Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

930 Private
William Whitby

35th Battalion



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A.I.F.
35th Bttn.

WHITBY. Pte.
W. 930.

"Died while pris. of War."

re my brother Pte. William Whitby 930. 35th Bttn. A.I.F. I am sorry I cannot send you the letter which I received as I sent it home to my Mother in Australia whose address is :-

Mrs. J.Whitby.
Weston Post Office.
Via Maitland. N.S.Wales. Aust.

I might state that official stamp on the envelope was 25.2.18."

Letter from:- Louisa Morpeth. Mrs.
1952 Woodhorn Road.
Hirst. Ashington.
Northumberland. 7.4.19.

London.
16.4.19.

P.I.

A.I.F. 35th Battn

WHITBY
W. 930

"PRISONER OF WAR"

Came to Bavarian Field Hospital No. 30 on 25/4/18

Died 26/4/18 at 4.30 a.m. Buried in Soldiers' Cemetery at Peronne.
Cause of death:- Shattering of left shank.
Cert. by Information from Capt. Mills 22/3/19

London
24/3/19

No Enq.

1 Copy Supplied

A.I.F.
35th Bttn.

WHITBY. Pte.
W. 930.

"DECEASED."
"Died While Pris. of War."

Reference your RBB/11194/13/1 of 3rd Apl.1919 action is being taken to have the date of death verified at this end.

It is desired to know if the date of the letter written by Pte. Whitby to his sister is corroborated by an official date elsewhere on the letter or envelope, such as a censors stamp or German P.O. date stamp.

It has been ascertained that Pte. Whitby left personal effects. Pocket book, photograph, letters, 3 copper coins and a receipt for 3 marks, which were forwarded to London via the Dutch Embassy in Berlin. Have these effects been received, please.?

Letter from:- C.Mills. Capt.
Aust. Red. Cross. B.R.C.S., Berlin Branch
Berlin W.8. 24.4.19.

London.
6.5.19.

To [illegible]
A.I.F. Headquarters.

A.I.F. 35th Battn.

WHITBY
W. 930.

"Prisoner of War"

I am a prisoner of War but not doing at all bad. The wounds, lost a leg but otherways doing well".

Cert. by Copy of letter dated 14/5/18 from man to his sister L.Morpeth forwarded by Head Quarters 5/6/18.

London
7/6/18

No Enq.

A.I.F. 35th Battn.

WHITBY
W. 930.

"Previously reported Killed in Action"

Prisoner of War Wounded - Lost leg -

Letter from Mrs Morpeth enclosing man's letter dated 14/5/18.

Cert. by Information from Head Quarters by Telephone Message 5/6/18.

London
7/6/18

No Inq.

A.I.F. 35th Battn.

WHITBY
William 930

Prisoner of War

10.4.19 - Received letter R.B.B/11194/13/1 of 3rd April/19 from A.I.F. Headquarters saying that Whitby wrote to his sister on 14.5.18 saying that he was a Prisoner of War and had lost his leg. 11.4.19 checked cards at Prisoner of War Information Bureau. Extracts previously made are correct. It was also ascertained that the Field Hospital sent left Property to the Nachlass Bureau. Now asking Nachlass Bureau for particulars. His left property is:- Pocket book, photographs, letters, 3 copper coins, receipt for 3 marks. Ask A.I.F.Headquarters if the letter referred to was date stamped by a German P.O., i.e., check the date carefully. - (This is the subject of a separate letter C.M.)

Cert. by Capt. Mills report 25.4.19

London
5.5.19

No Enq.

A.I.F.
35th Bttn.
C.Cc.

WHITBY.
Wm. 930.

"Died whilst P/W."

