Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3194 Private Edmund Joseph Stewart

4th Pioneer Battalion



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A.I.F. 4th Pioneers.

STEWART
E.J.3194

"MISSING 7/4/18"

Killed in Action 6/4/18 - previously reported Missing 7/4/18 - by O. of ~~Eng~~ England 27/9/18
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 21/10/18.

London
23/10/18.

B.

4th Pioneer Battn.
A.I.F.

STEWART
E. 3194

"MISSING 7-4-18"

I was told by a C.Coy. man, whose name I forget, that L/Cpl. Ted Stewart. 4th A.I. - 1st Sect. was certainly killed, about April 5th, and while they were tunnelling through the railway cutting, on the right of Albert, the Germans came over. L/Cpl. Stewart went up on the bank to fire at the enemy. He was shot through the head and killed instantaneously. A few men out of each Coy. were told off for the tunnelling. I left the day before. The Red Cross could probably get all particulars from Col.Rutledge, 4th Pioneer Battn. O.C. of the Coy. Ground was lost.

Eye-witness: No.
Description: A Gallipoli man, very quiet, returned to Australia, and then came back again.
Informant. Nichols. Pte.Wm.D. 3957 (quite intelligent)
Home address:- 4th Pioneer Battn., A.Coy. 1st Pl
Edith St., 3rd Southern Gen.Hpl.,
Wynnum, Durban Buildings,
S.Brisbane. OXFORD.

H.M.Pickard-Cambridge
15-7-18
London
26-7-18
H.G.

B.

Note:- Written Lt.Col.Rutledge 25-7-18

PH/HRB. 2680/5/40.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON.

C O P Y.

Statement made by No. 3957, Pte. NICKOLS W.D. 4th Pnr. Bn. A.I.F.
No. 3194, Pte. STEWART E.J. 4th Pnr. Bn. A.I.F.

Missing 7.4.18. nnw K. A.

I cannot say anything as to the fate of No. 3194, Pte. Stewart E.J. I heard from a member of his Company that he was killed at Railway Cutting on N.E. of Albert on 7th April, 1918.

Dated at Dartford, Kent. for Red Cross

(SGD) W.D. NICKOLS. No. 3957, Pte.

Statement made and signed before me

Lieut. A.P.M. (SGD) T.T. RUHSE. B.

A.I.F. 4th Pioneer Battn.

STEWART
E.J. 3194

"MISSING 7/4/18"

In reply to yours of 26/7/18,

A Post Card has just been received from 3322 Pte. Baylee F., who states that he is well and he also mentions that the following were killed, 2554 Pte. R. Anderson, 1912A Pte. H. V. Osborne, 3194 Pte. E. J. Stewart This is the only news we have of these men and the report of their death is not confirmed".

Cert. by Extract from letter from T. F. Rutledge, Lt. Colonel, C.O., 4th Pioneers Battalion, Dated 10/8/18.

London
25/8/18.

written 2470 Pte C. E. Frye,
4th Pioneers, Bulford Hospital.
10.1.19 Support for
1845 E. J. Stewart

B.
~~OHP 21~~.

3194

4th Pioneers
A.I.E.

STEWART E.J. ~~1845~~
Kennedy W.C. 2891
Anderson R. 2554
Jackson J. 2793A
Marshall Cpl.R. 645
Osbourne H.V. 1912A
Tye C.E. 2480

"MISSING 7-4-18"

The above were all taken prisoners at Albert. Pte. McMurdo, 4th Pioneers Hqts., was the only one of them that got away. Pte.A.Duggan, 4th Pioneers, A.Coy. told us that the Coy. had heard from Stewart.

Informant. Smith. Sgt.J. 317
3rd Battn. D.Coy. 16th Pltn.
3rd Aust.Gen.Hpl.,
ABBEVILLE. 2-9-18
Corrected after distribution

London
12-9-18

Note:- Written Adjutant 9-9-18 B.

Written Tye 10.1.19

4th Pioneer Battn.
A.I.F.

