

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

**1818 Private  
Stanley Robert Pettet**

**2nd Battalion**



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And A.I.F.  
B. Coy. 4th Rfts.  
later C. Coy.

PETTER  
Sig. Stanley Robert 1818.

Killed 8.8.15.

Killed 8.8.15. No burial.  
Cert. by Hqrs List 25.8.19.

MISSING

DEATH

CEASED

CEASED OF CHARGE

London.

3.10.19. DELIVRY FIRM

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2nd Battn.  
A.I.F.

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Per Net  
Stanley 1818

*Robert*

"Missing 7-14/8/'16 "

He was killed at Gallipoli in the Lone Pine.

Extract from Letter from:-  
1825 Sgt. J. Roberts  
B. Coy.  
2nd Battn.

London  
10.10.16

S  
P.I.

2nd Bt. 4th Reinf. Bco. later C. Co.  
A.I.F.

Sig, S.R.

PETTER

1/8/15

W and Unofficially Missing 7/8/15.

Stanley Robert

Four or five days after the charge at Lone Pine on August 6th, informant is convinced he saw Petter's identification disc brought in, but after this lapse of time, informant wishes to state that he cannot absolutely swear to the fact.

Informant:- Sgt. J. Taylor, Mc, 1843 A.C.  
now 4th Bat.

P. Cunliffe,  
Woodcote Park Hospital.

London  
15th/9/15.

S.P.R.

2nd Batt., A.I.F.  
C. Co.

Sig. S.R., 1818. ✓

(Wounded & Missing)

*Stanley Robert*

On one night in August, Petteſ was picked for outpost duty with nine others. Only two returned, both being wounded. They gave little detail as to what had happened but thought the majority of the others had been captured.

Ref.:— Johnson

Sgt. V. 1767.

2nd Battalion, 4th Reinforcements.  
Soldiers' Club, Sydney.

D.W.  
23/2/16.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

S-PT 100

*Supplied*

2 A.I.B.

Hed.

W. 6/8/15:

Pettet,  
Sig. S. R. 1918

*Stanley Robert*

Witness says he knew a man named Pettet in the 2nd Battalion. He was a signaller and his initial was S. He was in C Coy. and came over with the 4th Reinforcements.

Witness says this man was badly wounded during the charge at Lone Pine on 7/8/15. Witness saw him on the H. S. "Caledonia". Witness was also on that boat. This H.S. came to Alexandria, arriving there on or about the 12th August, 1915. Witness does not know what became of Pettet after that.

Witness : Sgt. Bates, C Coy., 54th Battalion,  
Camp Ferry Post, I mailia

J.L.K.  
2/4/16  
Cairo

S. & 2 P. Is.

*Sent Alex briefly.*

PETTET. S. R.  
1818. Sig.

2. A. I. F.

No trace.

Cairo E.B. 6.4.16. recd. 7.4.16.

Alex. 7.4.16.

Havre

27th June 1916

2nd AUSTRALIANS

PETTIT, Sig. S.R. 1818 *Stanley Robert*

*write p. 9.16*

W & Unoff. M. 6.8.15 (Med. List)

His name should be spelt PETTIT.

Pettit was killed either in August or September, 1915, during the bombardment. He got hit just outside the Headquarters by a shell. I remember seeing him carried away on a stretcher. One of his chums, Sergeant Roberts, 1834, in the same battalion went down to the beach afterwards to see him, and he (Roberts) came back and reported that Pettit was dead.

Sergeant Roberts is now at Staples in Camp in the 1st Training Battalion of the 1st Division.

Pettit was about 5'8", rather fair, very sharp features and a pointed nose - He was a very well spoken man.

Informant: Private Jewell 1831  
2nd Australians B.Co. 6th Pltn  
Havre Hospital

*4/10/16 S.  
2.10.16*



Q.M.  
2nd. Australian Imperial Force.

Pattot, Sig. S.R. 1818. ✓

C. Company.

*Stanley Roberts*

(H. and unoff. M. August 6th, 1915).