Asked H/Qs if our copy of Mrs.Morpeth's letter re her brother had been forwarded to Capt. Mills. A letter was sent to him at end of April which gave the impression that Mrs.Morpeth had made a mistake in the date; the fact being that on 30.5.18. she had sent to Hqrs the post card she had received from her brother and Hqrs had extracted the written date 14.5.18. as forwarded to us on 5.6.18. In view of the evidence it is most probable that Pte. Whitby made a mistake and wrote 14.5.18. instead of 14.4.18. but advise that his Mother be asked by Sydney Office to allow the P.C. to be examined for the dates and all other marks.

Cert. by H/Qs.22.5.19.

S.

A.M.W.B.
London.
22.5.19.

A.I.F.
35th Bttn.

WHITBY.
William. 930.

"Died while P of W 26.4.18."

Have any effects been received from Germany.

~~Australian Red Cross personally.~~

No Effects received X Hunland. Kit bag contained no private effects.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 12.5.19. from Nat State Office
& Aust Red + personally

N. C. Searches at A.I.F.

London.
14.5.19.

Sydney
10th

P.I.

A.I.F. 35th Battn.

WHITBY
William 930

"Prisoner of War"

Information from German War Office.

Nachlass Buerc.

Whitby left 1 lettercase, 1 photo, various letters, three marks, five cents, 0.10 drachmen, (Greek money). These were handed over on 4.7.18 to Berlin Foreign Office for transmission to England. Nothing else known.

Munich Hauptkrankenbuch Lager has been asked to supply grave location.

Cert. by Capt. Mill's report 16.6.19

London
26.6.19

S.S.O.
P.I.

A.I.F. 25th Btln.

WHITBY.
William. 950.

"Prisoner of War"

The original letter from William Whitby to his sister was forwarded from Sydney to the Australian Red Cross in London. It has now been definately ascertained that Whitby undoubtedly wrote the date 14.5.18 at the head of his letter but must have made a mistake in the date. The German official stamp on the envelope is quite clearly 25.4.18.

All reports agree in giving date of death as 26.4.18.

(Original letter viewed at this office of the Aust.Red Cross.10.9.19).

London.
11.9.19.

P.I.
5,00.

35th. Btn. A.I.F.

WHITBY
Pte. W. 930

Died PRISONER of WAR, in Germany. 26-4-18

Sailed from Australia 1-5-16, on the same boat as myself, the "Benalla". On the morning of 4-4-18, we were holding the line at Villers Bretonneux, when the enemy advanced upon us. Whitby was wounded and taken prisoner, in company with several others. Next information I had, he was returned to Australia., towards the end of November 1918. He had lost an arm. He came from the Hunter district. I was an eye witness of him being wounded, but not taken prisoner, as we had to retire.

DISCRIPTION:-
About 5ft. 8in.½, Dark complexion, Quiet disposition.

INFORMANT:-
Pte. G. Hughes,
35th. Battn. A.I.F.

HOME ADDRESS:-
Carrington Post Office,
Newcastle, N.S.W.

Q.M.G. Post Enquiry Died P/W

A.I.F. 35th. Btn.

WHITBY.
Pte. William. 930.

Received your letter and was so glad to hear that I was to have my dear brother's letter, and the above is my correct address, and I am very thankful for your kindness in trying to find out what news you could about my brother 930. Pte. W. Whitby.

Letter from:- Mrs. R.N. Morpeth,
195½ Woodhorn Rd.
Hirst, Ashington,
NORTHUMBERLAND.

Sept. 16th.1919.

London.
25.9.19.

A.I.F.
35th Btn.

WHITBY
Private William 930.

"Died Prisoner of War"

Received your registered letter of 20 instant containing my Dear Brother 930 Private William Whitby's letter an d many thanks for your kindness.

Letter from. Mrs. R.H Morpith
195½ Woodhome Rd.
Hirst Ashington
Northumberland
September 1919.

London
25.9.19.

S. and B.I.

5 - 4 Campden House Court
Campden Hill
Kensington
March 23 .

The Secretary
American Red Cross

Dear Sir.

