

Alan Clifton Navin Butcher

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Biography

Alan Clifton Navin Butcher was born in Katanning on 15 July 1916. He enlisted in the AIF on 3 March 1941 (service number WX10979) and rose to the rank of Lance Corporal.^[1]

WX. 10979
Butcher A.C.N.
19th AITB "C" Coy
M.E.F.
AIF ABROAD
Palestine 21 Dec
My Dear Friend,

It is quite a long time since I heard from you, many months ago I wrote you at Roebourne & received no answer & later met Les [? Selinger] who gave me your new address which I mislaid somehow so am sending this care of the old home. Ray is in England & I'm here in Palestine somewhere came

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External links

- https://birtwistlewiki.com.au/wiki/Alan_Clifton_Navin_Butcher

over on one of the big boats from Fremantle about a month ago, the [? farming] & routine is very like we had at home only we live in tents instead of huts. The country is not unlike the Kimberley, the soil is amazing, they sow three crops per year, using the time aged single furrow wood plow & camel, daylight till dark every day except Sunday. I would like a few thousand acres of it after this job is finished. The weather is just like the Gascoyne winter, that biting cold wind that goes

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References

- [1] Alan Clifton Navin BUTCHER¹, Virtual War Memorial.

Related items (2)

1941-12-21 Alan C.N. Butcher to Aubrey Hall

IDENTIFIER: 356
TYPE: ephemera
DATE: 1941 December 21 Sunday
DESCRIPTION:

right thro' you like a knife. In camp here no one would know a war was in existance, the same carefree Aussie style, good enough sort of thing, applies everywhere. Lately an interest has been created by the Jap meandering around Malaya & getting close to Rome! Good thing the Yank had shifted his body & decided to hop into it & give us a hand. The food is fair & supplies for canteen are reasonable. Pictures every night & leave once a week in rotation. Quite enjoying myself. Best wishes for the New Year & wife & lets hear from you.
[?] Butcher.

Transcription

Air Mail Letter Card
If anything is enclosed this card will be sent by ordinary mail
Mr. H.A. Hall
c/o 8 Outram Street
West Perth
West Australia.

Christmas card from Alan Butcher to H A Hall

IDENTIFIER: 258
TYPE: letter
DATE: c. 1945

Greetings from the AIF Middle East Xmas New Year 1941-42

When folded the letter card must conform in size and shape with the blue border, within which the address only may be written

DESCRIPTION: A Christmas card from Alan C. M. Butcher of 62 Maritana Street, Kalgoorlie, to H Aubrey Hall (presumably; based on it's proximity to other papers of his). It is not dated, but likely 1940s. The image is signed 'McClellan', and the card stamped 'Windsor'.

¹<https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/1401671>

62 Maritana Street appears to have been a strip of shops including the Windonya Consols Goldmining Company REGISTERED COMPANIES (1906, October 27). The Daily News (Perth, WA : 1882 - 1955), p. 12. Retrieved September 14, 2025, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article82426390></ref>,</p></div>
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