Quarters but his people in Australia believe that he was killed in action on 20.12.16. We should be greatly obliged ~~if you~~ for the correct report so that we may cable a reply to his people and perhaps relieve their anxiety.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

Secretary.

per ABC

March 6th.1917.

The Adjutant.
53rd.Battn.A.I.F.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir;

We have to thank you very much for your letter of February 25th.in answer to our enquiry for 3187.W.B.Tier.53rd.Battn.A.I.F.

Yours faithfully,

W.D.

SECRETARY