

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**2525 Sergeant  
William Ernest  
Zahnleiter**

**47th Battalion**



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A.I.F. 47th Batn.

ZAHNLEITER,  
Sgt. Wm. Ernest 2525.

Repatriated Prisoner of War.

Arrived Ripon 15-12-18.  
Cert. by List from A.I.F. H.Q., 17-12-18.

London,  
24-12-18.

B. & P.I.

47th Battn.  
late 5/52nd Battn.

ZAHNLEITER,  
Sgt. William Ernest 2525

"Missing 5.4.18."

Prisoner of War.  
Cert. by War Office List 15 from A.I.F. Hqrs 14.5.18.

London.  
15.5.18.

Off.M.

May 28<sup>th</sup>  
1918

To the Secretary

A.P.O. 4

Dear Sir

In reply to your  
request in a previous  
letter in regard to  
my brother No 2523  
I am ~~very~~ ~~glad~~ ~~to~~ ~~hear~~ ~~of~~ ~~him~~  
I wish to say that  
I have been informed  
that he was  
wounded & is now  
a prisoner of war  
This ~~is~~ information

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WAR CHEST FUND, SYDNEY, N.S.W.

is not official as if  
your society receives  
any definite news  
of them I would be  
very much obliged  
if you would inform  
me of it as soon  
as possible. Thanking  
you in anticipation  
I remain

Yours sincerely  
337 H. E. Zahler  
12th Street  
St. Louis, Mo.  
C. E. Coe France.

2525 Sgt. Wm Ernest Zahuleiter  
On Active Service 47134



WITH THE BRITISH  
EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

19<sup>th</sup> Austin St. C. Coy May 16<sup>th</sup> 1918

The Secretary

Dear Sir,

I am  
in receipt of yours of the  
3<sup>rd</sup> inst & in reply I wish to  
thank you for assisting  
me in my trouble. I have  
received no further information  
myself but shall be only too  
pleased to acquaint you  
with the first that I receive  
knowing that you will  
then be able to forward me  
some better news I remain

Yours faithfully,  
Wm E. Zahuleiter

INQUIRY. (p. R. Hunt  
25/4/18)

Information wanted as to  
2525 ZAHNLEITER W E Serjt.  
A.O. 47 Palt.

By his friend

Corp. T. L. Fitzgerald

3294 - 47 Palt. A.I.F

Tanterton Hoopl. (Mail)

WHITSTABLE (Kent)

Zahnleiter is known to have been  
wounded on 5 April, but was reported  
to the Battalion as "missing", but so  
as Fitzgerald himself & some others  
of the 47<sup>th</sup> - now known to be actually  
in hospital in England.

12<sup>th</sup> Australian Machine Gun Coy France  
April 9<sup>th</sup> 1918

P.C. 15.4.18

Dear Sir,

My brother has been reported missing from his unit & as I can get no tidings of him I have decided to ask of your assistance. This is his name & address.

~~No 9595  
Sgt. William Ernest Zahnleuter  
101<sup>st</sup> Platoon, A. Company  
47<sup>th</sup> Battn., 19<sup>th</sup> Brigade  
4<sup>th</sup> Austn Division~~

He was missing on the morning of April 5<sup>th</sup>. Hoping to hear from you soon  
I remain

Yours truly  
1337 Mc H. C. Zahnleuter

18th April, 1918.

337 Pte. H. C. Zahnleiter,  
12th Machine Gun Company,  
A.I.F. B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry about:

2525 Sgt. W. E. Zahnleiter, 47th Batta. A.I.F.

We beg to inform you that he rejoined his Battalion from England on Feb. 19th, 1918, and was last paid on March 13th.

No further report has been received for him, but we have a special enquiry card at Headquarters for him, and should any report of casualty come through for him, we shall at once be informed, and will advise you without delay.

We can at present obtain no information of the recent casualties. With much sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

*F. S. Geoye*

SECRETARY.

3294 Cpl. T. L. Fitzgerald,  
47th Inf. Bttn, A.I.F.  
Ward A Tankerton Hospl,  
Whitstable

337 Pte. H. C. Zahnleiter,  
12th Aust. Machine Gun Coy,  
A.I.F., B.E.F.

June 6th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for -  
2525 Sgt. H. C. Zahnleiter, 47th Battalion, A.I.F.  
who was officially reported missing since 8-4-18. We have  
the pleasure to inform you that he is now officially reported  
from the War Office to be a prisoner of war in Germany. The  
camp in which he is interned is not yet stated but as soon  
as we learn his address we will again advise you.

Should you wish for any information concerning the  
parcels of food and clothing that are sent regularly through  
this organisation to all Australians imprisoned in Germany  
application should be made to Miss Shomley, Secretary to our  
Prisoners of War Department at here.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

MR.

SECRETARY.