STEWART
L/Cpl.E.J. 3194

"MISSING 7-4-18"

I know Stewart was killed near Albert, while tunnelling in April. He was my mate. Pte.Fenton, 4th Pionners, could give further information. He was killed instantaneously, and I think buried in Cemetery near.

Eye-witness:- No.
Description:- Very big stong man, clean shaven, from Stanthorpe, Queensland. Christian name,Ted.

Informant. Noyes. Pte.R.E. 3147 (quite reliable),
4th Pioneer Battn.,
B.Coy. 8th Pltn.,
Alexandra Hpl.,
COSHAM.

Home address:-
Warwick,
Queensland.

E.H.Edmonds
26-9-18
London
8-10-18
J.E.A. Note:- Written Fenton. 4-10-18. B.

4th Pioneer Battn.
A.I.F.

STEWART
E.J. ~~3195~~ 3194

"MISSING 7-4-18"

With reference to your enquiries of 10th Sept., about missing members of this unit. It is with regret that I have to inform you that this unit is not in possession of any authentic information as to their destiny.

Letter from:- The C.O.,
4th Aust.Pioneer Battn.,
15-9-18.
Corrected after distribution

London
4-10-18

B.

4th Pioneer Battn.
A.I.F.

STEWART
E.J. 3194

"MISSING 7-4-18" Now K in A.

Re 3194 L/Cpl.E.J.Stewart, of this Coy. I have to inform you that this N.C.O. was killed at Dernancourt on 6-4-18. This man was at first reported as missing, but evidence has since been obtained which proves that he was killed as shown above.

Letter from:- Hiddleston. Capt. G.W.
O.C. A.Coy.,
4th Pioneer Battn.,
7-10-18.

London
26-10-18

B.

4th Pioneers.A.I.F.

Stewart
E.J. 3194.

Killed in Action 6.4.18.

Re. the missing Corpl., I have left the note at A.Coy., orderly room. The Sgt.on duty promised me he would find out, so I return to-night to get any particulars and will let you know at the earliest. The date you mentioned was two days later than the determined battle we had on the fifth of April, via Albert. On the railway line, I was with a party of volunteers for mining work to cut an opening under line for machine gun, our task was one hour from being complete. Our men, numbering five, were placed at different intervals along the line, so sorry to say, on came the destructive enemy and only about 200 yards from where I lay shooting the enemy, shell-fire was so correctly ranged, and the men were so many out of action, that they had to take shelter a little in rear of the line, so I learn. The Pioneers fought and a few were taken prisoners, but lucky for me, where I was we kept the enemy at bay. I only saw one Pioneer lying dead, but I am very sure one of my mates was taken prisoner, and is in Germany. MC.yes,! I do not know Corpl.L.Stewart, but I am sure we lost prisoners, and had many wounded on 5th April 1918, and I felt very happy the day finished in our favour, so I hope the person you make enquiries of, is safe, perhaps a prisoner. I am sorry I cannot give you the correct news, but the men in his Co y., Platoon, and finally in his Section, could most likely tell when last seen and where, so I cannot say more, but am at your disposal to find further trace.

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4th Pioneers.A.I.F.

Stewart
E.J. 3194.

Page 2.

Informant:- 1034.A.W.Fenton,
4th Pioneers,
A.I.F.

London,
4.11.18.

B.

4th Pioneers Battn. A.I.F.

Stewart,
E.J. 3194.

Killed in Action 6.4.18.

Lc.
Re Corpl. Stewart. I went to A.Coy. orderly Room to get the report. The Sgt.Maj. told me they had reported the man missing some time ago and the O.C. was answering the note with all particulars, and I learn Corporal Stewart was not with his Section at the time of battle, but the same as myself a volunteer for the dangerous work of mining, so most likely no one in the party would know him, so it is impossible to find out how he met his death. If he was a prisoner it would be reported, so I am sure not to be able to furnish you with further particulars.

Informant:- 1034. Pte. A.W. Fenton,
C.Coy., 4th Australian Pioneers Battn.,
On Active Service,
Abroad.

