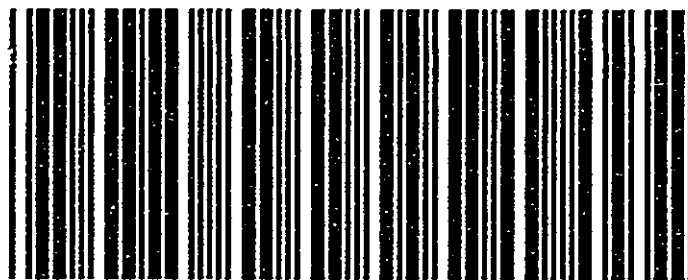


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**29496 Gunner
William Aitchison
Beater**

8th Field Artillery Brigade



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8th F.A.B.
A.F.A.

Beater.
Pte.W.A. 29496

"Died of Wounds"

Owing to this C.C.S. being moved and to the fact that all records dealing with patients were despatched to D.A.G. G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon France prior to move. I am unable to give the information asked for.

Letter from:- The O.C.
37th C.C.S.
21.2.18.

London.
4.3.18.

M.

8th Battn
Fld Art.,
A.I.F.

BEATER.W.A.
29496.

"DIED OF WOUNDS" 12.9.17"

He was wounded by the same shell which wounded me and we were taken to the dressing Station together, and he died shortly after. At Zonnebeke certain to have been buried. We came over in the Medic together. One of the whitest boys, and a good Cricketer.

Informant:- Sergt. Mc Murray.
8th Battn
Fld Art.,
Aldwych.

W Alison.

London.
19.2.18.

M.

8th F.A.B.
A.I.F.

BEATER,
Will Aitchison, 29496

D 30408

"Killed in Action."

Buried at British cemetery Godeswaersboglde, just east of
Godesucess, 4 miles S.S.W. of Poperinghe.

A.I.F.
Cert. by H.Q. 4.3.18.

London.
4.3.18.

M.

8th Bgde
30th Batty.
A.F.A.

BEATER,
W.A. 29496

"Died of Wounds 12.9.17."

Refer to Sgt.F.M.C. Patton, 8th Bgde, 30th Batty, who is now
at the officers' training school, St John's Wood, England. He was
with him when he was wounded and can give full details.

Informant:- S/M.S.E.Hack, 29603,
8th Bgde 30th Batty,
S.A.A.H.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

NOTE Written Patton 12.3.18.

London.
12.3.18.

M.

8th Bde.
A.F.A. A.I.F.

BEATER
W.A. 29496

"Died of Wounds 12-9-17"

Beater was in 30th Bty., and was wounded at the gun position in front of Zillebeke Lake. I saw him wounded and helped to take him back to Dressing Station just to the left of us. Dressing Station was a sand bag dug-out. I returned to the gun, but we heard next day that he died at the dressing station, but I can't say as to burial. His right arm was blown off, high up, by a shell.

Informant. Lloyd G. N.H. 4955

30th Bty.,

Hut 13,

WESTHAM.

W.A. Rand
London
12-3-18

H.

8th Bde.
A.F.A. A.I.F.

BEATER
W.A. 29496

"Died of Wounds 12-9-17"

Re 29496 Beater W.A. There was a man of this name in the 30th Bty. but I am not certain of his No. or initials. The date is correct or thereabouts. He was wounded in the right arm, which was almost blown off near the shoulder. He was carried to a dressing station, I was one of the party who carried him, I did not see him again but heard next morning he died shortly after we left. I do not know the name of the dressing station nor the people in charge, but it was quite near Zillebeke. I had an enquiry from you re Bert Hodson, killed the same date, if you still have the particulars of Hodson's burial, I think they would be useful as Beater was in the dressing station the same time as Hodson and would most probably be buried in the same Cemetery. Description:- Medium height and build, hair, medium to dark, eyes very blue, inclined to be slightly deaf at times.

Letter from:- Paton F. McK. Cadet.

London
3-4-18

Art. O.T.C.,
St. Johns Wood,
LONDON.

Note:-

21913 A.L. Hodgson 8th F.A.B. Unoff. Buried in Military Cemetery at Dickbusch.

M.

