

RED CROSS BUREAU FOR WOUNDED, MISSING & PRISONERS
OF WAR.

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Sydney.

30th. Sept. '42.

The Next-of-kin,
Mr. I. Tait,
c/o Messrs. W.R. Carpenter & Coy.,
O'Connell St.,
Sydney.

re MR. I. TAIT, NEW GUINEA.

Our searchers, whose duty it is to gather all the information they can from people who have returned from any of the theatres of war, interviewed a person who furnished the following statement concerning the above named :

"Mr. Tait was on Panaras Plantation, New Ireland, when I last heard of him, in April last."

This information is, of course, unofficial. We are sending it to you although you have not made an enquiry through this Bureau as you may be glad of even scanty tidings. We regret that we are forbidden to divulge the name of the man from whom the information was derived, but you may be quite sure that our searchers have satisfied themselves it is reliable.

As you are probably aware, close relatives are now permitted to write to personnel in Japanese hands, and we are enclosing out leaflet B. 33, showing how this may be done. Parcels may not yet be sent, but the press should be watched for an announcement in this connection.

For the guidance of those wishing to write to people detained in Japanese-occupied territory, we would mention that, in any communications at all, the words "Japs." or "Jap". should not be used. The reference should always be either to the Japanese or the Nipponese, as the abbreviation "Jap." is regarded as an insult, and its use may easily result in the rejection of letters.

(Signed)

Hon. Director.