

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

2106 Private  
Herbert John  
Blacklock

15th Battalion



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15 A.I.F.

BLACKLOCKS  
Pte. H.J. 2106.

*Herbert John*

Informant saw him killed at Hill 971 on Aug. 8. His body was left out and there is no chance of it having been recovered. The ground was not held and has not yet been retaken.

Ref:- Pte. W.J. Kemp, 2158, 15 A.I.F.  
Island Rest Camp, Mudros.

G.E.B.  
16:11:15.

15 A.I.F.  
A Co

M. 8.8.15.

BLACKLOCK  
Pte H.J. 2106.

*Herbert John*

Witness says that on 8.8.15 they were charging past the third outpost towards Day Valley. Blacklock was in this charge, and witness saw him fall on the first ridge. He fell about 20 yards away from witness. He was dead before daybreak. Witness saw him dead. They had to retire after daybreak. Blacklock was a short, nuggety chap.

Ref:- Pte W.J. Kemp, 2158,  
A Co, 15 A.I.F.  
Mearns Camp, Ismailia.

M.F.I.  
20.8.16

L. B. P.I. Alex.

*Cancelled -*

15 A.I.F.  
A Coy.

Blacklocks,  
Pte.H.J. No.2106  
*Herbert John*

M. 8/8/15 :

Witness read the statement already furnished by Pte. Kemp, No.2158  
15th Battalion, A.Company and confirmed Kemp's statement.

Witness - Pte J.S.Grant, No. 2140, 15th Battalion, A Coy.  
Camp Immailia.

W.J.I.  
23/2/16

B.L. & P.I.

4/A.I.F.  
16th. Battalion.

BLACKLOCK, 2106,  
Herbert John.

"Killed in Action 8.8.15".

Killed in Action 8.8.15.  
No burial.

Cert. by H.Q. List 26.8.19.

London.  
24.10.19.

B. P.I.

Cairo, March 16th 1916.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your inquiry for 2106 Pte H.J. Blacklock of A Co, 15th Btn, who is officially listed as missing 8/8/15, we have been given evidence to the effect that he took part in a charge on 8/8/15 past the Third Outpost towards Hay Valley and he fell on the first ridge. Our witness saw him lying dead when they had to retire after daybreak. The ground was not retaken in November so there was no chance to recover the bodies. This evidence was confirmed by another man, and yet another witness saw him killed on Hill 971, presumably the same ridge, on Aug 8.

Yours faithfully.

(Miss)

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Y.H.C.A.  
Alexandria.

54 Victoria Street,  
London, S.W.,  
11th July, 1916.

Victoria 8578.

No. 8742,  
Corporal H.R. Beard,  
Artillery Details,  
2nd Division,  
Base Camp, A.I.F., FRANCE.

Dear Sir,

We have received your enquiry for information concerning a Private Blacklock in the Australian Imperial Forces through our Searcher, Mr. Addison. As we have reports concerning ~~him~~ <sup>him</sup>, we forward you the information received.

We fear there is reason to believe that No. 2106, Pte. H.J. Blacklock, was <sup>344</sup>killed on 8th August, 1915, as Pte. Kemp and Private Grant, both of 15th Battalion, A Company, saw him fall. Private Kemp says he saw him fall about twenty yards away from him and afterwards saw his body. He describes him as a short nuggety man.

We hear that a man called Blacklock or Blacklocks, described as a large man about 20 stone, was seen on board a hospital ship "Reiwa" with a bandaged eye by 616 Private Cathbertson, of 4th A.I.F., who also saw him later at Abbeywood with a glass eye. He was seen at Abbeywood by 682, Private Boltin and 493 Private Haybell, both of 1st A.I.F., who also say he had a glass eye.

No. 715, G. Blacklock is officially reported discharged from Abbeywood to the Australian Base Depot, Weymouth, so, probably, this is Private Blacklock, who was seen by our witnesses at Abbeywood.

I hope this information may be of some assistance to you.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

D. Y. *for* *PA*.  
Secretary.