SECRET

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Note 21913 A. L. HODGSON. ♂ F.A.B.

usually buried in Military Cemetery

at- Dick church -

LC/BT.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE FILE 11411.
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115 PITT STREET,

SYDNEY.

24th January 1918.

Duplicate

*original folder
24/1/18 L.*

No. 126 - Private G.J. Parr - 1st Battalion.

Dear Miss Deakin,-

We received a Slip from you dated
the 5th November, asking us to investigate a statement
made by No. 1590, Private R.E. Boyd, to the effect that the
relatives of the above Soldier had heard from him, stat-

29496

W.A. BEATER

S. 7. A. B.

W. 12-9-17

(CS)

Field Antilles

The Secretary.

Ackd by P.B.
3.4.18
9.2.

A F A

Dear Miss Deakin.

Your enquiry re W.A. Beater
reported died of wounds 12/9/17.

There was a man of this name in the 30th Battery but I am not certain of his initials or number. The date is correct on skin abouts. He was wounded in the right arm which was almost blown off near the shoulder. He was carried to a Dressing Station (I was one of the party who carried him) I did not see him again but heard next morning he died shortly after we left. I do not know the name of the dressing str nor the people in charge but it was quite near Zillebeek. I had an enquiry from you re Bert Hodson killed the same date, if you still have the particulars of Hodson burial, I think they would be useful as Beater was in the dressing str the same time as Hodson & would most probably be buried in the same Cemetery. Description. Medium height & build hair medium to dark eyes very blue, and must be slightly deaf at times. Trusting these particulars will be of use. Yours truly, R. B. C. Calcut

St. John's Wood, London

A.I.F. 8th F.A.B.

BEATER
Will Aitchison 29496

Died of wounds 12.9.17

Buried British Cemetery S.S.W. of Peperinghe
Cert. by A.I.F. Orders List for Lieut Spedding.

London
23.5.19

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Field Artillery, A.I.F.

Beater, W.A. 29496,
8th Brigade

(D/W's Sept. 12th 1917. Det D & B)

"I saw Gunner Bill Beater (8 Bde) after he had been wounded, on Sept. 11th-12th. We had just gone up to a new Battery position at Zillebora, and had dug our gun pits when it happened. He was severely wounded in the arm. I helped to carry him to the dressing station, and I think he died there, or at the next Dressing station after having his arm taken off. I think he was buried in a Military cemetery about midway between Dicklebusch and Reninghelst, but I have not seen his grave".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Melbourne, Hawthorn I think, single, he
and his brother ran a Farm in the Mallee District

Informant: Bdr. Lambert Frederick, 22127,
Field Artillery A.I.F., 8th Bgde, 30 Bty.

Home address: 3rd Southern General Hospital, Oxford.
Barracan Post Office,
Gippsland, Victoria.

6th Feb. 1918.
Feakrd-Cambridge.

Cadet F.M.C. PATTON^{2.C}

3 Bgds A.F.A.

O.T.C.

St John's Wood
London.

about.

29496

W.A. BEATER

30 Bldg 8 Bgds

A.F.A.

DW 12.9.17.

SW.
12.3.18

Secretary

Anti Red X Society

36 Grosvenor Place

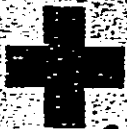
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Atty Gray

LIEUT. COL. R.A.M.C.

G.O. 37 G.O.S.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON, S.W. 1.

29496. Pte W.A. Beater. 8th F.A.B. A.I.F.

13.2.18.

The O.C. 37th C.C. Station. B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest possible details of the Wounds, Death and Burial of the above who died in your Hospital on 12.9.17. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

With apologies for troubling you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Beater.

SECRETARY

NOTE We have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience. Unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above, we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

M.

O. C. Draft.

13.2.18.

The O. C.

37th C. C. Station. B. E. F.

~~13.2.18.~~

294.96. P^{te} W. A. Beater. 8th F. A. B.

D. of W. 12.9.17. (S. W. shoulders. rt. jaw.
rt. chest, amp. rt. arm.)

KENNETT 5133

8th Battn.

W. Sept.Oct.

LANE 20818

12th Army F.A.B.

K. 1st A 25.9.17.

LEE 2862

49th Battn.

W. Sept.Oct.