Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1679 Private John Wallace Whitehead

6th Battalion



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6th Btn. A.I.F "Killed in Action 26.10.17" No trace Germany Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.		WHITEHEAD John Wallace 1679	
London 15.10.19.	Date	Cemetery Off.M.	Cause of Casualty

VACCINATION FIRE

OVERSEAS

A.I.F. 6th Battn.

WHITEHEAD
J.W.1679

"MISSING 26/10/17"

Killed in Action 26/10/17.

Previously reported Missing.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 31/7/18.

London
2/8/18.

OFF.M.

6th Btn.

WHITEHEAD, J. H.
Pte. 1679.

Kia A.
~~Missing~~ 26/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. well built, fair complexion, about 35 years of age, known as "Jim". He was a 11th Regts. man of the 6th Battalion and embarked on the troopship "Hestor". Casualty was advancing at Passchendaele Ridge. I was a stretcher bearer and came across Casualty lying dead with a severe shell wound in the body. I carried him a short distance and buried him and placed a stick over the grave with his name on it to indicate the spot."

Informant:- Pte. E. J. Ayers,
No. 3480, 6th Btn.

Private address:-
-97 Humphrey Street,
Ballarat East.

T.C.E.
10/1/19.

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6th Battn.

WHITEHEAD,
J. W.E., 1679

K. 26/10/17

I knew casualty, he was a well built man, about 6'1" in height, about 21 years of age. Casualty was in the advance at Passchendaele and was taking part in the attack when he was killed. We had nearly got our objective when a high explosive shell landed near casualty and he was killed instantly. I was alongside him at the time of his death. I do not know where he was buried.

Informant:- 4672
Thomas, W.M.

Private Address:- 314 View Street
BENDIGO

N.A.T.
29/8/19.

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6th Battalion.
A.I.F.

WHITEHEAD.
J.W. 1679.

"MISSING 26. 10.17"

If the Red cross referred to Sgt, Ernest Israel. (6.B VII) or to Pte. A.E. Stretton, (6.B.VII) I think they could give particulars about Pte Whitehead. (6.B.). Informant was not there.,

Eyewitness;- No ,

Description. Young 21. from Mildura.

Home Address.,
Thornbury.
Melbourne. Australia. Informant;- Harry Turner. 5214. Pte. (quite intelli sent
6th ~~Australian~~. A.I.F.
B. Coy. VII Fltn.
3rd Southern General Hosp.
Radcliffe Buildings.
Oxford.

H.E. Pickard- Cambridge.

Notes- Written to Sgt. Israel & Pte. Stretton.
London 18.4.18. 18.4.18. Off.H

18.4.18

Lgt Ernest Israel
VII. Plln
B Coy
6th Inf. Battn
A.I.F.
B.E.F.

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1679 Pte J.W. Whitehead
6th Aus Inf. Battn
A.I.F.

Missing 26/10/17.

Also Pte E.S. Smith 5194
6th Inf Battn
A.I.F.
Killed
12.4/10/17. 18.4.18.