Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2218 Private
William Eric Parrington

13th Battalion



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A.I.F. 13th Btn.

PARRINGTON
Wm. Erio 2281

"K/A. 8-8-15"

K/Action 8-8-15
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 26-8-19

Buried Kaijiak Dere
Cert. by Capt. Spedding's list.

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London
15-10-19

Malta

W E D .

13 A.I.F.

PARRINGTON
W.E. 2281.

K/A 8/8/15.

A parcel of the personal effects consisting of photo-diary, scissors, letters, and housewife, was sent to Australia by the "Argyllshire" about the 2nd March 1916.

CAIRO.
23/3/16.

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M E D .

13 A.I.F.

PARRINGTON
Pte W.E. 2281.

K/A 8/8/15.

Witness knew a man named Parrington in the 13th Btn. He was a L/C at one time and was in the 6th Rfts. His No was 2200 odd. He came from Summer Hill or Ashfield. He went infor elocution a little. He was badly wounded on 6/8/15 during the charge towards Suvla Bay. Witness was there and saw him after he was wounded.

Ref:- Pte T.W.Ostcliffe, 2214 ,
D Co, 13 A.I.F.
Tel el Kebir Camp;

J.L.K.
17/3/16.

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M E D .

13 A.I.F.

PARRINGTON
Pte W.E. 2281.

K/A 8/8/15.

Witness knew a man named Parrington in the 13th Btn. He was in the 6th Rfts and came from Sydney. Witness thinks he was a commercial traveller by occupation. Parrington was killed on the left towards Suvla Bay in August. A bullet struck him in the mouth and passed through the back of his head. Witness was there and saw him dead.

Ref:- Pte C.E.De Lacy, 2141,
C Co, 13 A.I.F.
Tel el Kebir Camp.

J.L.K.
17/3/16.

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M E D .

13 A.I.F.

PARRINGTON
W.E. 2281.

K/A 8/8/15.

Witness knew a man named W.E.Parrington in the 13th Btn. He was in C Co. He was killed on 8/8/15 at a place called Australia Gully. Witness does not remembers the extent of his injuries, but was there at the time and saw him dead on the ground.

Ref:- Sgt.Major Rogers,
C Co, 13 A.I.F.
Tel el Kebir Camp.

J.L.K.
18/3/16.

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M E D .

13 A.I.F.

PARRINGTON
Pte W.E. 2281.

K/A 8/8/15.

Parrington was wounded in the charge on the left on Aug 6. He was ~~badly~~wounded in the head. Witness and he were together on the hospital ship Cawdor Castle. They were landed at Malta. Parrington was unconscious the whole way over and died in Malta. He was a tall fair man, came from somewhere near Sydney.

Ref:- Cpl L.L.W.Cox, 2139,
B Co, 13 A.I.F.
Tel el Kebir Camp.

S.A.
18/3/16.

S; (Malta).

Sent Malta. 20/3/16.

Med.

13th A.I.F.

Parrington, W.E.
No. 2281

K. in A. 8/8/15:

Parrington was in the advance on 8th August. Pte. Hammond, A Coy. 13th Battalion, was with him. Witness was not far from these two men. During the course of the advance Hammond got closer to witness and told him he believed Parrington had been killed. Hammond himself was killed soon afterwards.

Witness - Pte. F. B. Quigley, No. 2223, A Coy.
13th Battalion
Tel-el-Kebir

S. A.
18/3/16

S.
(Cancelled)

M E D

13 A.I.F.
C Co

PARRINGTON
Pte M.E. 2281.
W

K/A 8/8/15.

Witness says that Parrington came over from Australia with him and that he was killedon 8/8/15 in the trench at Australia Gully. He was taking aim over the parapet and a sniper got him. He was shot through the head and killed instantly.

Ref:- Pte C.E.Harradine, 2258,
Confirmed by Pte W.J.Harris, 2166,
both 13 A.I.F., C Coy.
Tel el Kebir Camp.

