

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

6135 Private
Walter Fitzroy Pratt

10th Battalion



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A.I.P.
10th Bn.
B.Coy.

Walt R. FIDELITY

6136

Killed in Action 21.9.17.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
14.10.19.

P.I. & Off.M.

10th Batta.
A.I.F.

Pratt.
Walter Fitzroy
6135 not 6193

"
Killed in Action 21.9.17, previously reported Missing.

M.A. Searcher at H.Q. 5.3.18.

London.
5.3.18.

Off.M.
P.I.

A.I.F. 10th Stn D.Coy.

PRATT
Walter Fitzroy 6135

"WHEREABOUTS"

No report of casualty
Cert by A.I.F. Hqs 5-10-17.

London
5-10-17

P.I.

10th Battn.
A.I.F

PRATT.
W.F. 6135.

NO NEWS

I was in the same Platoon so I know him. I know that he was reported missing about that time ~~ago~~, but he turned up after we came out of the line, safe and well, but I don't like to say where he is at the present time, but I can honestly say that he is safe and well and still in France. I can only give a very poor description of him, I should say that he is about 5ft6 and dark complexion. I should say that he has done a lot of farm work that is all that I can say of him.,

Letter from. Pte Price. W.H. 5264.
B. Company.

10. A. I. F.

France. 4. 12. 17.

Note:- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.,

London.
1.5.18.

P.I.

10th A.I.F.

Pratt Pte. W.F. 6135,
B. Coy.

(M. Sept. 21/17)

"I was informed by W.H. Price of 10th A.I.F. B. Coy. that Pratt who had ~~disappa-~~ disappeared in Sept. had turned up again recently. Price did not know what had become of him in the meantime, but thought probably he had been affected by shell shock. He seemed shell shocked on his return".

Eye-witness: No, see above.

Description: Was in B. V. fairly tall, very thin.

Informant: Pte. A.E. Furley 5385,
10th A.I.F., B. Coy. " Plt.,
Horton County of London War Hospt.,
Epsom.
Home address:
Adelaide,
S.A.

Nov. 14/17,
P.L. Waterhouse.

Written Pte. Price 27-11-17.

A. I. F. 10. B.

PRATT, W.F. 6135.
(and B others)

M. September 21st, 1917.

These men are now officially listed as W/A. Their effects have reached the Battrn in certain cases, in others we have certain evidence of death. Their Coys are as marked.

SA.

Cert. by Lt. C.F.S. Jorgenson.
Assist. Adj.
Enquin.

Etaples
8.12.17.

1/2/17.

10th Bttn.
A.I.F.

Pratt
Pte.W.F. 6135

"Killed 21.9.17"

Sgt.Dallas of D.Coy. wrote to Pte.Pratt's sister and gave her all information about his death & burial and I know has had a reply from her. Ground was held.

Eye-witness: No.

Description: About 5'7" medium build, dark, thin, Called
"Pratty"

(One of the same name in R.A. & others?)

Informant:- Pte.Alfred James Gray 972

10th Bttn. D.Coy. 15th Pltn.

Home address:

Crystal Brook,
S.Australia.
Stamford Rd., Brighton.

A.A.West.Cpt.

9.4.18.

London.

18.4.18.

Note Written to Sgt.Dallas 18.4.18.

P.I.
Off.M.

letter returned "K in A"

Pratt Gen. Cores } 6193.
W.P. or W.F. } 6135^{#9}

Walter Fyng H. in a 21.9.17. previous miss
Moz K. 20.9.14. 10 Balle.

Get no. 9. 10. 11. names - Bel now
rejoined
Mother Mary Pratt
35 Wakefield St.
Rust Town
Adelaide
A.D.S. H. 3.18.

Farrell

2650

J.

56 Bath

Gas after 16-2-17

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(27. 17)

Pl. W. H. Price

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10th Baltu. A. 7. 7.

