

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5696 Private
James Henry Lewis**

14th Battalion



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A.I.F. 14th Batn.

LEWIS,
Jas. Hy. 5696.

Repatriated Prisoner of War.

Arrived Ripon 15-12-18.

Cert. by List from A.I.F. H.Q., 17-12-18.

London,
24-12-18.

M.

14th Batt,
A.I.F.

J.H. Lewis,
5696

"Prisoner of War"

Transferred Friedrichsfeld

Copenhagen Telegram per Central Prisoners of War
Records dated 27.10.17

London 31. 10.17

M.

14th Batt
A.I.F.

Lewis,
James, Henry 5696

"Missing 11.4.17"

Prisoner of War - Interned Limburg

Cert, by A.I.F. Headquarters List dated 28.8.17 taken from
W.O.List P.M. 163.

London 31.8.17

M.

NOTE TO MELBOURNE

14th Battn
A.I.F.

LEWIS.
J.H. 5696

"Missing 11.4.17."

We regret our error in cabling above as being in Colchester Military Hospital but ~~the~~ received the information from HdQtrs and also the news from the O.C. Colchester that he had been sent to HdQtrs.. on 15.5.17.. It was not until we had written to the Registrar and again queried the information at HdQtrs that the mystery was cleared up. It appears 5696 W.H. Lewis was confused with 5690 W.D. Lewin 14th Battn on the Hospital admission sheets as well as at HdQtrs.

London.
30.8.17.

A.I.F. 14th Btn

LEWIS
J.H. 5696

"M. 11-4-17"

Now reported admitted to Hospital England
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 14-6-17

Trans - Colchester Gen. Hpl 18-4-17 - Trench Feet
Cert. by Hospital Index

London
15-6-17

OFF.M.

A.I.F. 14th Btn

J.H. LEWIS
5696

"M. 11-4-17"

Adm. Colchester Gen. Hpl 18-4-17
Cert. by Hpl Index

Now reported admitted Hpl England
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 14-6-17.

"Ill May-June"

Adm. Colchester Gen. Hpl 18-4-17 - French Feet
Cert. by Hpl Index

Was sent to A.I.F. Headquarters Ldn 15-5-17
Cert. by letter from C.C. 28-6-17.

M.

London
3-7-17

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8858.

Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John

54, VICTORIA STREET, - S.W. -

To The Officer Commanding

Colchester General Hospital

Colchester

26-6-17, 1916.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by our Australian Bureau to obtain a bulletin and ascertain the nature of the sickness or

wounds of

5696. *Plt J. Lewis*
J.M.A. 1915-1916

14th Bn A.I.F.

who was admitted to your Hospital 18-4-17 .VI-2-8S

We should be most grateful for any particulars you can supply.

We regret having to trouble you in the matter, but are desirous of allaying the anxiety of the relatives so far distant in Australia.

Yours faithfully,

M. E. M. prof The Secretary.

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8838.

Secretary

AUSTRALIAN

British Red Cross Society and Order of St John
London.

154 VICTORIA STREET--244--

Reference reverse this man was sent to A.I.F.
Headquarters London. 15-5-17.

Colchester.

Ch. L. Taylor
Lighthouse

~~Lieut~~ Colonel. R.A.M.C.

28-6-17.

71-4-21 is O.V. General? ~~Confidential~~ see chm

7. You are not authorized to act in any way as a representative of the Government of the United States of America, and you are not to be held responsible for any actions taken by you in this connection.

STACY ELECTRIC

[illegible]

August 18th, 1917.

5696 Pte. J.H.Lewis,
14th Battrn, A.I.F.,
Colchester General Hospital,
Colchester.

Dear Sir,

On a list of Prisoners which we have received from
Germany there appears the name of

^H
~~5696 James Lewis.~~
~~14th Battrn.~~
~~A.I.F.~~

upon enquiry at Headquarters we find that you are the
only J.Lewis with there regimental particulars.

We cannot understand how this mistake could have
arisen and should be very glad if you would send us your
full christian name and the name and address of your Next-
of-Kin so that we may establish the identity of the Prisoner.

Thanking you in anticiaption of a reply as sson as possible
and with best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

VD.

Secretary.

Krm.pr ?

August 2nd. 1917.2

The Registrar,
Colchester General Hospital,
Colchester.

Dear Sir,

We should be glad if you can verify the regimental particulars giving if possible the Christian names of :-

No. 5696 Pte. J.H. Lewis, 14th. Bn. A.I.F.

who was reported to be admitted to your Hospital on 18.4.17. suffering from Trench Feet and to have been discharged to Headquarters on 15.5.17

The above name, with the same number and Unit, has appeared on a German List, so that according to German this Pte. Lewis is a Prisoner of War.

A.I.F. Headquarters state that there is only one man of that name in the battalion.

We should therefore be glad if you will reply as soon as possible as we are anxious to solve the problem.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary.

LAW.