W.J.I.
24/3/16.

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M E D.

13 A.I.F.
C Co

PARRINGTON
Pte W.E. 2281.

K/A 8/8/15.

Witnesses said that they saw Parrington's dead body lying out after it had been ~~first~~ put out of the trench.

Ref:- Pte T.E. Igoe, 2177, C Co, 13 A.I.F.
S/Maj. G.T. Rogers, 312, do
Tel el Kebir Camp.

W.J.I.
24/3/16.

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13th Btn; A.I.F.

PARRINGTON
Pte W.E. 2281.

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MALTA.
14/4/16.

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Photograph sent
Copy of this was forwarded to Malta
14.8.16. to ask for details about the unidentified
man referred to.

M. E. D.

13 A.I.F. K.Aug.8 W.E.Farrington
O 2281

Bond of reciting,? commercial traveller,25-27,5ft 8,eyes inclined to remain half closed.
They were moving out of Rest Gully along the beach on Aug.6,and while under hevy fire he was killed instantly by rifle fire.
Above information was received from Sgt.Stewart of 6 Reinforcements 13 A.I.F.,who was near at the time,and who left the Peninsula end of November with bad arms.
Witness knows nothing of his burial,though he thinks it probable that he was buried by their own men.

T.E.Breen 2105 B co. 13 A.I.F.

Malta St.Andrew's I,I,16
F.do V.L.

1 copy S.

Parrington

Parrington Pte W. E. 2281, 13th Batt. A.I.F.

See Malta letter 14/4/16 re Cpl. L. L. Cox 13th Batt.

54 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.,
14th August, 1916.

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Victoria 8858.

The Secretary,

Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau,

British Red Cross Society,

M A L T A.

Dear Sir,

If you are able at this late date to get us any details of the death and burial of this unidentified man (see enclosed slip) we should be glad.

We sent the photograph of him, forwarded by you to us, to Sydney, and the parents of Pte.W.M.Purrington, 2281, 13th Battalion, are sure it is a likeness of their son, and would value any information about him.

Yours truly,

W. F. D.

for the Secretary.

Enclo.

13th Battn.
A. I. F.

PARRINGTON.
Pte. W. E.
2281.

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BRITISH RED CROSS
—AND—
ORDER OF ST. JOHN

MISSING & WOUNDED INQUIRY BUREAU,
AUBERGE DE CASTILLE,
MALTA.

RECEIVED
14 SEP 1916

September 3rd.1916.

The Secretary,

Australian Branch B.R.C.S.Enquiry Bureau,

54 Victoria Street,

London,S.W.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiries re. enclosed slip:- The Military Record Office at Malta now believe the unidentified man to have been No.1389, Pte. F.H.Merry, 1st. A.I.F., on the grounds that he was the only man on the ship's roll that could not be traced. This supposition has since been confirmed by the D.A.G. 3rd Echelon.

The records those days were not so accurate as they are now, but against that there is the fact that the photo was a bad one, and the parents might quite possibly have mistaken the likeness.

Yours faithfully,

S. M. Sissons
for Viscount Tamworth.

1 copy S. Dublin Red X.
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September 15th, 1916.

The Secretary,
British Red Cross Society,
Dublin Branch,
DUBLIN.

Dear Sir,

We are enclosing the copy of a letter received from Malta in answer to our enquiry for No. 2281, Pte. W.E. Parrington, 13th Battn. A photo. of an unknown man who died in Malta was shown to Parrington's parents who recognised it as that of their son, but the photo. has since been identified at the Military Record Office at Malta as that of No. 1389, Pte. F.H. Merry, 1st A.I.F, About whom you are enquiring.

We therefore hasten to send you the letter and slip hoping they may be of service to you.

Yours faithfully,

I. O.

Secretary.

BRITISH RED CROSS
—AND—
ORDER OF ST. JOHN

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AUBERGE DE CASTILLE,
MALTA.

14th April 1916

NOTE TO CAIRO.

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