B. 7. 7.

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6135- Pl. W. F. Pratt

B. Coy

10th Baltu. A. 7. 7.

PQ.

M. 21-9-17.

Ex.
28.11.17

61³⁵ W. F. Pratt 10th Bl.

40, THE ROPE WALK,
NOTTINGHAM.

C^o Miss V. Drakin.

Dear Madam.

I am most distressed
by your letter referring to
P^{er} W. F. Pratt. With regard
to my words "as the Mothers are
now in direct communication"
— it was simply, that you
had forwarded to me
P^{er} Pratt's "whereabouts" &

address. There I gave to the
brother, who wrote thanking
me saying - that it was a
great relief to his mind &
that he had written to his
brother. My man
(Capt C. H. G. Pratt. 6121.)
left Nottingham on
28th Oct. 1917, for Harefield
Park. At least that is
what the Hospital Authorities
told me. The home
address of the Nottingham
man is (C. H. G. Pratt)

35. Waterfield St. - Kent, Ton - Adelaide's S. A.

I sent you communication on to a ^{1st} (Pl Pratt; but if I remember rightly - you said the brother was still with his Regiment, to my knowledge you did not then mention Verne Citadel. It seems the two brothers have somehow been mixed up; because a ^{1st} (Pl Pratt. ~~2nd~~ 6/21. was in Nottingham. Perhaps this is the man who has since been killed?.

Trusting that you will be able to find these meagre details of some assistance

Believe me truly
Yours
J. P. Gray. (ms.)

10. March 1916

Copy. from my Australian Book.

Muster No. Military Hospital Nottingham.

<u>Admittance</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Rth</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Nature of disease</u>	<u>Discharge</u>
Sep. 25. 1917.	Tyatt (a: Pl. C. H. G.)	6121.	10 th A.I.F.	35 Wakefield St. Kent Town. Adelaide. S.A.	Bomb. Shoulder (R.) Shock	Augfield Pt Oct. 28 th 1917.

At

40, THE ROPE WALK,
NOTTINGHAM.

To.
The Secretary of the Australian
Branch of B. R. C. S.

Dear Sir.

I would be most grateful
if you would send me, at your
earliest convenience, information
as to the whereabouts of the
under named. —

Flt Lt. (W.F.) 6135

D. Company 10th Batt.

Last Seen — with the Batt.

just before the attack at
~~Pres~~ on Sep. 20th.

His brother is in hospital
has anxiety regarding
the fact is seriously delaying
his delivery.

Yours truly

Walter Gray.
(Official visitor for Australia)

4. Oct. 1917.

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH



B. R. C. S.

McK 12-17
u.
Dortland
30/11/17.

Dear Sir

Could you
kind be whereabouts
of my brother

Hobbes

Sgt. W. J. Pratt

D Coy

10th Battalion A.I.F.

Not me a Oblige

McK 12-17

Sgt. Pratt G.

10th Bn A.I.F.

A. Group.

Verne Citadel

Dortland.

Copy Missing
31-18

Mrs. E. Mason
126. B. Avenue
Wells Rd.
Nottingham
Dec 31, 12, 17

Dear Sir

I am sorry to trouble
you but could you give me
any information concerning
No. 6195 Pte. Pratt. If of
the 10 Batt Australians. If I receive
any information will be greatly
received as I can hear no news
of him, I fear he has been
killed or otherwise he would

have written trusting you will
oblige I remain yours
truly Elsie Mason

30.9.19.

Final Draft to

Miss E. Mason

126 B. Avenue

Wells Rd.

Nottingham

about

6135 W. 7. East

10th Bu.

Missing Draft.

4. 12/17.

6121 S/Cpl C. Pratt.

10th Batt. A.I.F.

A Group.

Verne Citadel Portland

about.

6135

Pte W. F. Pratt

10th Batt. A.I.F.