I received
a letter from Private
Whitehead, since dead
in which any deposition
information can be.
secured by the Committee
him

Yours Sincerely
R. Hughes

P.S. This is the late postal address of

Pte. W. Whitby. 930.
C. Company. 35th Batt
9th Division
Australian Imperial Forces
France.

Type 2 copies for files Sydney

Mrs R J Morpeth
195 Woodhorn Rd
Hirst Ashington
Northumberland

September 22nd 1919

Dear Miss Whybrow

received your Registered letter of 20 instant containing My Dear Brother 990 Pte William Whitby letter and 35-Bs Many thanks for your kindness

yours faithfully
Louisa Morpeth

Part 2
3468

45 Campden House Court -
Kensington,

"CARFAX."

29, ELSWORTHY ROAD.
N.W. 3.

TELEPHONE:
HAMPSTEAD 2831.

File under W. Whitby

930 Pte W. Whitby
35th Bn
C. A. I. F.

April 2nd 1919

Dear Miss Darbishire.

Am sorry
to hear of
Pte Whitby's
illness.
I have
been enquiring
& hunting for
him, but
cannot find
trace of
his whereabouts
I am
Yours sincerely
Frank Rutter

930 Pte William Whitby

Mrs R G Morpeth
95½ Woodhorn Rd
36 Blue Hist
Ashington
Northumberland

September 16. 1919

Dear Miss Whybrow
received your letter and
was so glad to hear that
I was. to have my Dear
Brother letter. and the
above is my correct
address. and I am very
thankfull for your Kindness
in trying to find out what
news you could about my
Brother 930 Pte W Whitby
your faithfully
Mrs R G Morpeth

[redacted]
William

930
35th Batt.

Died of Wds. Pte 10 26.4.18

Next of kin Mrs [redacted]
[redacted]

Aust Red Cross

Information

No effects received / Husband
Will say contact re[illegible] effects.

Whitby. W. 930. 35th Bl.

See under:-

Correspondence with Capt. Mills. 11.9.19.

The Australian Red Cross Society
(B.R.C.S.)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No. 7002

Date May 28-1918

Regimental Details of Soldier enquired about.

No. 3414
Pte. A. E. Kininmont
51st. Battalion

Details of Casualty.

G. S. W. Cultock (Severe) Southwark.

Information wanted.

~~Location~~ & Condition

Information obtained

Final Draft. 26/9/19.

Mrs. R. G. Morpeth
Woodthorpe Rd
First
Ashington
Cumberland

Re.
930 Whitby Av.
35 Yds

A.I.F.
35th Battalion. WHITBY W. Pte. No.930.

LONDON LETTER.

In reply to your cable of the 21st May in connection with the above soldier, We are now sending you per registered post the original letter asked for, bearing the German Official Stamp of the 25th April, written to Louisa Morgath. Mrs.Morgath is very anxious that the letter may be returned to her, if possible.

12/6/19. SYDNEY.

Enclo. Letter in question.

A.I.F. 55th Battn.

WHITNEY
W. 930.

Cable sent 5/6/18 that above man is a Prisoner of War should read No. 930 W. Whitby, 35th Battalion.

London
7/6/18

No Enq.

A.I.F. 17th Battn.

WHITBY
William 950

Prisoner of War

Translation of German Death Certificate received from Capt. Mills and sent on to A.I.F. Hdqrs 10/10/19

EXTRACT from CHIEF MEDICAL REGISTER of FIELD HOSPITAL 3974 Guard Infantry at Peronne.

Name William Whitby

Injury Shattering of left leg

Admitted 25/4/18 from ranks

Died 26/4/18 at 4.30 a.m.

Buried Military Cemetery, Peronne.

Certified true copy 27/9/19.

(Signed) KASMALE

Assistant worker in the Chief Medical

Register Depot of the

Reichswehr-Befehlsstelle,

Prussia.

London -
15/10/19

S.S.O.
P.I.

