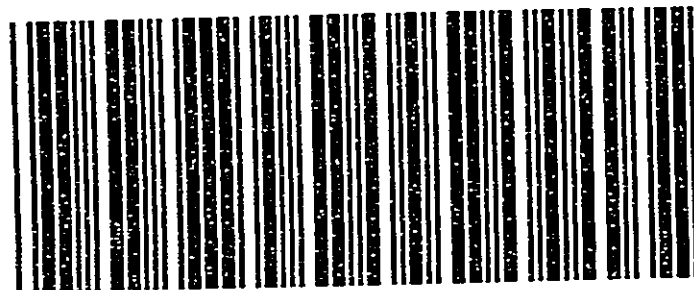


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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275 Sergeant
Harold Robert Lyne
Colquhoun

15th Battalion



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15 A.I.F.
B Co.

W. 27.8.15.

COLQUHOUN
Sgt H.R. 275.
Harold Robert

Witness says Colquhoun was wounded on 28.9.15. Witness was with him when he was wounded. It was in a charge on the left of Franklin's Post, in the afternoon about 4 p.m.. He was shot through the body, and was badly wounded. Only eight men came back from the charge. They did not save their wounded, and the place where Colquhoun was shot was exposed to the enemy's fire. Witness has not seen or heard ^{of} ~~from~~ him since, and believes him to be dead.

Ref:- Sgt C.M. Black, 864, 15 A.I.F. B Co.
1st A. Stat. Hosp. Ismailia, Egypt.

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14.1.16.

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15. A.I.F.
B. Coy.

Colquhoun
Sergt. H. R. 275
Harold Robert

Wounded 27/8/15.

Colquhoun was wounded on 28/8/15 in the last charge at Hill 60. Witness saw him in England in December either at Abbey Wood or at Weymouth. He says he was alright then and that ~~he~~ had been badly wounded twice.

Ref.: Warren. A.E. Pte. 966
15 A.I.F. B. Coy.

W.J.I.
25/1/16

See 2nd report given by above witness

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15 A.I.F.

COLCOURON
Sgt H.R. 275

Disemb . Malta Oct.

Harold Robert

Wounded 27/8/15.

Cert. by:-

3rd Ech. G.H.Q., M.E.F.

No trace in England.

Cert. by:-

London Cable.
29/1/16.

CAIRO.
20/3/16.

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15 A.I.F.

COLQUHOUN
Sgt H.R. 275.

W. 20/3/16. Unoff. M. *Harold Robert*

Colquhoun had only been back at the Peninsula for 2 days when he was killed in a charge late in Aug. Witness was with him when he fell. He was a fine little fellow of about 21 years of age. He had been a school teacher at Yeppoon, Q.

Ref:- Pte Tom Davies, 278,
B Co, 15th Bn.,
Kit Store, Giza, CAIRO.

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30/3/16.

B.V.F.I.

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M E D

15 A.I.F.

COLQUHOUN
Sgt H.R. 275.

Disemb. Malta Oct.

Harold Robert

No trace in Malta.

Cert. by:-

Malta Cable, 29/1/16.

CAIRO.
31/3/16.

B. & P.I.

M E D .

15th Btn. A.I.F.

COLQUHOUN
Sgt. H.R. 275.

W. 27/8/15.

Harold Robb

Now reported W. & M. 27/8/15.

3rd Echelon
G.H.Q. M.E.F.

CAIRO.
19/4/15.

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10/11/15

Roche's Modern Methods Ltd., London, England. Binder and holes in leaves. Pat'd No. 575, 1904

Med.

15th Btn. A.I.F.

COLQUHOUN
Sgt. H.R. 275.

W. 27/8/15.

Herold Robert

To my regret I cannot give any further information about Sgt. Colquhoun. As stated when first asked, I believed that I saw him in England, either at Abbey Wood or at Weymouth Depots. But I strongly fear now that it was a case of mistaken identity, but at the time I could have sworn it was he.

L/C A.C. Warren, 966,
B Co., 15th Btn.
22/5/16.