HOSPITAL

K. Geo. Stanford S.F.

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	INFORMANT
	Moncrieff	J.	Regtl.No. 5046
	SURNAME	Christian Name.	GIV
	Waldron	A.S.	Regtl.No. 2827

STATEMENT

(to be taken)

NOTE.
In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

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has been to Moncrieff, who support him near dog house, probably buried man whose identity was by - he was

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? } Yes.
2. If no of
3. Was the ground held or lost? }
4. If Inf was the
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? }
6. Was t nam
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. }
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence } accurate

US 66
F.M. 10.2.17 6135
no news.
W.F. PRATT *France*
103th Dec 14 1917
The Secretary P.I. Co
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau
Australian Branch B.R.C.S.
54 Victoria St
London E.C.1

Dear Madam
In reply to your letter of the
8/11/17 Re 6135 Pte W.F. Pratt
I was in the same platoon as
I know him. I know that he
was reported missing about that
time but he turned up after
we came out of the line safe
and well. but I don't like to
say where he is at the present
time, but I can honestly say
that he is safe and well
and still in France. I
can only give a very poor
description of him I should

say that he is about
5'6. and dark complexion.
I should say that he has done
a lot of farm work. That is
all I can say of him. If
any time you should seek
any information of any of my
Company I will do my best
for you. I remain

Yours Faithfully

5254

W. H. Price

B. Company

10th A. I. F.

France

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Missing Draft

Miss E. Mason

126 B. Avenue

Wells Road

Nottingham

about

6135 Pte M. F. Pratt

10 Batt. A. I. F.

3/18

See (FRONT B E F

TION AS TO				
Rank	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Pla- toon	Casualty.
1 st	A.I.F.			W.M. May 5-8/17
EN BY				
Rank	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Pla- toon	Home Address.
Pte	1 st Australian I F	A	-	40 Mrs Dwyer 110 Lawrence Street Newtown Sydney
OF INFORMANT				

en in first person).
and rejoined the Battalion after a slight
gap

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WER THE FOLLOWING :-

not, give name, number, etc.,
of the man who told him.

Informant says a man was killed,
death instantaneous, and was
body buried, and if so where?

there any other man of same
name in Co. or Battalion?

1. fish complexion about 28 years.

What Name	Signature of Searcher	G.H. Thompson
	Date of Report	22 nd November.

18. January 1918.

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40, THE ROPE WALK,
NOTTINGHAM.

To
The Secretary of the A.R.C.S.

Dear Madam

I am in receipt of
your Communication &
wish to convey my
thanks for the trouble
that your Society has
taken in regard to the

Case of P. W. & F. Trall
(6135 - 10² B²) - as the
Fathers are now in
direct communication
I think we may leave
the matter in their
hands.

Yours truly
Z. P. Gray.

Official Visitor for the
Australian Red Cross Society

Pratt.

C.W.R.F.

6 135'

10 B.

p.c. 17.1.18 No 2. Power Gray.

40 The Rope Walk

Nollington

Dear Madam -

As we are now in a difficult position
with ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ Pratt 6 135' - 10 B. & broken we presume
we need no longer send you our report

Yours faithfully

At

40 96 Plt Ernest O. Russell
3rd Field Art. Bde Australian

3rd Stry. Gen

We believe that this soldier is at present in the Hospital in a serious condition, and should be grateful therefore if you would make a point of seeing him as soon as possible, forwarding full particulars as to his health and spirits until he is removed from the serious list, to :-

The Secretary,
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau
at this address.

We are assured that all personal details which you could obtain would be greatly appreciated by the anxious relatives in Australia.

Yours faithfully,
(MRS)

FOR THE COMMISSIONER.

LONDON S.W.

LONDON

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETY
FOUNDED 1864
EMERGENCY BUREAU

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35, GROSVENOR PLACE
LONDON, S.W. 1.

6/35 per W. J. R. 10th

Sgt. Davies

Robert in Action

D. Coy

10th Infantry

UNDELIVERED FOR REASON STATED
RETURN TO SENDER

UNDELIVERED FOR REASON STATED
RETURN TO SENDER

cc "D" Coy
4/5/18

London S.W. 1



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

~~54 VICTORIA STREET~~

36, GROSVENOR PLACE, LONDON, S.W. 1.

