

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**4109 Private
Wilfred Harvey
Webster**

32nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 32.

WEBSTER, W.H. 4109.

M. Oct 14th 1917.

I knew him. His number is about that and those are the right initials. He was in B.VII. He was a policeman in civil life and came from Perth. He went out on a ration party one night about that date and was missing for four days but then rejoined. He has however since left the battalion. I believe to go to a job with the Engineers.

Inf: Pte L.Lloyd 407635.
No. 3 Can Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 17.12.17.

(Note not to be sent to relatives. This man was wilfully missing and was tried by Court Martial, and awarded 28 days Field Punishment No 2 on his return.)

This is corroborated by L/Cpl.L.Coad. 2901. 32.B.V. who however thinks that Webster went to hospital sick and not to a job after his return to the battn. SGC

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WEBSTER, W.H. 4109.

M. Oct. 14th 1917.

I know Webster personally and he is just over medium height and stiffly built. He came from Perth, Western Australia and is about 30 years old. He was a policeman and a married man with one child. With regard to the above statement that he was missing on Oct. 14th 1917 there must be a mistake as I saw him on Oct. 23rd 1917 with the battalion at Dickebusch. I had a conversation with him and he was apparently fit and well. I have not seen him since but have every reason to believe that he is still with his Battn.

Inf: M.T.Gillespie. 1268. 32.D.XV.
No. 57 Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 12.12.17.

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Lt Pte Lloyd

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Webster. W.H. 4109

H. Oct 14/17.

"I have seen Webster since Oct. 14, and I believe him to be alive and well."

Eye-witness:

Description: Called Bill Webster, thick set, medium height, was a policeman. Think he came from E. Perth.

Informant: Pte. W. Neal. 4096

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Jan
E. Braidwood.

P. d.
b.
not missing