CAIRO.
3/5/16.

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13 Battn.,
A.I.F.

COLQUHOUN
Pte. H.R.

Harold Robert 275.

"W. 27.8.15."

Now reported "Killed in action."

Result of Court of Inquiry.

Cert: by A.I.F. Headquarters,
150, Horseferry Road,
S.W.

London
14.6.16

B., S. & P.I.

A. I. F. 1642 2012.

OCCASIONAL:
Sgt. Harold Robert.
275.

Killed in action, 27.8.16.

K. in A. 37.8.16. No burial.

Care by A. I. F. Hdqrs List. 26.8.19.

London.
24.10.19.

B & S.

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To Red Cross

Enquiry Bureau

Cairo.

ack. pending
slip of Westcott,
20-3-16.

Please obtain any information possible about the following:-

1^o No 275 Sergeant H. R. Colquhoun 15th Battalion 4th Infantry Brigade A. I. F.

He went out in a charge at Hill 60 on 27 August 1915, was reported wounded in Australia, but has not since been heard of.

I may add (but I would not send this information to his relatives) that an officer of this battalion thought he saw the above sergeant in England a couple of months ago. He saw the individual "at the distance" & in all probability it was a case of mistaken identity - this is also the opinion of the officers in question.

Any information will be thankfully received by me
address 15th Battalion A. I. F. Egypt -

2^o One of your representatives also kindly promised to send me information concerning a Princh Westcott, W. G. No 1315, 18th Batta. This information has not as yet reached me.

Yours faithfully

Patrick J. Tighe, S. J.
C. F.

25-III-'16

To The Secretary
Red Cross Society

MS
4/11/16

Re Westcott &
Sgt. Colquhoun

Please accept grateful thanks for information given -

#. 245 15th Batta.

2. Concerning Sgt. Colquhoun - the
Officer who thought he saw him is away at present.

3. In my mind definite information
should be sought from Malta - since note says
"Disemb. Malta Oct." - If he was in Malta
authorities there should know what happened
to him - whether he died, or was discharged, & if
discharged whether sent -

I shall be much obliged for
any further information - in order to
send it to Sgt. Colquhoun's mother -

Yours sincerely
Patrick J. Tighe S.F.

C.F.
15th Battalion
Egypt -

Your representative called to see me yesterday - an
urgent call from the hospital prevented me from
coming to see him P.J.T.

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on a direct service



*The Red Cross Society
Inquiry Bureau
Red Cross Society
Australia Bldg
Gresham Building
Sharia Station
Cairo*

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Cairo, March 29th 1916.

Dear Sir,

We have received a cable from Australia asking for news of 275 Sgt H. R. Colquhoun, 15th Btn., A. I. F., who is posted at A. I. F. H. Q. as wounded 27/8/15. From several unofficial reports we have been led to believe that he was invalided to England. One report from Sgt Bull, of 47th Btn., stated that you had seen Sgt Colquhoun in November in England. We would be much obliged if you would inform us at your earliest convenience, whether the report is correct, when and in what hospital or camp you met Sgt Colquhoun.

With apologies for troubling you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully.

(Miss)

HS
Secretary.

Capt Koch,
B Co,
15th Btn., A. I. F.

28th April, 1916.

Lieutenant Eather,
15th Battalion,
Australian Imperial Forces.

Dear Sir,

In an enquiry from our Brisbane office we are told that you might be able to give us some information about Sergeant H.R. Colquhoun, No. 275, of the 15th Battalion.

He was wounded on 27th August and we can find no trace of him in England, Malta or here. He is now officially reported wounded and missing.

We should be very grateful if you can tell us anything that may help us to clear up the mystery surrounding his fate.

Yours faithfully,

WFL
Secretary,
Australian Branch,
B.R.C.W. & M. Enquiry Bureau.

28th April, 1916.

No. 966,

Private A. E. Warren,

15th Battalion,

Australian Imperial Forces.

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W. F. J.

Secretary,
Australian Branch,
B.R.C. W. & M. Enquiry
Bureau.