Previous Battn.
15th Tasmanian.

London,
4.11.18.
J.E.A.

B.

A.I.F. 4th Pioneers.

E
STEWART
E.J. 3194.

"Killed 6.4.18"

On the 5th April 1918, at Dernancourt during enemy's attack. He was hit in leg by piece of shell. He walked out with Lieut. Pennefather of 4th Pioneers after they had both been bandaged up by Cpl. R. Marshall.
I saw them go back as far as a haystack about 200 yards from railway line. I heard afterwards that Lieut. Pennefather got back, but that Stewart was killed on way out.

Informant:- Pte. F.W. Klingner, 2892,
4th Pioneers,
Red Cross.

A.D.G.
London
7.1.19.
J.E.A.

Note:- Written Lt. Pennefather 7.1.19.

B.

Letter returned _ Lieut. (Miss Bell) says he has returned to Australia 30.1.19.

A.I.F. 4th Pioneer Bn.

STEWART
E.J. 3194.

"Killed in Action Prev. Reported
Missing. 6.4.18"

Re 3194 Pte. E.J. Stewart. I saw him fall and as far as I know he is dead, as one of my mates said he was shot through the head, a few minites after it happened.

Letter from:- 2470. Pte. C.E Tye,
1st A.D.H.
Bulford.

London
23.1.19.

B

J.E.A.

4th Pioneers.
A.I.F.

STEWART.
Edmund Joseph. 3194.

NOTE TO BRISBANE.

We regret that our slip 26-7-18 was sent out incorrectly headed E.Y.Stewart. and those dated 12-9-18 and 4-10-18 with the number incorrectly given as 1845. There is no E.J.Stewart 1845.

London.
25-1-19.

B.

A.I.F. 4th Pioneer Battn.

STEWART
F.J. 3194

Killed 6.4.18
killed

I did not see Stewart (A.I.)/straight cut by machine gun bullet through head at Albert in the morning during a stunt. I dont know about burial. We went back so he would have been buried by the Germans. They sent runners out from the Battn but could not find the grave. I have written to his sister giving particulars. Stewart came from Stanthorpe Q. I think he was a railway worker - I know his people.

Informant:- Pte T.Martin 3139,
4th Pioneer Battn.,
A Coy.

HEH

London
10.[illegible].19
HG

B

A.I.F.
4th Pioneer Btn.

STEWART.
R.J. 3194.

Killed in Action 6.4.18.

A party of us were working on the railway cutting at Albert building M.G.Posts, at between 5 and 6 p.m. on 6.4.18. Fritz attacked and Stewart was hit in the forehead by a M.G. bullet, he died instantly. I was only 25 yards from him at the time but did not actually see him fall. I cannot give definite details of burial, but he was buried in vicinity of Albert and I saw his cross before it was erected. He belonged to A.Coy. Nickname - Ted.

Description - A big man, 6', about 33 years, sallow complexion. Came from Brisbane, Q'ld, sailed from Australia on S.S.Kyarra on 16.11.16.

Informant:- W.A. Greenslade,
Clayfield, Brisbane.
Queensland, (Reliable)

E.W.Harvey,
"Canberra" 5.3.19.
London.
26.9.19.
J.P.A.

B

4th Pnrs. Btn.
A Co. 4 Sec.

STEWART,
L/Cpl. E.J. 3194.

K. in act. 6/4/18.

I did not see him killed, but heard after that he was killed, a bullet through the head, at Albert on April 6/18. Volunteers were called for to do a job at a tunnell on the railway bank between Albert and Derincourt. 8 from our Platoon went out% Lieut. Pennefather who was wounded and carried out by Cpl. Marshall and I were the only ones who got back as the Huns had come over bombing us. The rest were reported missing and later as prisoners of war except Stewart. I don't think his body was ever found.
Height about 6'. age 45, or over, complexion, dark, build, medium to heavy.

Informant:- Pte. D. F. McMurdo,
No. 4095, 4th Pnrs. Btn.
Private address:- Booval,
Ipswich, Queensland.

