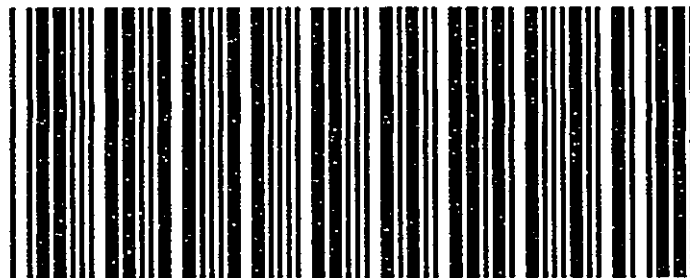


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**2nd Lieutenant  
Brian Nairn Butler**

**12th Battalion**



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A.I.F. Pres. Inf. (P.I.)  
12th Btn

BUTLER  
Brian, Bairn 2nd/Lt.  
(LIEUT. BRIAN (P.I.))

"E/A. 10-9-18"

Buried Jeancourt M. Cemetery. 6200 L. 26 D. 6. 1.  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 3-1-19

There is no <sup>(u.)</sup> Lieut Brian Butler but we have above who comes  
from Hobart.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 3-1-19.

London  
3-1-19

A.I.

A.I.F. 12th Battn.

BUTLER 2/Lieut.  
B.N.

"Killed in Action 18.9.18"

2/Lieut. B.N. Butler of this Battalion was killed by machine gun fire at Jeancourt 18.9.18, his death being instantaneous. He was buried in Cemetery on edge of Jeancourt by Padre Hayden.

Letter from:- Major B.J. Andrew,  
T/Commanding 12th Battn.  
B.E.F.

London  
10.1.19.  
J.E.A.

P.I.

12th Battn.  
A.I.F.

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BULLER.  
B.N. 2/Lieut.

"Killed in Action 18-9-18"

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Eye-Witness:- Yes.  
Description:-

Home address:-  
Goodwood.

South Australia.

Informant:- Rudford, R.D. Lieut.  
(Reliable)

12th Battn. A.I.F.  
3rd London General Hospital.  
WANDSWORTH.

W.H. Butcher.  
London.  
31-1-19.  
J.E.A.

P I.

12th Battn.  
A.I.F.

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Informant:- Brenton. Pte.A. 4210.  
12th Battn. A.I.F.

A.E.B.  
London.  
3-2-19.  
J.E.A.

P I.

A.I.D. 12th Jan

2/16. 3.2.

"E. 1900. 10/10"

At Jeaneourt on 18th Sept, just after the hop and dance with one of our heavies, firing the carriage, dropped a shell short, it landed amongst us. He was hit all over killed instantly. I saw him almost immediately after. He was one of 5 killed by the same shell, and they were buried near by. I did not see it, as the burial party were fired on by snipers, and I was right about it. He was fair, medium height and build, with a rather broad head.

Informant: Mr. G. Wilson, age  
28, 1231 St.

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BUTTER

2/Lieut. R.N.

Killed 15/9/18

Buried Jeuncourt Communal Cemetery Extension, 1. SE. 2SP. 4413/9

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

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25.12.18

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Brian Butler

Tas. Inf.

See under

Mr Leo Butler

Tas. Inf.

Requie Pars D/B

2nd Lt. Brian Butler 12th Batt.

Officer on Rank  
R. Sept 1890

Westonkin

(Mother) Mrs. Amalia H. Butler

P.O.  
Major Lamb

Fredericville N.S.

Nov 1890

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12th Australian Infantry Battalion.

2/Lieut B. J. Butler  
12 Bn.

M.A.B.G.F.

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The Secretary,

Aus. Red Cross Society,

33 Grosvenor Place, LONDON. W. 1.

12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN.
ABR 27.
11/19

In reply to your letter of 11th December.

2/Lieut. B. J. BUTLER, of this Battalion was killed by  
Machine Gun Fire at TRANSCURT 18/9/18, while acting in-  
stantly was. He was buried in a trench on edge of TRANSCURT  
by Padre HAYDEN.

B. J. Andrew

..... for  
7/18 in 12th Battalion.

2/1/19.

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December 21st, 1918.

TO:-  
The C.O.  
12th Inf. Bttn.  
A.I.F., B.P.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked to ascertain particulars of the death and burial of 2/Lieut. B.H. BUTLER. 12th Battalion. A.I.F. who is reported Killed in Action 18.9.18, and would be much obliged if you could send us any information to forward to our enquirer.

With apologies for troubling you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

January 7th, 1919.

Miss Pymer Maxwell.  
C/o Mr Calthorpe.  
No 4 Branch.  
B.R.C.S., B.E.F.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your enquiry of 25.12.18, we beg to inform you that we have on our list 2/Lt. BRIAN BUTLER, 12th Battalion. A.I.F. who comes from Hobart and who is officially reported killed in Action on 18.9.18. We presume him to be the officer for whom you are enquiring.

He is buried at Jeancourt Military Cemetery - the map reference of his grave being 62.C.I.26.D.95.

Concerning your enquiry for Leo Butler Tasmanian Infantry, we beg to inform you that we have no record of this soldier in the A.I.F. We have on our lists 2/Lt. F. Lionel Austin Butler, 12th Bttn. A.I.F. who came from Hobart and who died of wounds on 23.8.16, and for whom there is no official record of burial. If we do not hear from you to the contrary we shall assume that this is the man for whom you are enquiring and will advise you if any further particulars of his death and burial should reach us.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

*G.H.G.*

Feb. 5th, 1919.

Major Lamb,  
A.R.C.S.  
36 Grosvenor Place.  
S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for Lieut. BRIAN HAINI BUTLER. 12th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have received the following unofficial reports concerning him.

Lieut. Rudford writes:-"I know where he was buried. It was close in front of a triangular wood at Jeancourt, where he was killed. He was buried with five men. The ground was held."

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Should we obtain further particulars we will again advise you. Trusting this information may be of service to those enquiring.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary. *G.N.E.*