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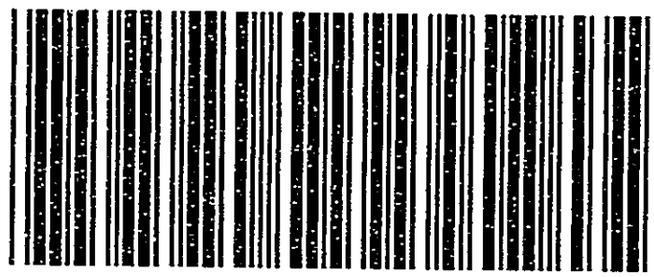
4717 Private Alexander Carmichael Gibb

27th Battalion



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27th Btn.

GIBB, A. C.
Pte. No. 4714

Officially reported to have died at sea on 3rd of May, 1916.

This soldier left Adelaide on 11th April, 1916 in the transport "Aeneas" and died of illness. Relatives would like to know the nature of the illness which caused death, also any particulars surrounding his death and burial which can be obtained.

4/12/16

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

27th Battn.,
A.I.F.

GIBB,
Alexander Carmichael 4717 (HQ)
Nos 4714

D.13-6-16 on board Transport No.60.

Died of Lobar Pneumonia 3-5-16 on Transport "Venice".
Buried at Sea.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 11-11-16.

London
13-11-16.

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A.I.F. 27th Battn

GIBB
A.C. 4717

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"Alexander Carmichael G&bb was admitted to Hospital suffering from Pneumonia which was not at first considered serious He received every attention and appeared quite cheerful - the Sister in Charge - Sister E.Coleman - frequently telling me how bright and cheerful he was in the Ward. After some days in Hospital he became worse and in spite of all Medical attention gradually sank and was breathing with great difficulty when I visisted the Hospital during the evening of 13th June. The Sister stayed with him all the evening and he appeared more restful - A Chaplain was sent for, but Patient was too weak to talk much or leave any messages. I again visited the Hospital with Capt. Gardner at about 11-30 p.m. when we had to tell the Sister to go and rest - she seemed so upset.

Patient passed peacefully away about 5 minutes later and appeared to suffer no pain - Protestant Chaplain was constantly in attendance and everything possible in the way of Nursing and Medical attention was done for Patient.

Ref. Letter recd. from - E. Ruley Capt.
London
16-11-16

Adjt.H.I. A60.
"AEMEAS"

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A.I.F. 27th Battn

GIBB
Alexander Carmicheale 4717

"Died"

Died of Lobar Pneumonia on "Aeneas" not "Venice"
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 23-1-17.

London
22-1-17.

A & M.

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E. Ruley Capt
Adjt. H.T. Abo
"Aeneas."

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Captain Buley.
Adjutant
(S.S. Shropshire)
Headquarters A. I. F.
130 Horsefury Road. S.W.

Nov. 11th.
1916.

Dear Sir.

We believe you were on board S.S. Venice when 4717. A. C. Gibb 27th Battn. died of lobar pneumonia 13.6.16. If this is correct, we sh'd be very grateful to you if you could give us any particulars as to his death, & as we ~~believe~~ hear you are to be at H.Q. on Monday morning, we are venturing to ask if you w'd be so kind as to come round here on Monday & give us these details. We sh'd only detain you a very few minutes & we sh'd be very grateful if you could manage it.

Yrs faithfully V.D. Lee
pp WB.