H.L.Pleydell.
H.M.A.T."Persic"
29/8/19.

Stewart 5/Rif/6205 3194 ✓

E. J. Edmund Joseph. 4 Plons

n/a 6.4.18. pres capt Mons 11.0 21.1.19. Coll 20.1.19

Stewart 1843.

E. J. to E. J. Stewart - 4 Plons

with this Requisition

Get names & cas for both & verify numbers.

M.S. 20.1.19.

13.1.19

3194

Pltf E. J. Stewart

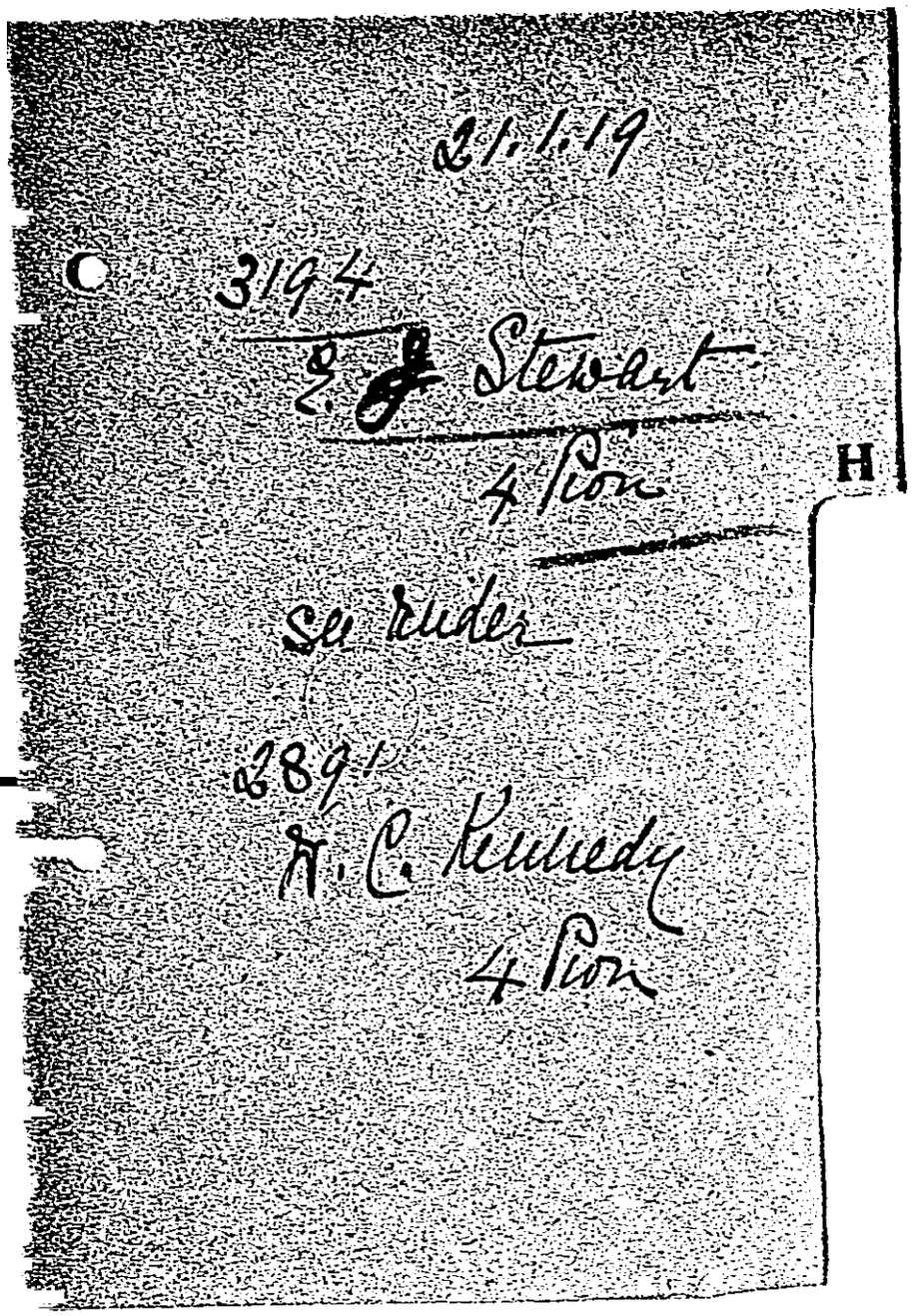
4 Pon

See under

2891

Pltf H. C. Kennedy

4 Pon


21.1.19
C
3194
E. J. Stewart
4 Sion
H
See Ryder
3891
N. C. Kennedy
4 Sion

10.8.18

3194

Pte
E. J. Stewart —

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3392

Pte J. Bayles

C. C.

To Pt Fenton.
4 Pioneer Battn
A.I.F

Admt
3194 L/Cpl E. J. Stewart
A. Co 4th Pioneer Battn
A.I.F

M. 7.4.18

Written 4.10.18
MRS

a.k.
K.C. 27.10.18 J.E.D.

3194
E.J. Steward
4th Pioneers
K. in a. 6.4.18

On Active Service

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WITH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

October 16 1917.

3194. E.J. Steward 4 Pioneers

Dear friend your note of enquiry in respect of the missing Corpral I have left the note at the A. Coy orderly room the Sgt. on duty promised me he would find out, so I return tonight to git any particulars and will let you know at the earliest, the dath you mentioned was todays later than the determined battle we had on the fifth of April, via Albert, on the railway line I was with a party of volenteers men for mining work to cut an opening under line for machine gun. our task was one hour from being compleat, our men numbering fifth was placed at differant intervills along the line, so sorry to say on came the dirtructive enemy and only about 200 yards from where I lay shooting the enemy shellfire was so correctly ranged

TO ECONOMISE PAPER, PLEASE WRITE ON THE OTHER SIDE, IF REQUIRED.

Letter to follow

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so please excuse my bad writing I am very shakey. not from beer I am a non drinker. but from the effect of War,

I remain your well wishes

