Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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69 Private
Gerald Bertram Butler

52nd Battalion



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52nd A. I. F. Pte. G. B. BUTLER. 39 Bty

Missing 14.8.16.

Informant knew G.B.Butler (no relation). He states that he was in A Coy. He was told by Corpl.Scott, A Coy. 2 Pl. that G.B.Butler and L/Cpl.Hall, 2033, A Coy. set out with rations about the 14th August from La Boiselle to K.Dump. Scott had tossed up with Hall which of them should go with Butler. Hall went and Scott saw them start. It was in the daytime. A heavy bombardment was taking place and no more was heard of them.

Reference: Corpl.M.L.Butler, 3k20, A Coy. 2 Pl.

N°6 General, Rouen, 14.11.16.

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H.d.c.

52nd Batt-

52nd Australian Imperial Force.

Butler, Pte. G.B. 39
Hall, L/C N.J.A. 2033

(M. Aug.14/16)

Informant states that he is quite certain that Pte. G.B. Butler No. 39. 52nd Batt., C.Co. and L/C Hall, N.J.A., 2033, same Batt. and Co. were buried in a shell hole at Pozieres on Aug. 14th, as they disappeared together very suddenly. Informant went out with a search party and the above was the only conclusion they could come to at the time.

Reference:- Chas. Edwin Donagher, 2453
52nd A.I.F. A.Co.
Temple Road Schools Hospital,
Birkenhead.

Home address:
No permanent address.

Oct. 13th
Mrs. C.H.Tilley

52nd A.I.F.

Butler G.B., 39,

(K. Aug. 14th 1916)

Informant states that on Aug. 14th, Butler was one of a party sent to take food to the rest of the men. He did not return with the party which straggled in. It was reported that he was seriously wounded.

Reference: Gayle 3472,
52nd A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hospt.,
Wandsworth.

Oct. 7th 1916,
I. Garrad.

FRANCE.

A.I.F. 52.

BUTLER, G.B. 39. ?64

Hall, L/Cpl.N.J.A. 2033.

H. Aug.14. 1916.

They were in a ration party with us just the other side of Pozieres on August 14th. We were going up to our support trenches with rations. We got up to the trenches; on the way back we had to go through a barrage. When we got back next day these two men were missing. They could not possibly be prisoners. There is no further trace of them They must have been killed in the barrage. They belonged to A.Co. Hall was in ~~it~~ II Pl,and Butler in IV Pl. Butler was a very old hand. We are certain as to their numbers.

Reference: S.C. Burge, 2680, A.Co.
A.E. Godwin,3143. A.Co.
No.4.A.D.B.D. Staples. 14.11.1916.

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52nd Btn.
K.R.R.

BUTLER
Gerald Bertram 39969

~~Missing 14.3.16~~

No trace germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
10.10.19.

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