

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**1846 Private  
Theodore Ernest  
Whitelaw**

**48th Battalion**



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48th Battn.  
A. I. F.

Whitelaw.  
T. E. 1846.

"Missing 8.8.16."

Killed in Action 8.8.16. Previously reported Missing.

Cert. by A. I. F. Headquarters 26.5.17.

London.  
2.6.17.

Off.M.& P.I.

48th Btn.  
A. I. F.

WITTELAN  
Theodora Ernest. 1846.

( Witten in Action 8.8.16

No trace Germany  
Sent by Capt. Witten. 10.10.19

( London.  
24.10.19.

Off. W. A. P. I.

FRANCE.

A.I.F. 48.

WHITELAW, T.E. 1846.

E. Aug. 8. 1915.

He was in XV Pl, D.Co. He was killed on August 6th at Pozieres during the counter attack. He was close by me at the time. He was shot through the head and killed outright. I do not know if his body was buried or not. I left with a stretcher case soon after.

We knew him as Tom; He had a "crook" foot, and walked lame through his foot having been smashed sometime previously.

References: C.S. Rogers, 3303, D.Co.  
No. 4 A.D.B.D. Staples. 30.9.1916.

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48th Battn.  
A.I.F.,

Whitelaw.  
T.E. 1846

"Missing August 8th 1916..

Pozieres, out in No Man's Land, I saw him lying dead  
he was in same Company as I was.

I went out had a look at him, a lot of us were  
looking at him, I knew him well.

Reference;- Gallagher. 2336  
Ward 27.  
Harefield Hospital.

6-10-16

London  
11-10-16  
D.P. Dickson.

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16 OCT. 1916

6, Ormonde Terrace,

Regents Park, N.W.

14 Oct

Re Theodore E. Whitelaw

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48 1/2 Bath A.J.J.

Secretary

Dear Sir. I thank you  
for your letter. My son  
was slightly lame, but  
that was the result of  
Infantile Paralysis,  
successfully treated in  
University College Hospital.  
There is little doubt  
the man mentioned  
in your letter, is my son.

He was most anxious  
to serve his country.

He wrote me a letter  
contemplating his possible  
decease (at the time of  
his joining the force.)

It would have a mel-  
ancholy interest to his  
relatives if some commu-  
nication with the C. S.

Rogers H. Co 3303-48B  
could be established -

Thanks for sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

Ed. B. Whitlaw

6, Ormonde Terrace.

Regents Park, N.W.

13 Sep 1916

The Secretary,

Sir, I would be grateful  
if you entered in your  
Enquiry List the particulars  
of my son, missing since  
the 8th Aug. this year.

No 1846 Private

T. E. Whitelaw

48th Battalion

Australian Infantry  
12th Brigade, 4th Division  
Intermediate Base  
France



His photograph I  
enclose, and I can furnish  
other copies.

I am his father and  
of course, anxious.

He was well known in  
South Australia and in  
Western Australia.

He corresponded regularly  
until 4th August.

Please find 10/- as a  
contribution to the fund  
of your society. <sup>returned</sup>

Yours sincerely  
George B. Whitelaw

1846 T. E. White Law

48<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup>

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Sept 6<sup>th</sup> from H. R.

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Missing Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>

13th October,

Geo. B. Whitelaw Esq.,  
6 Ormonde Terrace,  
Regents Park. H.W.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your son No. 1846. Pte. T. E. Whitola, 48th Batta. A.I.F., we regret very much to inform you that we have received the following unofficial report from No. 3303 Pte. C. S. Rogers, D. Coy., 48th Batta. Informant states that your son was killed at Pozieres on August 6th during a counter attack. He was close by informant and was shot through the head and killed instantly. He says that your son was known as Tom and says that he had a "crook" foot and walked lame through his foot having been smashed some time previously. Is this description correct?

We are so very sorry to have to send you this report and we hope that the knowledge that his death was instantaneous, and therefore painless, will help to comfort you in your loss.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy and that we shall at once communicate with you should we hear anything further.

Yours faithfully,

M. E. A. *for Secretary*

6th June 1917.

Geo. B. Whitelaw, Esq.,  
6 Ormonde Terrace,  
Regents Park  
N.W.

Dear Sir,

re - 1846 Pte T.E. Whitelaw, 48th Btn A.I.F.

We very much regret to inform you that the above  
soldier, who was previously reported Missing, is now officially  
reported "Killed in Action" 8-8-16.

If we obtain any further details of his death,  
we shall immediately advise you.

Regretting to have to forward such sad news,

Yours faithfully,

K. O

Secretary.

LMW