1034. a.w. Fenton 4th Pnrs.

3194.
E.J. Stewart
4 Pion
K97 = 5

A.G.
4th Pioneer Battalion A.I.F.
17-10-18.

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 4-10-18 through the Officer i/c of this Battalion, regarding No 3194 Pte E.J. Stewart of this Coy & have to inform you that this N.C.O. was killed in action on 6-8-18. This has only just been reported to us & we will let you know as soon as we hear anything further.

Trusting this information may be of assistance to you in your enquiries.

I am
Yours faithfully
O.C. A Coy.

To

Lt Pennefather

4 Pioneers

a.7.7

About

3194 Pte E.J. Stewart

4th Pioneer Bttn

a.7.7

To Cpl 6./18

Written 7.1.19

M.S.

3194
E. J. Stewart
4th Pioneers
K.i.a. 5.6.18

Oct. 15-1918

Dear friend your letter of enquiry of the missing man L/Corpl. Stewart I went to A. Coy orderly room to get the report. The Lt-Major told me they had reported the man missing some time ago and the C.O. was answering the note with all particulars, and I learn Corporal Stewart was not with him Section at the time of battle but the same has myself a Volunteer for the dangerous work of mining, so most likely in the party no one would no him so it is impossible to find out how he met his death. if he was a prisoner it would be reported, so I am sure not to be able to furnish you with further particulars trusting better news will spring a surprise later on

Yours

Pte A. H. Fenton
C. Coy. 4. Australian Pnrs, Baton
On active Service
Abroad.

Previous Batn.
15. Tasmanian

ACK. 30.1.19 BWB.

5194
E. J. Stewart
4 Pion
K. in A. 6.4.18. Pte. in

"Kimea"
16 Priory Road
New
Surrey
28/1/19

B.2.

To. The. Secretary.

The enclosed Letter, came to the above address, this morning, (the 28th) as Lt. Pennefather, has returned to Australia, his Aunt, seeing it was from the Red X, opened it, & wishes me to inform you of his departure, & send the Letter back.
Lt Pennefather.s present address is. ~~Arabella~~ Arabella Street
Longueville
Sidney.
New. South. Wales.

