Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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887 Private Kirkley Thomas Watson

23rd Battalion



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23rd Battn
AIF B. Coy

WAtson
George Percy 877

"Missing"

Killed in Action 28.7.16. prev. reported Missing
Cert. by AIF HdQtrs 3.1.18.

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London.
9.1.18.

23rd A.I.F.

Watson No.877.

W. ~~unoff~~ M. 28th July 1916. G.P.

If this is K.T.Watson who was in the Band and joined the Pioneers he is killed. I saw him dead at Pozieres. A burying party buried him where he fell. He was killed outright by a shell. He was 35 years old, red complexion and red hair.

Informant:- Pte J.A.Reid No.226.
H.Q. Staff.
No.30 Hospital (Passenger for H.S."Cambria"
Calais. 11.11.16. RAK.

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A.I.F. 23rd Battn

WATSON
G.P. Percy 877

Wounded-July-Aug-Sept.

Wounded 28-7-16 No Hospital given
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 28-9-16

W. No further report
Cert. by letter from Rouen 4-10-16 & A.I.F.Headquarters 6-11-16

Wounded & Missing 28-7-16 previously reported wounded
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters I.B. 79.

London
15-11-16

M.

23rd Btn.

WATSON, G.P
Pte. No. 877

Wounded & Missing.

"Casualty was killed on the 29th July, 1916 at Pozieres in the support trenches in the front line at Pozieres Wood. At the time Casualty was ~~missing~~ resting in the support trenches. There was a heavy bombardment on. He was killed by H.E. shell. I saw his body. There was no time to bury him."

Informant:- L/Cpl. J.C. Cartemel,
No. 1902, 23rd Btn.

Private address
27 Rose treet,
West Brunswick.

H.A.B.
2/10/17.

Copy sent to Base Melbourne

Trial Cancelled June 1917. P.I. JM.

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George Pye
34 Prince Regent St
Leith

re
C 874 Walton St.
23 Kth.

3/10/19

Information obtained locally (if any) or from letters.

Enquiry included in W.S.M. Cable — No. 139 of June 11 - 1918

Enquiry included in Deferred Cable — No. of

Name and Address of Enquirer

Mr. W. H. Brown,
The School House
James St—

Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree. — Father

State if Next-of-Kin. — No

On card to Mr. Henry Greig (Mail)

Secretary.

Tel. No. CENTRAL 7056.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.
LIVERPOOL BRANCH.
18 EXCHANGE BUILDINGS.

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- 9 NOV 1916

8th Nov 1916,

In the November list appears the name without any initials of
Pte Watson, 877. 23rd Australian I.F.

From an enquiry now before me please note that his christian names are George Percy.

G.P.

A Theodore Brown.

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

A HALF-PENNY STAMP TO BE PLACED HERE.

Mrs Lyell
British Red Cross Society
18 Carlton House Terrace
London S.W.

RECEIVED
18 JAN
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

39 Prince Regent st
Leith
Jan 17th 1917

Sir

I would be very pleased if your society could find any trace of my Nephew wounded or missing in France. I wrote to him last August, but got my letter returned in sept (Stamped. Reported missing) I remain

Your obedient servt
George Pye

No. 844

Pte George P. Watson

B. Company

23rd Battn 6th Inf. Brigade

Australians

23rd Batln
AIF 3Cr.

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London.
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Sir Cuthbert Laws
Australia House
London.

George Page Esq
39, Prince Regent Street
Leith.

23rd January -7.

Mr George Pye.
39 Prince Regent St.
Leith.

Dear Sir,

Your enquiry re your nephew No. 877. Pte. George P. Watson, 23rd Battn. A.I.F. has been forwarded to us by the B.R.C.S. as we deal with all Australian enquiries.

We regret to say that we have no news beyond the official report "Wounded & Missing 28.7.16." We have been making enquiries for some time as we have had cabled enquiries from Melbourne. We are doing all in our power to get information and should any come to hand will let you know immediately.

Yours faithfully,

E.H.

for. Secretary.

George Rye, Esq.,
39, Prince Regent Street,
Leith.

6th March, 1918.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for your nephew:-

877 Pte. G.P. WATSON, 23rd Battalion, A.I.F.

who is now officially reported Killed in action on 28-7-16.

We regret to inform you of an unofficial report of his death which we have now received from one of his comrades in the battalion. Our informant 1903 L/Cpl.J.C.Cartemel writes from France and says that Pte. Watson was killed on July 29th, 1916, whilst resting in the support trenches in the front line at Pozieres Wood. There was a heavy bombardment at the time and he was killed instantaneously by a shell.

L/Cpl.Cartemel adds that unfortunately he fears there was no time for burial.

With our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY. J.M.S.