Reg.No.	Rank.	Surname.	Chr.Name.	Unit.
930	Pte.	W H I T B Y	William	35' Bn.

C R O I X - R O U G E, G E N E V A

Not reported on lists.

P.o.W. I N F O R M A T I O N B U R E A U, B E R L I N.

Card exists.

W h i t b y William. Father. John Whitby
Mother Lerma Whitby of Hebburn, Weston.N.S.W.

35' Bn. Reg.No.113707

Came to Bavarian Field Hospital No.30 on 25.4.18.

Died 26.4.18 at 4.30 am. Buried in Soldiers cemetery at Peronne.

Cause of death: Zertrümmerung des linken Unterschenkels
(shattering of left shank)

Asking German Burials Bureau for further information.

Captain Mills' Report.
13.3.19.
Rec. 22.3.19.

930 Pte. W H I T B Y, William 35th Bn.A.I.F.

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10.4.19 Received letter RBB/11194/13/1 of 3rd April /19 from A.I.F. Headquarters saying that Whitby wrote to his sister on 14.5.18 saying that he was a P.o.W. and had lost his leg.

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11.4.19 Checked cards at P.o.W. Information Bureau. Extracts previously made are correct. It was also ascertained that the Field Hospital sent Left Property to the Nachlass Bureau. Now asking Nachlass Bureau for particulars. His left property is:- Pocket book, photographs, letters, 3 copper coins, receipt for 3 marks. Ask A.I.F. Headquarters if the letter referred to was date stamped by a German P.O., i.e., check the date carefully. X.

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X. This is the subject of a separate letter on.

Captain Mills Report.
25.4.19.
Rec'd. 29.4.19.

Australian Red Cross Society.
Prisoner of War Mission.
BERLIN W. 8
Wilhelmstrasse, 70.

930. Pte. WHITBY, William, 35th Bn. A.I.F.

1.8.19. Abwicklungs Stelle of Garde Train Abt. Blischer St. 25. have sent enquiry ~~xxx~~ to the Garde San Abt. Btn. Templehof for further search.

27.8.19. H.K.L. Report that he was buried at Military Cemetery, Perânne, nothing further known with regard to Location of grave.

"B". List.
Progress Report. No. 10.

930. Pte. WHITBY, William, 35th Bn. A.I.F.

1.8.19. Abwicklungs Stelle of Garde Train Abt. Klischer St. 26. have sent enquiry away to the Garde San Abt. 53/1. Templehof for further search.

27.8.19. H.M.L. Report that he was buried at Military Cemetery, Poriune, nothing further known with regard to Location of grave.

"B" List
Progress Report. No 10

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY
BERLIN BRANCH

Telegrams: Britishredcross, Berlin
Telephone: Centrum 7488
War Office: " 6900 (No.772)
Your Reference .....
Our Reference.....

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS
PRISONER OF WAR MISSION

BERLIN W. 8, July 11th, 1919
Wilhelm Straße 70

930. PRIVATE WHITBY. William. 35th Bn. A.I.F.

2/7/19. Hpt.Krankenbuch Laz. send in Copy of Death entry from books of Feld Lazarett, 397.Peronne

7.7.19. 3rd Bavarian Train Regt. Fürth (Bav.) state,in books of Bav. Feld. Laz.30. NO TRACE.

21.7.19. Enquiry with Feld Laz. 397. (Abwicklungs Stelle) was sent to the Garde. San.Abt. Btn. Tempelhof, who referred it to Haumptkrankenbuch Lager.

1.8.19. Abwicklungs Stelle of Garde Train Abt. Blischer St. 26 have sent enquiry to Garde San. Abtn. Btn. Templehof for further search.

dup.

2 Copies sent to A.R.C.on 29/8/19

"B" List-
Progress Report. No.10

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY
BERLIN BRANCH

Telegrams: Britishredcross, Berlin
Telephone: Centrum 7488
War Office: „ 6900 (No.772)
Your Reference .....
Our Reference .....



