

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**Captain  
Thomas Walter White**

**Australian Flying Corps**



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A.I.F., A.F.C.

WHITE  
Captain Thos. W.

"Prisoner of War in Turkey"

Interned Afion Kara Hissar.

"In answer to Miss Deakins enquiry Mechanic W.H.Lord died in Hospital at Adana, though as we are not able to speak with or communicate with the man, I do not know the cause of death. We in this Camp are all well. According to their circular your British Society have been misinformed Anthony Hordern 2 Fortnum's have not got branches here. We Australians all received the 4 or 5th of those sums (65 piastres) that you mentioned sending in your letter of July last year for which many thanks.

Cert. by Letter received from Officer dated 14/4/18.

London  
11/6/18

No Inq.

A.I.F., R.E.C.

WHITE  
Capt. T.W.

"PRISONER OF WAR IN TURKEY"

Interned Afion-Kara-Hissar

"Many thanks for three parcels sent off about October which arrived about a month ago, were very acceptable. As far as I know all other Australians received parcels and money at that time. The parcels were particularly acceptable as none were distributed here between January and May.

The names of the A.F.C. prisoners who were <sup>R</sup>recently captured and sent here are Capt. Austin, and Rutherford, and Lieuts Lee, Haigh, Parkinson, Chalmer, McEllicott, Poole, and Hancock. All are well".

Cert. by Extract from letter received from man dated 9/6/18.

London  
6/9/18.

No Inq.

A.I.F., A.F.C.

WHITE  
Capt. T.W.

"REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR FROM TURKEY"

Disembarked at Port Said 25/11/18  
Cert. by I.B. 626 9/12/18

London  
13/12/18

NO ENQ.

11th April 1918

Captain T.W. White,  
Royal Flying Corps,  
British Prisoner of War No. 595  
Afion Kara Hissar,  
c/o Ottoman Red Crescent,  
Constantinople,  
TURKEY.

Dear Captain White,

Many thanks for your letter of January 20th, regarding  
A/M. W.H. Lord, which came through untouched. We have no  
definite information about the poor man and have received a  
reply from the Ottoman Red Crescent, to the effect that he is  
not on their lists.

I am so glad you have been receiving some of your parcels  
and I hope the few interests you are able to enjoy, keep you  
from feeling the time too unutterably long. I expect soon you  
will be enduring the summer. We thought it had commenced here,  
but are now back to fogs and drizzling rain, which makes us long  
for Southern skies. Did you hear of the floods at Mackay,  
Queensland and the Tornado on the Victorian Coast? Brighton  
suffered badly I believe.

With the very best of wishes to you all, especially the  
 Australians.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

Yours sincerely,

(Miss)

A.I.F., A.F.C.,

WHITE  
Thomas Capt.

"PRISONER OF WAR IN TURKEY"

Interned Afion-Kara-Hissar.

"Was very pleased to receive your letter of 15th March. We were all sorry to hear of the death of Capt. T. in France. He deserved better luck and we hope that his two comrades are quite well. The remainder from that place were moved soon afterwards and put in more difficult places.

Many thanks for being so good as to store my uniform when it arrives. I am glad that those recent arrivals in England were able to give you so much news. They knew more of the real state of affairs than the three gentlemen who went before them. Could you inform the Office that of the Flying Corps men in Turkey Sergt. Maj. Campbell, Sergt. F. Read, Corps Sloss, and Air Mechanics Hudson, Haines, Nicholls, Nixon, Wells and Snell are well, for they do not seem to know. The others will not need comfort of any kind now. They were fifty-one originally. I often receive letters from their relatives asking whereabouts of different ones, or if still alive.

Most of us have received cheque-books from the Australian Pay Office in London. We were pleased to receive them and thankful for the arrangements made, for till their arrival, we had had to write manuscript cheques on our private banks. With kindest regards, "

"P.S. -(Sloss and Hudson, above, are Australians)"

Cert. by Letter received from Officer dated 14/7/18.  
London  
6/9/18.

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