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# 4235 Private Patrick Joseph O'Shaughnessy

## 12th Battalion



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12th-Btn.
A.I.F.

O'SHAUGHNESSY
Patrick Joseph 4235.

Killed in Action 15.4.17.

To trace Germany

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
17.10.19.

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12th Battn. D. Coy.
A. I. F.

O'Shaughnessy.
P. J. 4235.

"Missing 15.4.17."

I have made enquiries at his Battalion but can obtain no definate news of the person mentioned in your letter. All the information that I could gain was that he has been missing since about the 15th April and that his pay book has recently been sent into his Battalion whether it was found on his dead body or just picked up on the battle field I could not find out. The general impression at his battalion seems to be that he is a prisoner of war in Germany and that he had thrown away his pay book before being captured. Of course there is no evidence at all that I could gather from his battalion that would lead to a clue at the present time.

Letter from:-
G. Cruickshank.
France. 31.5.17.

London.
29.6.17.

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12th A.I.F. P. J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, 4235.

Missing 15.4.17.

He was killed at Lagnicourt. His body was found and buried at the same place and a cross was erected. It was I who found the body.

Reference: Pte. R. A. Dunstan, 3796, 31st Bn. A.I.F.
No.11 Con.Camp Duchy Nr.Rouen. 29.6.17.

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A.I.F. 12th Battn.

O'SHAUGHNESSY
P.J. 4235.

"Killed 15.4.17"

Of D. Company. On the 15th April 1917 at Lagnicourt during enemy's attack. Was killed outright. I saw him lying dead on the field between our outposts and supports. He was bleeding from the head. I think he was hit by machine gun bullet. I saw him lying there after I had been taken Priscner of War.

Informant:- Pte. R.W. Simmons, 5468,
12th Battn. D. Coy, P/W
Red Cross.

A.D.G.
London
9.1.19.
J.E.A.

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12th Battn,
A.I.F.

O' SHAUGHNESSY.
P.J. 4235.

"Killed in Action 15-4-17"

I knew him - in D.Company. 15th Platoon. I think. After we were captured a mancalled Simmons told me he had found him lying dead and had taken the pay book out of his pocket. Simmons showed me the pay book but I don't know what became of it. Simmons was with me behind the line in France but I don't know where he went later. O'Shoughessy came from Western Australia where he was either a draper or a window dresser. He was a fair aged man,

Informant:- 2613A. Sgt.L.B.Colreavy.
12th Battn. P/W.

M.I.S.
London.
24-1-19.

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Note:- See Simmon's report.

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F.M.D.G.

O'Shaughnessy
P.J. 4235
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France
31/5/17

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Enquiry Bureau

Referring to your communication of 24th inst which I received today I have made enquiries at his Battalion but can obtain no definite news of the person mentioned in your letter.
All the information that I could gain was that he has been missing since about the 15th April & that his pay book has recently been sent into his Battalion. Whether it was found on his dead body or just picked up in the battlefield I could not find out. The general impression at his Battalion seems

to be that he is a prisoner of war in Germany & that he had thrown away his pay book before being captured.
Of course there is no evidence at all that I could gather from his Battalion that would lead to a clue at the present time.
If you could gather any information from any other quarter I am sure those in Australia would be very grateful to you
The person referred to & his late address is as follows

No 4235 Pte O'Shaughnessy P. J.
D. Coy
12th Batt.
1st Aust Divn

Failing any more reliable information forthcoming if you would kindly let his relatives

P.T.O.

who are enquiring from Perth, know that nothing definite is known at present but there appears to be a chance of him being a prisoner of war, they would be very grateful to you
Another case I would like to bring under your notice is perhaps you could give me some assistance in the matter or perhaps this case doesn't come within your enquiries. My brother No 5570
Pte Cruickshank T W
A Coy
28th Battn 2nd Aust Divn
was wounded at Gallipoli about the first week in May. His leg was shattered by a bullet above the knee. He was eventually passed through the dressing station two days after he was wounded. From that time onward I am unable to get any further news of him. Naturally I am very anxious

at not hearing from him & I'm sure they are the same at home. If you could get any news of him & let my people know the result, also myself it would esteem it a very great favor. My present address is as follows

Mrs Cruickshank
Cavendish
Victoria Aust.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yrs. truly
A Cruickshank

Cruikshank P.E.I.W. 5570.
28 Battn
H. April - May -
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TO BE ADDRESSED TO
"THE SECRETARY."
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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON S.W.1.

12th June 1917.

Pte. G. Cruickshank, [redacted].
12th Batt, A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Pte Cruickshank,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning -

4235. P. J. O'Shaughnessy 12th Batt, AIF.

So far we have not received this name on any of our lists of Prisoner of War in Germany, but trust that we may have word shortly

We have entered your name as enquirer for your brother T.W Cruickshank 12th Batt and regret that so far we have not been able to obtain any news of him. We have had a cabled enquiry from Melbourne for him also: and are endeavouring to trace him in Hospital in France, and in England, Immediately we receive any information, we shall at once write you and at the same time inform our Melbourne Bureau and trust that this may be at no very distant date

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

Secretary,

per Hon.