Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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121 Private
Jack Patrick Whiteford

2nd Battalion



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2nd A.I.F.
D.Coy.

WHITEFORD
Jack Patrick 121

Killed in Action 2.5.15.

Killed 2.5.15. No burial.
Cert. by Hqrs List 25.8.19.

London.
3.10.19.

S.

2 A.I.F.
D Co

WHITEFORD
Pte J.P. 121.
Jack Patrick

W. & M. 2.5.15.

Witness knew Whiteford well and is sure of his No. They were in the same coy and his nickname was "Baby" on account of his having a large head. Whiteford came from Newcastle district. He was wounded at the landing on 25.4.15, shot in the arm. Witness saw him on the ground. Subsequently witness saw him on a hospital ship but does not know where he was being taken to. He heard later that Whiteford was in England. He cannot give the name of any one who saw Whiteford in England.

Ref:- Pte S.McMurtrie, 78,
2 A.I.F. D Co,
O/S Base, Giza, CAIRO.

J.L.K.
11.2.16.

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2 A.I.F.
C Co

WHITEFORD
Pte J.P. 121.
Jack Patrick

W. & M. 2.5.15.

Witness knew Whiteford who came from Ashfield. He is sure of his initials and says his name was John. Witness was with Whitefield (Jors(?)) in the evening of a charge at Lone Pine. Witness fixes the date from memory only as the 6th August. Next morning witness saw his dead body on the ground. Witness can give no details as to burial or otherwise.

Ref:- Pte J.O'Driscoll, 2050,
D Co, 53 A.I.F.
Tel el Kebir Camp.

J.L.K.
20.2.16.

S. & P.I.

Med.

2 A.I.F.
D Coy.
16th Platoon

W. and M.

Whiteford,
Pte. J. P. 121
Jack Patrick

Informant was told by three comrades in the same Platoon as Whiteford, that he was in Hospital at Manchester (White Cross Hospital) in October. He had been shot in the head. These comrades were, Corporal Craddock, Pte. Dransfield, and Pte. Masfort - all these have returned to the Front.

Ref.:- Nicholson, Pte. H. 79, 2nd Battalion
D Coy. 16th Platoon, 4th
Australian General Hospital, Randwick

Sydney Bureau.
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2nd Battn.
A.I.F.
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W. & M. 2/5/15:

Whiteford,
Pte. ~~F~~.P. 121
~~#~~ Jack Patrick

"I regret to say that there has been no one of the name given in any Hospital in No. 2 Western Command."

Cert. by - Extract from letter from E.Harper, 2nd Western General Hospital, Manchester, dated 10th July, 1916.

London,
11/7/16.

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A.I.F. 2 BATT. A Coy. MED.

WHITEFORD J.P. 121 Jack Patrick W.A.M. 2.5.15.

Whiteford is my cousin. Just before I left Australia in March of this year he was located in a London or Birmingham hospital. He had lost his reason through shell shock. There was still some little question as to his identity, which was on the point of being established. His whereabouts were discovered by his people through writing to hospitals.

Reference: Pte. A.I. Whiteford, 5255, [illegible] Coy, 1st Batt

26 Gen.
Etaples. 24.7.16.

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A.I.F. 2 Batt. D. MED.

WHITEFORD J.P. 121 W.&.M. 2.5.15.

Jack Patrick

Whiteford became insane as the result of shell shock. I was talking to Sig. A.E. Merry, 2226, D Coy, 2nd Batt, the other day. He told me he had had a letter about Whiteford's condition.

Merry lived at Greta, N.S.W. and was night officer to Whiteford's father who is stationmaster at that place.

Reference: Pte. C. Marsh, 74, D,

26 Gen.

Staples. 24.7.16.

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"2nd July 1916."

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Whiteford.
Pte. J. [illegible] 121

2nd Batth.
A.I.F.,
D Co

Jack Patrick

"Wounded & Missing 2-5-15."

He was wounded in the hand at "Lone Pine" on the 7th August 1915, and went on the same tug as myself to Lemnos early in the morning of the 8th May.? We stayed there two days in a Hospital Tent as I had been wounded too - We then went on to Malta where we were for about a week. We were then invalided home on the Hospital Ship "Carisbrooke Castle" and landed in Southampton on Sept. 2nd. I never saw him again after that as I went to No. 4 General Hospt. London, and Whiteford was sent on to some other Hospital. He is about 5ft.8in. in height, very dark hair, and complexion, and comes from New South Wales.

WIJ.

Informant, Gunner, H.C.Thompson, 111
formerly in 2nd Battalion,
D.Co., 13th Pltn.,
Now in 14th Field Srtil. Edge. H.Q.
No. 1 Camp. HAVRE.

London
23-10-16

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Jack Patrick D Coy

121 J.P. Whiteford 2nd Batt

see

177 R.A. Caldwell 14th Batt

letter to W. Harper

7.7.16

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54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

July 10th 1916

Miss Deakin W.F.M. 2/5/16.

Dear Madam.

I am much obliged by yours of the 7th re Private F. P. Whiteford 2nd Batt. A.F.T. I have had the records searched yesterday. I regret to say, that there has been no one of the name given, in any Hospital in No 2 Western Command.

Yours Respty

Dr Harper

S. 2 copies 2nd W. G. Hosp. Manchester

Hospital Ship."Carisbrook Castle"

M A L T A.

17th August,1916.

Jack Patrick
not J.T.

Madam.

With reference to your enquiry about No.121. Pte J.T. Whiteford. 2nd Batt. Australian Forces. I regret to inform you that all records of patients transferred to England for 1915, have been forwarded to the Medical Research Committee, 34.Guildford Street,Russell Square. W.C. where on you making application no doubt they will be able to give you the information required.

Yours truly.

R A Jones.

Captain.R.A.M.C.

Officer Commanding

54 Victoria Street.

London S.W.

28.7.16.

The Officer Commanding,

H.S. Carisbrook Castle.

G.P.O.

Dear Sir, Jack Patrick not J.T. D Coy.

We have received enquiries from Australia for news of 121 Pte J.T.Whitefield, 2nd Battn, who is officially reported "missing" 2.5.15. on Gallipoli but about whom we have received several unofficial reports stating that Pte Whitefield was a patient suffering from shell shock and wounds to the head on the Carisbrook Castle from Malta to Southampton, arriving in England on 2.9.15. We should be so grateful if you could verify this report, as Pte Whitefield's relatives believe him to be somewhere in England either insane or with his memory lacking.

With apologies for troubling you about such an old case,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

64 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.,
28th. July, 1916.

--- Victoria 8858.

No.2286,

Signaller A.E.Werry,

D Company, 2nd Battalion,

A.I.F.

Jack Patrick not T.T. Dcy

Dear Sir,

We have received enquiries from Australia for news of No. 121, Private J.T. Whiteford, 2nd Battalion, who is officially reported missing on 2nd May, 1915, but about whom we believe you could give us some definite information.

We should be much grateful for any details concerning Private Whiteford which we could send on to his people.

With apologies for troubling you, and with good wishes,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.