Yours. Truly
Lucy. Butler
For. Miss. Bell.

Tel.: VICTORIA {8576 8577 8578

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SECRETARY." WOUNDED AND MISSING — ENQUIRY BUREAU — AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36. GROSVENOR PLACE.
LONDON S.W. 1.

7.1.19

Lt Pennefather
4 Pioneers
A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

3194 Pte E. J. Stewart 4 Pioneers A.I.F.
reported Killed 6.4.18

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

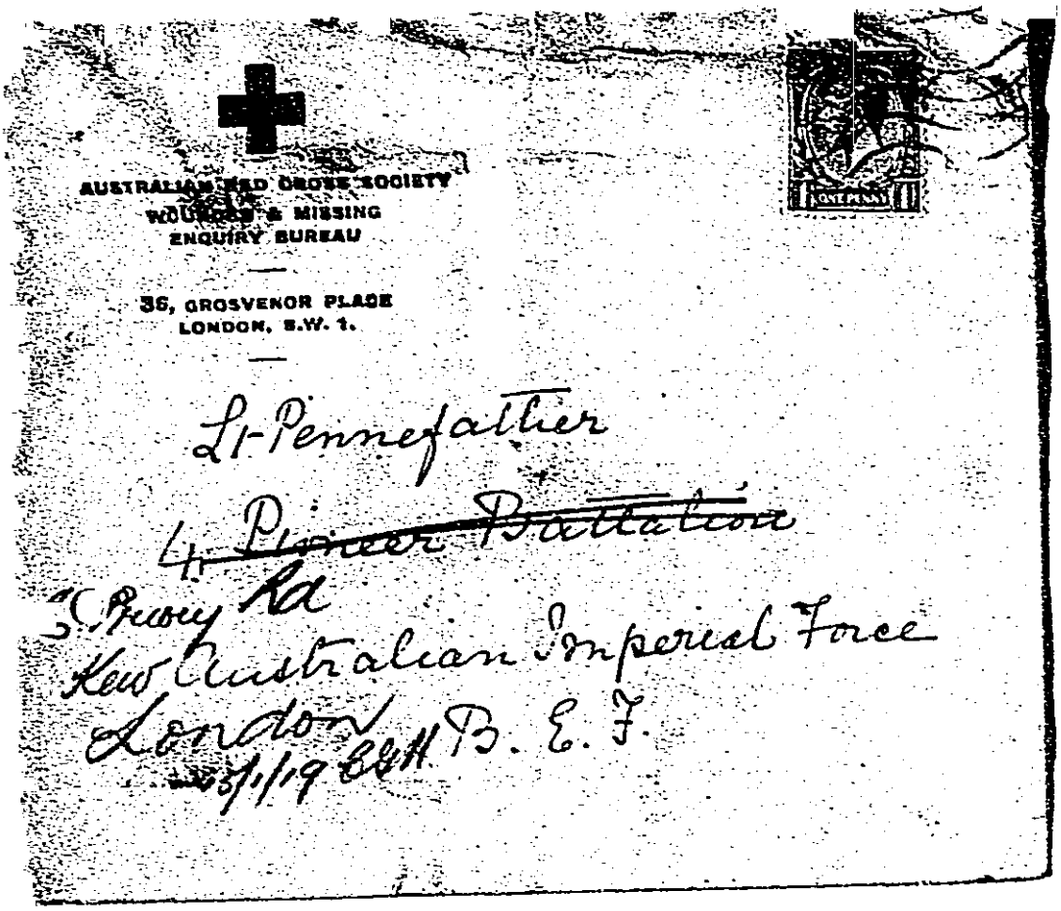
In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera [illegible]

Secretary.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
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36, GROSVENOR PLACE
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Lt Pennefather
4 ~~Pioneer Battalion~~
5 Priory Rd
Kew Australian Imperial Force
London
3/1/19 24th B. E. F.