

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**Captain  
William Henry Gartrell**

**26th Battalion**



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26th Battn.,  
A.I.F.

GARTRELL,  
Lieut. W.H.  
(Capt.HQ)

Died on 18-11-16 - head wounds - in Feld Lazarett 2. Garde  
Reserve Korps Morchier.  
Cert. by - German Death List dated 23-12-16.

London,  
26-1-17.

A.I.P. 26th Battn

GARTRELL  
Capt W.E.

PRISONER OF WAR

Personal effects in hands of Germans

The above name appeared on German Nachlassliste dated 11-1-17.

London  
7-2-17.

26th Batt.  
A.I.F.

Gartrell,  
Lt.W.H.

"Prisoner of War"  
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Buried Morchies, Military Cemetery - Separate Grave 193

Cert. by War Office List dated 26.7.17

London 5.9.17

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26th Batt,  
A.I.F.

Gartrell,  
Capt W.H.

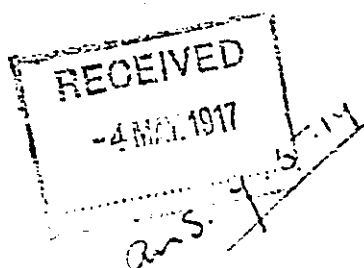
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The British Officer Capt W. Gartrell was admitted to the Field Hospital, at Morchies suffering from severe wounds in the head on 18.11.16 and died the same day without recovering consciousness. He was buried with military honours in the Military Cemetery at Morchies. - Grave No. 11. 193 His personal effects were sent through the Official Channels to his next of kin.

Extract from letter from the German Red Cross 19.9.17. in answer to ours of 17.8.17

London 27.11.17

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Aplim Street  
Charters Towers  
Queensland  
Australia  
12<sup>th</sup> March 1917

Dear Sir or Madam

I now take the liberty  
to write to you to know if it is possible to get  
any information concerning my late Son  
Capt. W. H. Gartrell 26<sup>th</sup> Batt A.S. Force who  
was reported killed 14<sup>th</sup> Nov and later reported  
Died of wounds a prisoner of war in Germany  
18<sup>th</sup> Nov. I have received no news since. His last  
letter to me was dated 11<sup>th</sup> Nov and was then  
expecting to take part in big offensive on Somme  
any particulars from anyone who was with him  
at the last or any message left by him. The hospital  
and burial place which I have been informed may  
be possible through your kindness I can assure  
you will be graciously received and duly acknowledged  
by his Father in anxiety

H. E. Gartrell

11.5.17

Mr H. G. Gartrell  
Ayslin St  
Chartnes Towers  
Queensland. Australia.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry for Capt. W.H. Gartrell 26th Batt. A.I.F., who died as a prisoner of war in Germany, we have learned that he died of head wounds on 18.11.16 in Feld Lazarett 2 Garde Reserve Korps Morchier. His personal effects are in German hands. We are doing our best to obtain further information for you, and as soon as we get it we shall send it at once to our office in Brisbane, where we would suggest your applying direct. This will prevent any possible delay for you in hearing. Our address there is,

Australian Brance,  
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau  
B.R.C.S.  
Spencer Block, Queen St, Brisbane.

Please accept our deepest sympathy for you in your loss.

Yours faithfully

*V.I.D. per \$ for M.R.*

Secretary