BERLIN W. 8, 16/6/19
Wilhelm Straße 70

930 Pte WHITBY, W. 35th Bn.

Information from German War Office.

Nachweis Büro.

Came to Bavarian Field Hospital 30 on 25/4/18. Died 26/4/18 at 4.30 am . Buried in Soldiers Cemetery at Peronne.
Cause of death: "Shattering of the left shank."

Nachlass Büro.

Left 1 lettercase, 1 photo, various letters, three marks, five cents, 0.10 drachmen, (Greek money) These were handed over on 4/7/18 to Berlin Foreign office for transmission to England. Nothing else known.

Munich Hauptkrankenbuch lager has been asked to supply grave location.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY
BERLIN BRANCH

Telegrams: Britishredcross, Berlin
Telephone: Centrum 7488
War Office: „ 6900 (No. 772)
Your Reference .....
Our Reference .....



BERLIN W. 8, April 24, 1919
Wilhelm Straße 70

O I C Records,

A I F Headquarters.

No. 930 Ptve WHITBY W. 35th Bn. A I F . Deceased.

Reference your RBB/11194/13/1 of 3rd Apl. 1919, action is being taken to have the date of death verified at this end.

It is desired to know if the date of the letter written by Pte. Whitby to his sister is corroborated by an official date elsewhere on the letter or envelope, such as a censors stamp or German P.O. date stamp.

It has been ascertained that Pte. Whitby left personal effects. Pocket book, photograph, letters, 3 copper coins and a receipt for 3 Marks, which were forwarded to London via the Dutch Embassy in Berlin.

Have these effects been received, please?

L Mills. Captain
Australian Red Cross

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY
BERLIN BRANCH

Telegrams: Britishredcross, Berlin
Telephone: Centrum 7488
War Office: „ 6900 (No.772)
Your Reference .....
Our Reference .....

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS
PRISONER OF WAR MISSION

BERLIN W. 8, July 11th, 1919
Wilhelm Straße 70

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1.8.19. Abwicklungs Stelle of Garde Train Abt. Elischer St. 26 have sent enquiry to Garde San. Abtn. Btn. Templehof for further search.

"B" List.
Prisoners Report. No.9.

A.I.F.35th Bttn. WHITBY.
William. 930.

"Prisoner of War"

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All reports agree in giving date of death as 26.4.18.

Original letter viewed at this office of the Aust.Red Cross.10.9.19.

London.
11.9.19.

P.I.
S.S.O.

Wheeler
Wm

930
35 Bk

P/W atty has a letter
from Mrs Mowbray
giving information re the
p-c.
Also enquiring from
Jailer. To whom
P/W ought to refund fines
Lumber Camps - wounded
Etc.
No further information
ever received from her.
Miss Bage
2-4-19

930 Whitby. Wm 35 Bn C. Coy.

Prev reported K/A.

P/W. wounded. lost leg.

Letter from Mrs Monpetit enclosing Mans letter dated 14.5.18
H Qrs. Rouen 5. 6. 18
Rumage

"I am a P/W but not doing at all bad. The wounds, lost a leg but otherwise doing well."

Copy of letter dated 14.5.18 from man to his sister L. Monpetit. forwarded by H Qrs 5.6.18

Came to Bavaria Field Hpl No 30 on 20.4.18

Died 26.4.18 at 4.30 a.m. Buried in Soldiers Cemetery at Peronne. Cause of death:- Shattering of left thigh. Certify Information from Capt Mills 22.3.19 (No Sig.)

Enquiry included in W. M. Cable { No. 195. of 14 Aug. 18.

Enquiry included in Deferred Cable { No. of

Name and Address of Enquirer { Mrs. E. M. Richardson
Railway Terrace
W. Guildford

Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree. { (Mother)

State if Next-of-Kin. yes

Oscard Henry Secretary.
Mr. R. C.

