Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2263 Lance Corporal John Alfred Jeffreys

14th Battalion



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A.I.F. 14th Batn.

JEFFREYS,
John Alfred, 2263.

Repatriated Prisoner of War.

Arrived Hull 8-12-18.

Cert. by list from A.I.F. H.Q., 6-12-18.

London,
9-12-18.

H.

14th Battn.
A.I.F.

JEFFREYS,
H.A. 2263

"Prisoner of War."

P/W in Germany, Dulmen. Group 3.

Cert. by H.Q. List 91 9.?.18.

London.
18.?.18.

M.

A.I.F. 14th Btn

JEFFREYS (6 VdHQ)
John Alfred 2263

"Wded April-May"

Adm. 6th Conv: Depot Etaples 9-6-17 - G.S.W. right leg and buttock -
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 26-6-17.

M.

London
28-6-17

14th Battn.
A.I.F.

JEFFREYS,
John Alfred 2263

"Prisoner of War."
Missing 1.2.18.

Prisoner "Sound".

Cert. by Censor Extract Post card dated 31.1.18. by telephone message from H.Q. 7.3.18.

London.
8.3.18.

M.

WAR OFFICE.
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Extract from two postcards from prisoner of war sent by postal censor.

Regimental description of Writer:-	2263 L/Cpl John Alfred Jeffreys 14th Battn.
Date:-	(1) 31.1.18. (2) 16.2.181
Camp:-	(1) Not stated. (2) Dulmen Group 111.
Remarks:-	Prisoner Sound.
Addressed to:-	Mrs J.Jeffreys [illegible] Rd. Casterton Victoria Australia.
7th March 1918.	C.2 Casualties.

Area.

A.I.F. 14. JEFFREYS, J.A. 2126.
Frost, E. 989.

M. ~~Jan.~~ 1-2-17 1st, 1917.

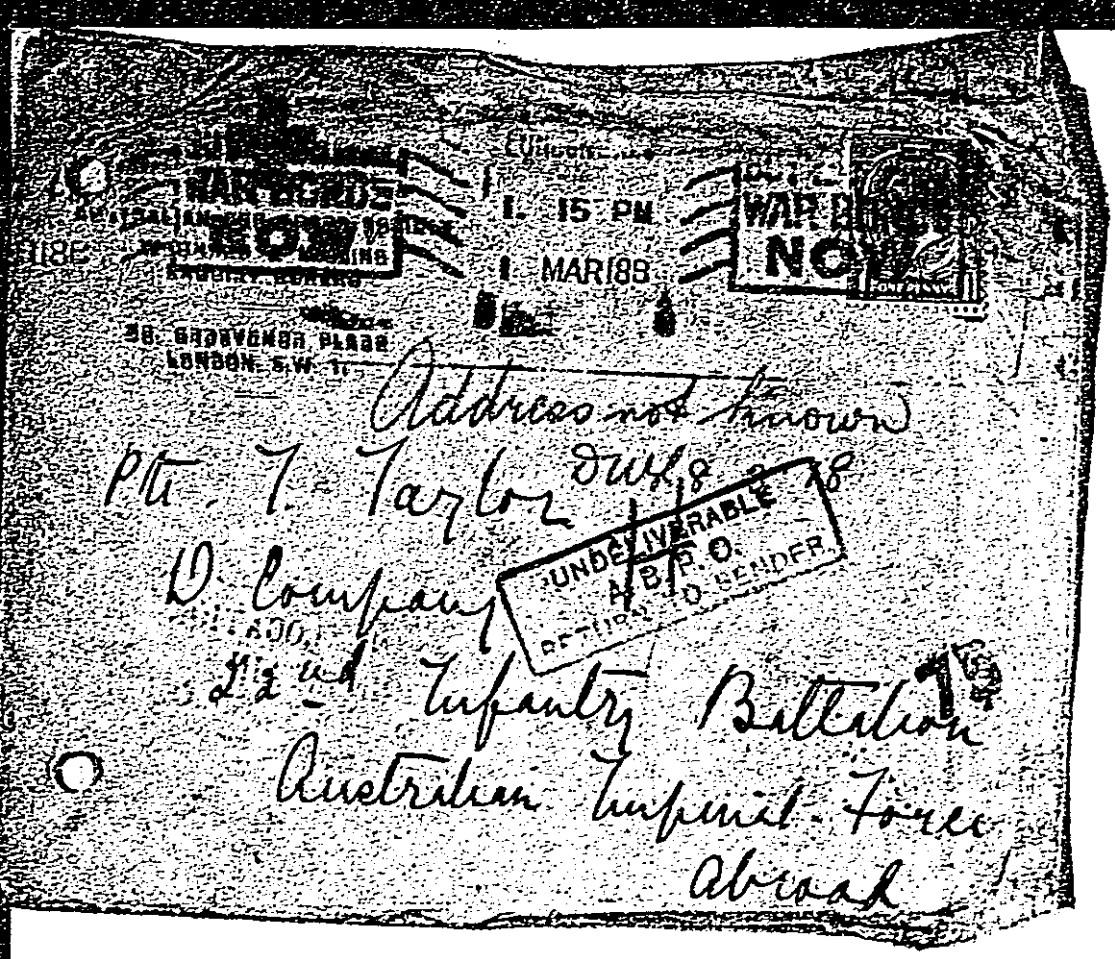
Both these men were in E. Coy. Frost was a Cpl. and it was his first time in France after about 18 months in England. He had just rejoined and was very keen. Jeffreys was a L/Cpl. They were pinched off their post at Belgium Wood, to the right of Ypres, one morning. L/Cpl. Eddy was the first man to find out they were gone. Then I went with an officer, a L/Cpl. and two or three others to their out-post and we found Frost's overcoat there, Jeffreys' revolver lying under his pillow, a tin hat and the boots of both men. Jeffreys' machine gun was there too, covered with a waterproof. It was a frosty morning and they must have gone off bare-foot. I patrolled at Belgium Wood and Potsdam Wood, but could not find a trace of them, and next day Lt. Woods went out, but he could do no good. The only place Fritz could have got at them from was the very left. There were three outposts, C.5., C.6., and C. 6a. C.6. was where they were taken and it was the middle of the three, and was supposed to be the strongest point, never being left. "Jerry" must have wandered in on/

on them by mistake really, when the other two out-posts happened to be unoccupied. He could not have known they were there.

Inf. H. Thomas. 6110. 14.D.
A.T.16.
CALAIS. 6.3.18. GGP.

N.B. Informant was unsure of the date when this occurrred but thought it a good deal later in the month than the 1st. On my asking him if he knew anything about a man named Frost he at once said "Yes, he and Jeffreys were pinched together.".

GGP.



Address not known

Pte. T. Taylor 1918

D Company

12th Infantry Battalion

Australian Imperial Force

Abroad

28.2.18.

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Pte. T. Taylor
D Coy. 22nd Battn. A.I.F.
Abroad

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit

6367 Pte. L.G. Jeffreys D Coy. 22nd Battn.
K. 3.10.17. A.I.F.

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 Pte. L.G. Jeffreys 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 should also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help us to prove his identity.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Bracken.

Secretary.

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty required for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identification of this soldier about whom you are writing.