Egypt 20. 4. 16

The Secretary

Red Cross Society

Re Sgt. Edward Colquhoun 275,
15 Battalion A. I. F. wounded 28-8-15 -
Disembarked Malta Oct. 15 -

Has any further information come
of Sgt. ^{15th Battalion} Colquhoun ²⁷⁵ was in Hospital
Malta should there not be some trace?

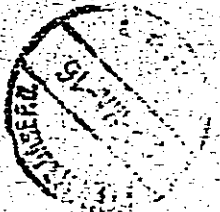
I am sorry for again troubling but
his mother & friends are most
anxious to learn something of his
fate - Please send any information

to

(Rev.) Patrick J. Tighe S.J.

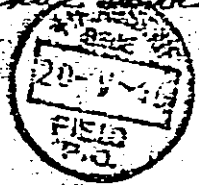
C.F. 15 Battalion A. I. F.

Egypt (as above)



Enquiry Bureau

on airmail service



The Secretary
Australian Branch
British Red Cross Society
Gresham Buildings
Sharia Salween Paste
Cairo

BY AIR MAIL
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W. S. G. G. G.
Cairo

Cairo, 24th May 1916.

Dear Sir,

We have just received your letter of the 20th inst. re
275 Sgt. Harold Colquhoun, 15th Btn., A.I.F.

The records of the Australian Branch of this Bureau have
been transferred to London where the Head Office is being opened
this week, and any fresh news of Sgt. Colquhoun will, of course,
be forwarded to you at once.

The office here will still remain open for inquiries
for men stationed in Egypt.

Yours faithfully.

(Miss) *V. Dzakovic*
Secretary.

The Rev. Patrick F. Tighe, S.J.,
C. F.
15th Btn. A.I.F.

Egypt
Monday 22 May 1916

Mr 27-8-15. Kniff M.

Secretary Australian Branch
Empire Bureau,

To my regret I cannot give
any further information about Sgt ^{FR} Bolquhoun #275
of the 15th Battalion.

As I stated when first asked I believed
that I saw him in England ~~at~~ either at Abbey Wood
Depot or at Weymouth ~~to~~ depot.

But I strongly fear now
that it was a case of mistaken identity but at the time
I could have sworn it was him.

I am only too sorry not
to be able to give more definite information. Hoping you
succeed in finding the above person shortly.

I remain

Yours sincerely

J/6th Warren A.C.

966 B Coy.

15th B.N.

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Handwritten notes at the top of the page, including "The above mentioned" and "Sgt. H.R. Colquhoun".

June 6th, 1916.

Rev. Patrick F. Figue S.J.
C.F.
15th Battn. A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We are sorry for the delay in answering you, but we are trying to trace any Colquhoun of the fifteenth Battalion who may have disembarked at Malta in October, and was afterwards sent on to England. In the meantime a report has come in from Pte. Davies 278, saying that he was with Sgt. H.R. Colquhoun 275, of the 15th Battalion, A.I.F. when he was killed in a charge late in August. He described Colquhoun as a fine little fellow of 21 years of age, who had been a school-teacher at Yeppoon, Queensland. As the original enquiry comes from Queensland this seems to us like the Sgt. Colquhoun for whom you are enquiring. We have already sent you a slip of the same effect from Sgt. Black. Sgt. H.R. Colquhoun is now posted as Officially wounded and missing, 27.8.15. There is no trace at Malta of his having ever been there.

As soon as we obtain anything more definite, we will send it to you. Our office is now transferred to 54, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

Yours faithfully,

W.F.D. P.T.O. P.C.

Since writing the above we have been officially
informed that Sgt. H. R. Colquhoun was
Killed in Action 27 Aug. 1918
W. F. J.

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To

W. J. Johnson

Assist. Secretary

Red Cross Society

Re: Sergeant Colquhoun H.R. 245
15th Bn. A.I.F.

Please accept my grateful
thanks for trouble taken & for information
given. I shall transmit it to relatives
in Australia - 15th Battalion A.I.F.

Yours faithfully

Patrick J. Legh
P. J.