CR. 11194/13/1 (1)

Solicitor prev 2794/13/2. 930
Low tales 4315/16/35 35 Bln
C. Coy

1 Was reported K/A Early in April by C.O. of Bln.

2 Date 12th ? Think but could find out from I.B.

Copy of letter from Mgr to doctor is filed with A.P.

3 Encl A.F.W. 3121 R. G. Morpeth
195½ Woodhorn Road
Ashington. Northumberland

Record of letter (p.c) dated 14.5.18 on 30.5.18 forwarded in same dcy. Stated "his own handwriting"

4 It was returned + acknowledged + accepted as official proof of Casualty to P.O.

A.P. also shows "Letter from Mrs M. dated 6.6.18." There is no trace of this second letter on file. In any case it may prove to be a repetition of the first one sent through later as a "Censor ex tract". This is possible as Mrs Morpeth forwarded it so promptly. There are 3 CR references.

5 11194/13/1 being that under which this is filed 2794/13/2 is obsolete but 4315/16/35 may possibly hold information if not also obsolete.

The Australian Red Cross Society
(B.R.C.S.)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No. 8371

Date Jan. 21 1919

Regimental Details of Soldier enquired about

No 1703
Cpl. Charles Barry,
X/A Tunnel Trench. Battery,

Details of Casualty

Dangerously ill pneumonia
St. G.H.S. admitted 19 Jan-19.

Information wanted

Information obtained locally (if any) or from letters

Location & Condition.

Enquiry included in W.S.M. Cable

No. ~~96~~ of

Enquiry included in Deferred Cable

No. 149 of Jan. 21. 1919.

Name and Address of Enquirer

Mrs Barry
18 Vaudeer Avenue
Subiaco
Tel 1163

Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree

State if Next-of-Kin

Wife

Secretary.

(2) Whitby W.H.

930. 35 Bde.

6) On 16.6.18 Mr J. Whitby (father)
Hebburn Weston
Via West Maitland N.S.W.
wrote to HQrs 16.6.18 asking for information & complaining that he had not been informed about his son (only son). "His sister had had 2 letters"
This is quoting from memory & ambiguous as it may be 2 letters from man or 2 from AIF HQrs
In reply the man's letter to the sister was quoted as official proof of Capture. &c.
Mr Whitby said they had asked Red + London who could give no information.

7) On January 1919 Mrs Morpeth wrote asking for further information as she had not heard from her brother since 30.5.18. This seems to point to only one letter being received & may point to A) Date 14.5.18 being German Official date of despatch - not date of writing
B) man having misdated it by a month & therefore he could have written it 12 days before his death on 26.4.18.

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1) Look up fathers' enquiry - ask P/W. dept. (Have queried with Ball)
2) Write sister for P.C. & point out the discrepancy in date.

HQ 2.4.19.

The Australian Red Cross Society
(B.R.C.S.)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No. 8502

Date 7th Feb 1st 1919

Regimental Details of Soldier enquired about

No 2918
Pte. Douglas W. Lamlock
5th Field.

Details of Casualty

Dangerously ill Pneumonia
admitted 19th Jan. 1919 to 2/S. Base

Information wanted

Location & Condition

Information obtained locally (if any) or from letters

Enquiry included in W.S.M. Cable No. of

Enquiry included in Deferred Cable No. 420 of Feb. 1st 1919

Name and Address of Enquirer

Mrs. S. M. Lamlock
Nunn St
Victoria Park

Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree

Wife

State if Next-of-Kin

Yes

Henry Greig Secretary.

Query

Does A.P. of Hyla feel

Blood "amp Epb leg"

(illegible)

by Cuvier line?

April 2nd, 1919.

Mrs. R.G. Morpeth.
195½ Woodhorn Road.
Ashington. Northumberland.

Dear Madam.

