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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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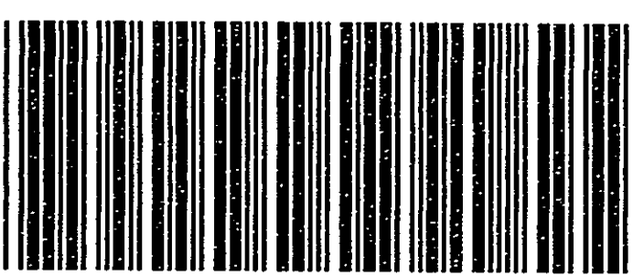
674 Private
Lorenzo Hutchinson

8th Battalion



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A.I.F.
8th. Battalion,

HUTCHINSON.
Lorenzo. 674.

"Killed in Action 8.6.15"

Killed in Action 8.6.15. P.R.M.

Cert. by Headquarters. 26.9.17. I.B/230.

Killed in Action. 8.6.15.

Cert. by H.Q. List. 20.8.19.

Name.	Unit.	Casualty.	Cause of Casualty.

London.
9.10.19.

M.

A.I.F. 8th Btn C.Coy. HUTCHINSON

Pte Lorenzo (Ken) 674

"MISSING"

Killed in action 8-5-15 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 26-9-17

M

London
28-9-17

Med.

8 A.I.F.
C Coy.

Hutchinson,
Pte.Lorenzo (Ken.)
674

Unoff. M. May -Mental.

No trace Malta

Malta Message.

Cairo.

A.F.M.

H E D.

8th Bn. A.I.F.

Hutchinson
Prt. Lorenzo (Ken)
C. Coy.
674.

Unoff. M.

There is no trace of Pte. L. Hutchinson in the Military Record Office here. (MALTA).

We have written to the Commanding Officer at Gh in Tiffieha about the matter and also to the Medical Superintendent of the Civil Lunatic Asylum, and have received answers from both of them stating that they have no trace on their books of any man who might have been Pte. L. Hutchinson.

~~Melbourne~~.

3.5.16.

S.M.S.

M.

8th Btn.
C. Coy.

HUTCHINSON,
Pte. L. No. 674.
Lorenzo (Mac)

Reported Killed or Prisoner.

Informant states that casualty waskilled on the third day after the Landing.

Informant refers to Sgt. Carson, D. Co. 8th Btn. now in England for confirmation of this, as he is not positive.

Ref:- Pte. L.A. Hagger,
No. 494, 8th Btn. D. Co.

Private address,
Geelong.

H.A.B.
19/4/16.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU--MELBOURNE.

8 A.I.F.
C Co

HUTCHINSON
Pte Lorenzo (Ken) 674

Unoff. M. May. Mental ?

Court of Inquiry held "Killed in Action or Prisoner of War".

Cert. by:-

A.I.F. H.Q.

11.2.16.
CAIRO.

M.

M E D.

8 A.I.F.

HUTCHINSON
Pte L(Ken) 674.
Pte Lorenzo

Court of Inq. found K/A or P

Witness said that L/C R.Borrowdale, C Co, 8th Btn. had a letter from a mate of his in Malta saying that he had seen Ken Hutchison in Malta. Hutchinson was then a mental case. Borrowdale received the letter in January at Tel el Kebir .

Ref:- Pte N.Healey, 1115,
C Co, 52th Btn.,
Tel el Kebir Camp.

S.A.
21/3/16.

M.

Cabled Malta Verify.

8th Btn.
C. Coy.

HUTCHINSON,
Pte. L. No. 674.
Lorenzo (Kia)

Killed or Prisoner.

Informant states that casualty was in B. Coy., and was buried on the 8th May at Cape Hellas. Informant knows definitely that casualty was killed. The casualty was a friend of informant and on or about the 8th May, informant asked someone where "Hutchie" was. (The casualty was called "Hutchie") The reply was that casualty got hit out last night (the 8th May) Informant then went down the Gully and came across a burying party with six bodies. After a close inspection he recognised his comrade, the above casualty.

Ref:- Pte. H. R. Bailey,
No. 440, 8th Btn. B. Co.

Private address,
North Esk Valley, Dunedin, N.Z.

(Now going to Strathallen Camp, near Heidelberg)

H.A.B.
30/3/16.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

Med.

8th Btn. A.I.F.
C Co.

HUTCHINSON
Pte L. 674.
Lorenzo (Ken)

Unoff. M. May.

Informant states that casualty was a friend of his and in his coy. Informant was with casualty at Cape Helles on the 8th May. They advanced early in the afternoon, and were under machine gun and shell fire all the time. Casualty was missing next morning. The general impression is that no prisoners were taken, because we lost no ground, and did not retire, and therefor in informant opinion casualty must have been killed. Informant further states that as many as 40 men were ~~xxxx~~ buried in one hole, with their discs and everything belonging to them.

Ref:- Pte R.J.McPherson, 1061,
C Co., 8th Btn.,
Wales St., Footscray.

H.A.B.
5/4/16.

MELBOURNE.

M.

Moore's Modern Methods, Ltd., London, England. Binder and holes in leaves, Pat'd No. 6775, 1906.

Med.

8th Btn. A.I.F.
C Co.

HUTCHINSON
Pte L. (Ken) 674.
Lorenzo

Unoff. M. May.

