

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

796 Trooper  
George Wesley  
Magrath

1st Light Horse



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1st Lt.

MACRATH  
George Wesley 796

Killed in Action 8, 8, 15

Killed in Action 7, 8, 15. No burial  
Cert. by Hays List, 26, 8, 19.

26, 8, 19.

NAME

ADDRESS

CAUSE OF DEATH

AMERICAN FIELD

OFFICERS

M E D .

1st A.L.H.

Magrath. ✓

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Tpr E, 796.

George Wesley.

W. 7/8/15.

This man has now been called as "Wounded and Missing"  
7/8/15, which report is the result of searching investi-  
gations instituted by this Section.

Cert. by:-

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

CAIRO.  
24/3/16.

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1st A.L.H.  
B Squadron.

W. 7.8.15.

MAGRATH  
Tpr S. 796.  
*George Wesley*

Witness says inquiries were made everywhere, and no trace could be found of Magrath. Witness knew him well as "Paddy Magrath". Witness says that the last seen of him was by Jowett of the Machine gun section, or by W. Bignall, who says he was wounded in the charge on Pope's Hill on August 7th, and since then nothing has been heard of him. The men in the dressing station say they don't remember him.

Ref:- C.E. Hughes, 825, 2 Div. F.E.H.C. Form. 1 A.L.H.  
Sporting Club Hospital, Helicopolis, CAIRO.

W. J. Isbister,  
10.1.16.

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1st A.L.H.  
B Squad.

W. 7.8.15.

MAGRATH  
Tpr S. 796.  
*George Wesley*

Witness says he was at the dressing station on 7.8.15 at 7 a.m. and inquired about several men of the regiment, including Magrath. He was then told that he had been killed by a bomb about daybreak, but he has since heard that he was only wounded. Witness was then Sgt to A Troop, B Squad. and Magrath was in that troop. Has never seen him since. Witness adds that portion of the troop suffered fairly heavily on that day, but did not advance far enough to have men taken prisoners.

Ref:- C/M/Sgt C.W. Edwards, 299, 1st A.L.H.  
Aerodrome Camp, Helicopolis, CAIRO.

W. J. Isbister,  
10.1.16.

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1st A.L.H.

MAGRATH

S. 796

*George Wesley*

W. 7.8.15. Hosp. Cond.

No record of casualty at 1st A.L.H.Bgde. H.Q.

He is evidently with unit at Maynia.

Cert. by:-

A.I.F. H.Q.

CAIRO.  
18.2.16.

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M E D .

1st A.L.H. Regt.

MAGRATH

Tpr. S. 796.

*George Wesley*

W. & M. 7/8/15.

Witness states that Magrath went out with him on morning of 7th August and was with him until they were within 30 yds of Turkish trenches, when witness lost sight of Magrath (another troop joined them and they got separated). Witness has never seen Magrath since, nor did he report back to troop after charge. Witness has been asked many times by ~~many~~ different men for news of Magrath - called Paddy by his mates - Magrath was 3rd or 4th Rfts. and seemed popular with men who knew him. Was splendid man at his work. Sgt T.Ryan, 187, 3rd L.H.Rgt., a cousin of Magrath, made inquiries on two occasions from witness about him. Witness thinks Ryan said he had heard Magrath was in England and his people were very worried.

Ref:- Sgt. C.S.D.Hay, 1st A.L.H. Regt.  
Transf. 46th Btry., 12 A.F.A.Bgde.

E.S.  
CAIRO.  
8/5/16.

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1st A.L.H.,  
A.I.F.

MAGRATH  
Trooper 796 ✓

*George Wesley*

" W. & M. 7.8.15 (Gallipoli) "

Witness said Trooper W. A. Bignold, A Squad. C Troop, 1st A.L.H. informed him that Magrath and Roberts were killed in a charge at Gallipoli, early in August 1915. Other men gave similar information. Magrath's body was reported to have been seen lying out between the trenches. Roberts was recovered, brought in, and died subsequently. Bignold, who is now in Egypt with the Battn. could give further details. Magrath was a young, nuggety fellow, known as Paddy.

Ref: Pte F.D. Sanders 309 21st Battery, A.F.A. SA  
(Prev. 1st, A.L.H.)

Reinf. Camp,  
Staples. 27th June, 1916

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1st Australian Light Horse

Magrath, G. 796,

*George Wesley*

(W & M Aug. 7th 1915)

Informant states that "I knew Magrath well. He was in C. Squadron with me. He may be still reported missing in your list, but I saw him last in a camp at Hassen Pasha (?) in Egypt about April 1916. He was then in active work. A day or two afterwards I left to go to hospital and have not seen him since."

Reference: T.J. Hearne, 1095,  
1st Australian Light Horse,  
Tropical Diseases Hospital,  
Liverpool.

Home address:  
Meehan Street,  
Yass,  
New South Wales.

London,  
25th July 1916.  
K. Forbes.

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C. Magrath see D. J. Roberts

Letter to W. S. Bignold

30-6-16



19th Feby., 1916.

To  
The Adjutant,  
1st Light Horse Brigade,  
MEYNIA.


Dear Sir:

We have received an urgent cable of enquiry for 796, Trooper C. Magrath, 1st Light Horse Regiment, from our Sydney Bureau, and have been told that he is now with his Regiment, although A.I.F. Headquarters have no later report than that he was wounded on 7th August, 1915.

We should be grateful for a prompt reply, so that we may cable immediately to Sydney.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

  
Secretary.