Informant states that about December, 1915, at Rouen, Pattot was shot through the head at Sailby. Informant was in Record Office when letter was received from Pattot's Mother. Serg. Swinbourne said he had seen him shot and also gave evidence to that effect at the Court of Inquiry at Rouen. Pattot was a personal friend of informant's and had been a witness to his will.

Reference: Searis, M. G. Pte. 1353.

2nd. Australian Imperial Force,

3rd. General Hospital.

Wandsworth.

London

14th July, 1916.

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not sent on!

S. Y. M. C. A.

To the Secretary

Dear Sir

In reference to your letter. I am very sorry to say that

Stanley Pettit 1818 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt was

killed on Gallipoli in the Lone Pine and at 5.30 hours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pl. No one seems to know anything about him

I will let you know if I get hold of any news letter we are very busy in the trenches just now

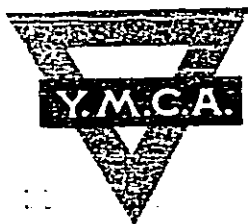
It is raining & miserable here so I will close wishing you the best of luck from here.

I remain  
in the rain

1825 J. Roberts 151<sup>st</sup>

Stoy. 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt

9/10/16



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St David's Buildings,  
Cairo

December 20th

1915

Lady Katherine Barker,  
Dear Madam,

I wish to thank you very much for the replies I have recently received to various enquiries I sent you a short time ago. May I further trouble you ?

1818 Signaller Stanley Robert <sup>PETTET</sup> Pellet

"B" Coy, 4th Reinforcements, 2nd Battalion,

was reported by the Australian Defence Department on September 4th as follows:

" Regret son S.R.Pettet was wounded between August 7th & 14th. Not reported seriously. Any further news received will be immediately advised"

Mrs Pettet has not heard anything since & does not know whether her son is in hospital or not. I enquired at the Central Enquiry Bureau, Australian Base Records, Cairo & they sent off 3 cables for me with the following results:

1st Brigade replied "Reported wounded in August. No further Report."

P.M.O. Hudros replied " No trace "

Malta Reply was: "No trace "

Will you please let me have information through your searchers,  
if possible ? And will put this man on your "missing " lists  
please ?

Apologising for this trouble which I am unwittingly  
causing,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

*John S. Whale.*  
*Inquiries.*

Signaller S. R. Pettit 1818

B. Cowdrey

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements

W. 7-11

Later address: -

L. Coufance

2nd Battalion

1st Infantry Brigade

A. B. E. Force

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54 Victoria Street,  
London, S.W.,  
20th July, 1916.

Victoria 8858.

No. 1834,  
Sergeant Roberts,  
2nd Training Battalion,  
Hampden,  
A.I.F. D.E.F.

FRANCE.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries as to the fate of No. 1818, Signaller  
*Stanley Robert*  
*also*  
S.R. Pettot, 2nd Battalion, for his people in Sydney, and believe you  
could give us some information concerning his last hours. We should  
be most grateful for any details.

With apologies for troubling you in the matter,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

1818 Sig. Stanley Robert Pettot

2nd Bn

C Coy 6th B Coy

Secretary.

4th R/L

8858

23rd September 1916

Sgt Roberts 1854,  
2nd Australian Inf. Battalion,  
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have an enquiry from Sydney about 1818 Signaller  
*Stanley Robert*  
S.R. Pettet, 2nd Battalion, who is reported as missing and un-  
officially missing 6.8.15 and have been told he was a friend of  
yours and that you could give us some information about him.  
We have been able to hear so little about him during the time  
that has elapsed and we will be so glad if you can tell us any-  
thing to send on to his people.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

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P.S. We have already addressed a letter to you at the Training  
Battalion but fear you may not receive it.

8258

11th October 1916.

1825 Sgt. J. Roberts,  
B. Company  
2nd Aus. Inf. Battalion,  
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you for your letter in reply to  
our inquiries about 1818 Stanley Pettet & 530 Pte J. W. Miles,  
of 2nd Battalion.

We hope that the fine weather we are having here has  
reached France, and that you are enjoying a little sunshine.

With all good wishes,

Yours truly,

Secretary.

*W. S.*