

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5103 Private
Albert Henry Whitford**

21st Battalion



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A.I.F.
21st. Battn.

WHITFORD.
A.H. (H.Q.) 5103

" Wounded Feb. March, April".
20.3.17

Now reported Killed in action/previously reported Wounded.

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 17.5.17.

London.
19.5.17.

M.

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24 July, 1917

21st AUSTRALIANS

WHITFORD, A.H. 5103

R. 20.3.17. Det. D/B.

He was in B Co. I knew him in Victoria. I came from the same team, Yarran, Gippsland. He was killed on March 20th, 1917 at Longatte and buried on the right hand side of the road near the village close to a big crater. There are a number of graves there. His grave has a cross on it. I could point out the spot.

Informant: Pte. T. Paterson, 5066
21st Australians, D Co., 15th Pltn.
Australian Camp, Nouvelles

RHM

M.

21st Battn,
B. Coy,
8th Platoon,
A.I.F.

WEIFFORD.
A.H.

5105

"Killed 20.8.17."

I saw him wounded in the leg at a place called Langote. It happened during an advance. I was told by Pte. W. J. Smith, 21st Battn. B. Coy. 8th Platoon. that while he was crawling back endeavouring to get to the dressing station, the Germans turned their machine guns on to him and killed him. I saw his grave near place of casualty, and it was marked by a cross bearing his number, name, and unit. Pte Smith has since been wounded but I could not say where he is.

Witness. Cpl. D. ^{Matthews} Matthews, 5060
21st Battn, D. Coy, 8th Pln,
5th A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman,
London,
18.6.17.

Note Written Pte Smith.
18 .8.17.

M.

21st Battrn.
A. I. F.

Whiteford.
Pte. A. H. 5103

"Killed in Action 20.3.17"

Re Pte. A. H. ^wWhiteford. I am pleased to say that I can give you all the information required as I was close to him when he was killed. I am pleased to say he died without pain as he was shot through the heart. I would have seen that he was buried properly only the circumstances did not permit, as it was he was buried after the charge on the field near some of his mates. There can be no doubt as to his identity as I was in camp with him and his brother Reg for over 12 months.

Letter from:-
Pte. W. Smith.
4.8.17.

London.
12.10.17.

M.

17. 8. 17

Pte W. SMITH,
8. Ptn. B. Coy.
21. Battⁿ A. I. F.
B. P. F.

For

5-103

Pte A. H. WHITFORD M
21. Battⁿ A. I. F.

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L. A.

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Secretary

5103
Pl

A. H. WHITFORD
21st Batta

August 4th

Dear Miss

K/A 20-3-17
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In answer to your inquiry concerning P. A. H. Whitford No. 5103. I am pleased to say that I can give you all the information required as I was close to him when he was killed. I am pleased to say he died without pain as he was shot through the heart. I would ^{have} seen that he was buried properly only the circumstances didn't permit as it was he was buried after the charge in the field near some of his mates. There can be no doubt as to his identity as I was in camp with he and his brother Reg. for over 12 months.

Hoping this will be satisfactory to your wishes.

I am

Sincerely,

P. H. Smith

P.S. If there is any more information I can give I will be only too pleased.

H. Smith