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Red Cross Bureau for Wounded,
Missing and Prisoners of War

3rd. Floor, Ocean House,
34 Martin Place,
Sydney.

28th. September, 1945.

Mr. A.O. Tait,
Boys' High School,
TIMARU N.Z.

Dear Mr. Tait,

We have received advice from the Department of External Territories, to the effect that civilian nurses, recently released from Japanese hands, state that Mr. Ivan Tait, formerly of Kavieng, died in Rabaul following an operation for hernia, about April, 1942. This report cannot yet be regarded as official, but there seems no reason to doubt the veracity of the information.

It is understood that the grave has been tended by missionaries and action will be taken to locate and mark same clearly when the opportunity offers.

May we ask you to accept the sincere sympathy of the Red Cross Society at this sad time, and you may rest assured should any further news be received, we will not hesitate to advise you.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) B.R. Riley

Hon. Director.

*Received this letter 1/10/45
A.S.T.*