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428 Sergeant John Richardson Poole

2nd Battalion



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2nd Battn. H.Qrs.
Not 1st. Light Horse Rgt.,
A.I.F.

Sgt J.R. POOLE, 428.

"Off.rep.D/W.V.A.D. Hosp.
Shorncliffe."

Died of Wounds on 5-11-16, St. Anselms. V.A.D. Shorncliffe.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters on 10-1-17.

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London,
12-1-17.

2nd.Battn.
A.I.F.

Poole
Pte.J.R. 428.

"Died of Wounds"

No.428.Pte.J.R.Poole,2nd.Battn.A.I.F. was admitted to the above hospital from France suffering from very severe Shrapnel wounds in the face and neck. After a few days he developed a caroted aneurysm which had to be operated on. His wounds were very septic, Sir Frederic Eve,our consulting Surgeon,came down from London,to consult with our local Surgeons and found that an operation was the only chance he had, the operation was performed by Sir Frederic and the patient rallied from the operation but died of Septic Pneumonia five days later.

He knew of his serious condition,and had several nice talks with me,all he wished for was to see a particular Soldier friend, who was fort--unately in England, and whom I was able to get down to see him four or five days before he died,he stayed with him for two days.The patient asked me to write to his mother if the end came,this of course I did. He also saw our Chaplain on several occasions,I had very nice talks with him,his end was most peaceful. His body was removed to Shornecliffe Military Hospital,and he was buried there with full Military Honours.Mr Short attended the funeral for us

Reference: Letter from O/C.V.A.D. Hospital.St.Anselm's, Walmer. 18.1.17.

London.23.1.17.

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1st Light Horse A.I.F. POOLE J.R. Sgt. 428

D.F.W. S-11-16

I knew Poole, he was Regimental Sergeant Cook and was wounded in Lone Pine charge on 6th and 15th, and was I was told, taken to Malta where he died. I understood that his leg was shattered.

I believe that Corporal M. Hussey, now in Sydney Police Force, could give further information, as he was in Malta about the same time.

Poole came from Raymond Terrace and was the only Sergeant of that name in the regiment. He was young, fair, and of medium height.

Reference:-- Sergeant A.C.Marshall, 139,
1st Light Horse, A.I.F. A. Squad.
George's Heights, Detail Camp, SYDNEY.

H.S.O.
2.2.17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

1st Light Horse A.I.F. POOLE J.R. Sgt. 428

Died of Wounds 5.11.16.

I knew two Sergeants Poole in the 1st Light Horse. One of them was Sergeant Cook and was wounded at Pope's Hill in August, 1915, and went to Malta, and I heard later that he had died of his wounds.

The other Sergeant Poole was in C. Squadron A. Troop and left the Regiment in 1915, unwounded, but sick, and did not rejoin up to the time I left in January,1917.

The Sergeant-Cook was rather short, fair, and never wanted a shave, being quite smooth-faced, about 24 - 25 years old, and I think he came from Raymond Terrace.

The other Sergeant Poole was very dark, with black moustache, and had been, I think, on a dairy farm at Camden, about 5 ft. 10 ins. in height, and of medium build.

Informant:-- Lance-Corporal C.S.Cameron, 473,
1st Light Horse, C. Squadron, B.Troop
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,RANDWICK.
(Taken at 14 Castlereagh Street)
A careful reliable witness.

H.S.O.
14/5/17.

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V.A.D. HOSPITAL,
ST. ANSELM'S,
WALMER.

18.1.17

Dear Madam

I hope ere this Mrs Poole will have received a letter from me. I wrote to her during her Son's illness & at the time of his death. Mr Short the Australian Red Cross Representative for this district also wrote, as did Miss Mason our Australian Red Cross Visitor.

However I am pleased to give you the following particulars if they are of any use.

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Yours faithfully

(Lady) Milne-Sargant.

Commandant.

Nov 22

15th January -7.

The Matron,
St Anselms V.A.D. Hospital.
Shorncliffe.

Dear Madam,

We should be most grateful for any information you can send us of the death and burial of No. 428. Sgt. J.R.Poole, 2nd Battalion. A.I.F. who died of wounds in your hospital on Nov. 5th 1916. We have received an enquiry from Sydney asking us to obtain all possible details of his ~~f~~ sufferings, death and burial and are therefore very anxious to help his relatives.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

J.D

Secretary.
A.A.W.