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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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257 Private
William Douglas Moar

12th Battalion



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12th Btn.
B. Coy.

MOAR, William Douglas
Pte. W.D. No. 257.

Reported Missing, May. K in A 25.4.15

Informant states that casualty was a friend of his and describes him as 5' 8" in height, medium build, medium dark brown hair, clean shaven, and was known as Billy to the boys of the platoon. Casualty used to joke with informant in the cook house on the P. & O. Steamer "Devenah". Casualty went ashore from H.M. Destroyer "Ripple" on the 25th April early in the morning. Informant missed casualty in the advance on the second ridge at 7 a. m. The battalion was disorganised.

Informant states he was wounded on the night of the 25th April, and returned to duty on the Peninsula towards the latter end of May when he discussed the disappearance of casualty with the boys of the Btn. and the boys of casualty's platoon in the main agreed that casualty was killed on the 25th April. Informant promised to get further information if possible, from Tasmania.

Ref:- Sgt. C. Thompson, No. 500, 12th Btn.
4 Victoria St.
Launceston.

H.A.B.
29/5/16.

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12th Btn.
B. Coy.

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K in A 25.4.15

Informant states that in his opinion, this casualty was killed in the undergrowth at the landing.

Ref:- Pte. C. Thompson,
No. 137, 12th Btn.
(Stretcher Bearer)

H.A.B.
22/3/16.

M. V. Sykes
Hon. Secretary

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE. 29

12 A.I.F. B Coy

William Douglas

Noar W.B. 257

(Missing 2/5/15 believed prisoner)

K in A 25.4.15

Man says he saw him severely wounded first day.

Reference Stf Sgt Lewis, 3rd Bde H.Qrs.
Bas el Tin Conv.Hosp.Alexandria.

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12 A.I.F. B Coy

MOAR William Douglas
W.D. 257.

M. 2.5.15. Believed Prisoner.
K in A 25.4.15

A friend of informant said he was speaking to a sailor off one of the destroyers about different men and the sailor mentioned that a man called Moar had been buried from the destroyer. The friend of informant was not aware Moar was missing and inquired on returning to camp. The sailor stated Moar was wounded and died on the destroyer, being buried at sea.

Ref:- Sgt Keats, 1007, 12 A.L.H.
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21.1.16.

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12th
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B. Coy.

MOAR, William Douglas
Pte. W.D. No. 257.

Reported Missing, May.
K in A 25.4.15

Informant states that casualty is a prisoner. He wastaken about the 8th May. Informant was told by six out of the eight men of the platoon who returned from a sniping expedition that the above casualty and another were taken prisoners.

Ref:- Pte. R. Dalton,
No. 1046, B.Co. 12th Btn.

Private address,
62 Gipps Street,
East Melbourne.

H.A.B.
19/4/16.

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12th Btn.
B. Coy.

MOAR, William Douglas
Pte. W.D. No. 257.

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Informant states that casualty was killed at Gallipoli on the left flank on the 25th April about 11 p.m. on the top of the hill. Informant actually saw casualty killed a hundred yards ahead of the point where Col. Clarke fell. Casualty was killed by a rifle bullet through the neck and shoulder.

Ref:- Pte. R. A. Barry,
No. 478, 12th Btn.
Eaglehawk, Bendigo.

Note. For confirmation of the above, informant refers to Pte. W. Lethlean, No. 1006, Stretcher Bearer, attached to the 12th Btn. A.I.F.

H.A.B.
15/6/16.

M & S.
Casualty

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12th Btn.
B. Coy.

MOAR, William Douglas
Pte. W.D. No.257.

Reported wounded May. K in A 25.4.15

Informant states casualty was 5' 5" in height, nuggety build.

Casualty was wounded at Lone Pine on the 7th August, and sent to Malta. Informant actually saw casualty wounded in the side and taken back to the Beach.

Ref:- Pte. C.A. Cooper,
No.2331, 12th Btn.
Now in camp at Broadmeadows.

Private address,
Seymour, East Coast, Tasmania.

H.A.B.
24/7/16.

M. & S.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

54 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.,
1st August, 1916.

Victoria 8858.

No. 1006,
Private W. Lethlean,
Stretcher-Bearer,
12th Battalion,
A.I.F., B.E.F., FRANCE.

Dear Sir,

We have received enquiries from Australia as to the fate of No. 257, Private W.D.Hoar, 12th Battalion, "Missing on 2nd May, 1915," about whom we have received several unofficial reports which lead us to believe he was killed on Gallipoli. We should be much obliged for any details you could give us, which we should send onto his friends in Australia.

With sincere apologies for bothering you at such a time,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

V.C.

Secretary.