We believe we are correct in assuming that an enquiry which we have received through Mrs. R.Hughes on behalf of the sister of 936 PTE. W. WHITBY. 35th Battalion. A.I.F. refers to you. We learnt on 5.6.18 from the A.I.F. Headquarters that this soldier was a prisoner of War, the Authority for this being a letter received by you from your brother.

We should be very grateful if you would send us this letter (or postcard) We will take every care of it and return it to you without fail but we think it would help us in our enquiries to see this card or letter as we are anxious to solve the confusion which seems to have arisen concerning the date of his death and the date on which the letter to you was written. Your brother is officially reported to have died on April 26th and the communication you received from him on May 30th, may easily have borne an official German stamp indicating the day of despatch and not be the date on which it was written.

With apologies for troubling you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

April 3rd, 1919

Mrs.H.Hughes.
54 Campden House Court.
Campden Hill.
Kensington. W.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your enquiry on behalf of his Sister for 930 Pte. W. WHITBY. 35th Battalion. A.I.F. We regret to inform you that we have at present no definite information concerning him. The la-test official report statesshim to have died as a prisoner of War on 26.4.18. whilst a communication received from him by his sister Mrs.Morpath 195 Woodhorn Road, Ashington. Northumberland, is said to bear the date of 14.5.18. We are closely investigating the matter and have written to Mrs. Morpath asking her to forward to us the letter or card which she received from her brother as we think it quite likely that the date on it may be the official German stamp indicating the date of despatch and not the date of writing. We should be glad to hear from you if Mrs. Morpath is the sister on whose behalf you made your enquiry.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) D. S.

SECRETARY.

Wynyard Hts. 12.4.19

930 William Whitby. 35 Bn. A.I.F.
"died while prisoner"

Mrs R. G. Thorpeth
19502 Woodhorn Road
West
Ashington
Northumberland
April 7th 1919.

Dear Madam

In reply to yours of the 2nd inst. regarding my brother Pte W. (930) Whitby. 35th Battalion A.I.F. I am sorry I cannot send you the letter which I received as I sent it home to my mother in Australia whose address is

Mrs J. Whitby
Wilton Post Office
Via Maitland
New South Wales
Australia

I might state the official stamp on the envelope was 25/4/18.

Thanking you for your enquiries & any further news will be gratefully received

Your Faithfully
Louisa Thorpeth

July 1st.1919.

Mrs R.G. Morpeth.
Woodborn Road. (1952)
Hirst.
Ashington.
Northumberland.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry through Mrs Hughes for 930 Pte William Whitby, 35th Battalion A.I.F. we beg to inform you of the following report received from our Representative in Berlin.

"Whitby left 1,lettercase,1, photo, various letters, 3 marks, five cents, 0.10. drachmen,(Greek money).These were handed over on 4.7.18 to Berlin Foreign Office for transmission to England. Nothing else known.

Munich Hauptkrankenbuch Lager has been asked to supply grave location.

We will immediately advise you of any further information we may receive. With deep sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

September 12th 1919.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry for your brother 930 Pte William Whitby, 35th Bttn A.I.F. we beg to inform you that we have now received from Australia the letter written to you by your brother from Germany. We should be glad if you would let us know if the above is indeed your correct address and we will then send you the letter by registered post.

We know that you are anxious to have it and therefore do not wish to send it until we are quite certain of your addre. address.

Yours faithfully.

(Miss.)

SECRETARY.

Mrs R. G. Morpeth
195½ Woodburn Road
Hirst
Ashington
Northumberland

September 18th 1919.

Mrs R.T.Worpath.
195 ½ Woodhorn Road.
Hirst.
Ashington.
Northumberland.

Dear Madam,

We thank you for your letter of 16th instant, concerning your brother 930 Pte William Whitby, 35th Bttn, A.I.F, and are now sending you by registered post his letter herewith.

We should be glad if you would acknowledge the receipt so that we may be sure it has reached you.

Yours faithfully.

(Miss.) FA
SECRETARY.

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