Telephones:

VICTORIA { 8576
8577
8578

Telegraphic Address:

"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

18th April, 1918.

(Sgt. Dallas,
D.Coy, 10th Infantry Bttn,
Aust. Imper. Force, B.M.F.

Dear Sir,

We are seeking information concerning :-

3155 Pte. J.F. PRATT, 10th Battalion, A.I.F.
reported killed in action on 21-9-17. If you can supply
us with any details of this soldier's death and burial we
would be very grateful for your help, as we wish to send
the information to an enquirer in England.

(We understand that you have already written to Mr.
Pratt's sister whom we are sure will appreciate your kind
thought, and we hope you will get a reply as so many letters
are lost in transit.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Vera Deakin

SECRETARY

per H.J.

8th October 1917.

Miss Power Gray,
40 The Rope Walk,
Nottingham.

Dear Madam,

In answer to our inquiry on behalf of his brother
for information about - 6135 Pte W.F. Pratt, 10th Btn A.I.F.
we beg to inform you that there is no official report of any
casualty for him, so we advise you his brother to write to
him to his unit.

Trusting that he will soon hear from him,

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary

LAW

January 21st, 1918.

Miss E. Mason,
126 B Avenue,
Wells Rd,
Birmingham.

Dear Madam,

We very deeply regret to state that we are
informed by the Assistant Adjutant of 10th Battalion,
that Mr. 6133 Pte. W.M. PRATT, 10th Battalion, A.I.F.
is now listed by the battalion as "Killed in Action".

As yet we have been unable to get any details,
but are continuing our enquiries.

We sympathise most deeply with you in your loss.

Yours faithfully, .

SECRETARY.

AR.

January 21st, 1918.

6121 L/Cpl. C. Pratt,
10th Infantry Bn.,
A. Group, Verne Citadel,
Portland.

Dear Sir,

We very deeply regret to state that we are informed
by the Assistant Adjutant, 10th Bn. that your brother

6135 Pte. W. S. PRATT, 10th Battalion, A.I.F.

is now listed by the Battalion as "Killed in Action".

As yet we have been unable to get any details, but are
continuing our enquiries.

We sympathise most deeply with you in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

AR.

8th March, 1918.

Mrs. L. Power Gray,
40, The Rope Walk,
Nottingham.

Dear Madam,

In your letter to us of January 18th, 1918, acknowledging information about 6135 Pte. W. F. PRATT, 10th Battalion, I.R. - you stated that "The brothers are now in direct communication" and that the matter might safely be left in their hands.

We regret that Pte. Pratt is not reported officially as killed in action on 21-9-17, and we should therefore be very glad to have any information that you possess which will help to clear up this difficulty.

You originally inquired on behalf of his brother who was in hospital in Nottingham on October 1917, and we replied that we were in direct communication with his brother No 6121 L/Cpl. C. Pratt of the 10th Battalion, who was at Verne Citadel, Portland.

Some confusion has arisen as to the identity of these brothers and we should be glad to know if the brother in hospital in Nottingham is also our enquirer.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

LAW
SECRETARY.

Mrs. Power Gray,
40, The Rope Walk,
Nottingham.

15th March, 1915.

Dear Madam,

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March, 10th, about - 6135 Pte. W. F. PRATT, 10th Battalion, A.I.F., - The brother on whose behalf you were enquiring is the one who enquired later from Verne Citadel, and all our information is being sent to him direct, and the confusion which arose was due to the fact that on 5-10-17, A.I.F. Headquarters stated there was no report of casualty for Pte. W. F. Pratt, which information ^{we} forwarded to you. Later he was reported Missing on 20-19-17.

Yours faithfully

Vera Beakin

SECRETARY.

per P. A. W.