Informant states that the 2nd Bgde. charged and advanced 600 yards to within 300 yards of the Turkish trenches, and dug in, and were relieved in four days. The regiment suffered heavily. All the burying was done at night, and the roll was not called regularly, but when they retired on the fourth day, casualty was missing. Informant is strongly of opinion that casualty was killed and is positive that no prisoners were taken on either side as they were not close enough at any time during those four days.

Ref:- Capt. Yates,
6th Btn. (commanded the coy in action)
Westminster Park, Camperdown.

H.A.B.
12/4/16.

MELBOURNE.

M.

Moore's Modern Methods, Ltd., London, England. Binder and holes in leaves Pat'd No. 6775, 1906.

8th Btn.
C. Coy.

HUTCHINSON,
Pte. L. No. 674.
Lorenzo (Ken)

Reported Killed or Prisoner

Informant states that casualty was killed at Gaba Tepe about the 1st May. Casualty was called "Stumpy" by the boys who were of opinion, that casualty was killed. His pals Ted. Brownhill and Bert Elmore and others who were his intimate friends were strongly of this opinion.

Informant was a friend of casualty.

Ref:- Sgt. J. E. Johnson,
No. 1532, M.G.S. 8th Btn.

140 Hamilton St.
Albert Park

H.A.B.
11/5/16.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

8th Btn.
C. Coy.

HUTCHINSON,
Pte. L. No. 674.
Lorenzo (Ken)

Reported Killed or Prisoner.

Informant states that casualty was a friend of his, and describes him as 5' 6" in height, nuggety build, dark, clean shaven. He was known as "Nuggety".

Informant states that casualty was killed on the 25th or 26th May at Quinn's Post, Anzac at 8 p.m. Informant actually saw casualty killed. Casualty was standing beside one Peroni, and was absolutely destroyed by shell fire. Informant is very positive about this.

Ref:- Cpl. C. J. Anderson,
No. 1843, 8th Btn. C. Coy.

Main Road,
Ballarat.

H.A.B.
29/5/16.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

8th Btn.
C. Coy. Killed or Prisoner.

HUTCHINSON,
Pte. L. No. 674,
Lorenzo (Ken)

Informant states casualty was a friend of his. He was 5'10" in height, fair, pale complexion, thin, and was a tailor by trade. He came from Warracknabeal.

Casualty went out to the attack on the 8th May at Cape Helles and was killed. Informant saw casualty's body the following day (Sunday) Informant goes on to state - "We buried casualty with many others. Casualty was buried with his disc on. There was no time to remove the discs of the dead, as we were under heavy fire all the time.

Ref:- Pte. W. J. Thorburgh,
No. 1063, 8th Btn. C. Coy. M.G.S.

Private address,
St. Arnaud, Vic.

H.A.B.
24/7/16.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

Med.

8th Btn. A.I.F.
e. Coy

HUTCHINSON
Pte L. (Ken) 674.
Lorenzo

A photograph is enclosed which is stated to have been a good one when this soldier left Australia in October 1914. A similar photo has been sent to the Ghain Tuffieha, Malta.

Pte A.W.Quint, 620, 13th L.H. who is stated to be in St.Patrick's Hospital, C Ward, Malta, knows the casualty and if he can see the man who is thought to be Pte L.Hutchinson, he would be able to identify him.

The casualty is described as having one of his little fingers a little crooked, has a dimple in his chin, and walks a little pigeon-toed. He has fair hair, grey eyes, which are fairly large, he is of slight build, about 5 ft 11, and is a tailor by trade.

MELBOURNE. 22/12/16.
15?

Sent Malta to verify. 26.6.16.
26.4.16

8th Btn.

HUTCHINSON, L.
Pte. No. 674.

Informant states casualty was a friend of his. Casualty was 6 ft., tall, slight, fair, clean shaven. Casualty was called "Hutchy"

Casualty went into the attack at 5.30 p.m. on the 8th May at Cape Helles, and casualty was with informant half the way. During the charge informant left the trench before casualty. Informant heard subsequently immediately after the charge that casualty was seen lying dead badly smashed. Informant was so informed by Private Seamers now in France, who actually saw casualty's body.

Private address
Albert Street,
BEAUFORT.

Informant:- Sgt. R. H. Jaensch,
No. 680, 8th Btn.

H.A.B.
5/10/16

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

HUTCHINSON L. pte. 674, 8th A.I.F.
Lorenzo (Ken)

Found by Court of Inquiry to have been "Killed in action" or "Prisoner of War".

Private Jackson a returned soldier has returned to Miss Marjorie Marsden a letter which she wrote to Casualty, addressing him as Ken which is the name he is known by. Private Jackson states that the Casualty was taken to Florence in Italy and then to Ghaintuffieha, Malta and that the Casualty is out of his mind but is alive and may recover. Private Jackson was on duty when the transport came to Malta from Florence and as the men came off, he checked each one. On searching the Casualty he had no disc to certify his surname, but had a letter from Miss Margery Marsden without the envelope and addressed to Ken, the Casualty. Private Jackson says nobody in Malta now knows who he is, and he feels sure he must be Private L. Hutchinson. The letter in question was written by Miss Marsden to the Casualty and had her address on the top and was signed "Margery" without the surname.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE. 15 DEC 1915

BRITISH RED CROSS
—AND—
ORDER OF ST. JOHN

MISSING & WOUNDED INQUIRY BUREAU,
AUBERGE DE CASTILLE,
MALTA.

3rd May 1916

NOTE TO CAIRO.

With reference to the enclosed reports, there is no trace of Pte. L. Hutchinson 2/4 Bde in the Military Record Office here.

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S. M. S.

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