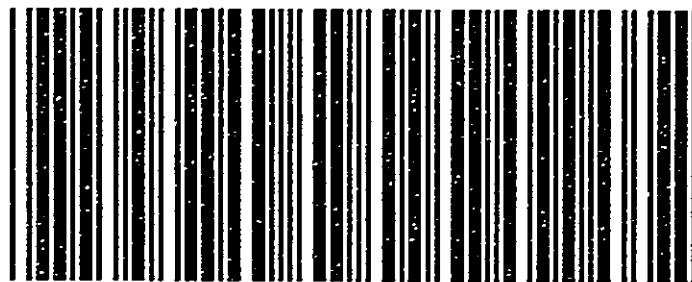


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**899 Private
John Atkinson Metcalf**

5th Battalion



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A.I.F.
5th Bn.
D. Coy.

METCALF
John Atkinson

899

Killed in Action 25.4.15.

Killed in Action 25.4.15. No burial.
Cert. by Hqs List 26.8.19.

London.
4.10.19.

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"A.Coy" or D. Coy.

WETCALF
J. H. 899
in the

MISSING

Killed in Action 18-12-15 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters, 17-12-15. ~~A letter~~
~~from 3rd Echelon~~

London
18-12-15.

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WETCALF
J. H. 899.
in the

M. 25/4/15.

Wetcalfe was in hospital at No 1 A.G.H. in July 1915.
Witness was in the same ward with him, two beds away. Witness
thought he had lost a leg. When witness left the hospital in
Aug. Wetcalfe was still there.

Ref:- Cpl J.H. Cohen, 397,
A.M.C. Details,
57th Bn.,
Terry Post; Ismailia.

S.A.
2/4/16.

(This report was only filed, not sent on.)

No trace of above in Cairo Hosp. Index.

5th Btn.

METCALF,
Pte. J. A. No. 899.
ch. tk. m.

Officially reported Missing from 25th April, and
mentioned in our cable of the 9th March.

Private W. H. Snook, No. 881, 5th Battalion, D. Coy, a
returned soldier, stated that he was a tent mate of the casualty
and that they landed together; and were together for a couple of
hours, then informant was wounded and sent back. When he
returned, 12 weeks later, he made inquiries about the casualty
but could hear nothing of him.

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5th Btn.

METCALF,
Pte. J. A. No. 899.
ch. tk. m.

Reported Missing, April.

Informant states that the above casualty was a friend of
his, and describes him as being short, about 5' 6"; dark.

Informant further states casualty was destroyed by shell
fire during the first week in June, between Walker's Ridge and
Quinn's Post. Informant actually saw casualty killed.

Ref:- Pte. W. Walker,
No. 290, 5th Btn.

43 Chapel Street,
Pahran.

H.A.B.
23/5/16.

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Metcalf J.A. 899.

M. 25.4.15.

Metcalf was killed on the day of the landing. Witness was near him at the time and word was passed along that Metcalf was gone. This occurred at the top of Monash Gully in the advance. At the Roll-call a few days later, various men made statements to the effect that they had seen Metcalf killed. Amongst these was pte. Arthur Hughes and Pte. Harold Booker. Metcalf was a dark-complexioned, lively, popular fellow.

SA.

Reference: L/Cpl.S.V. Hirwood. 925. D.Co. 5th.Bn.
1st.Aus.Div.B.D. Staples. 11th.May.
1916.

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METCALF, J. Ackinson
Pte. No. 899.

Informant states casualty was a friend of his. He occupied the adjacent tent. Casualty went on the "Orvieto" to Egypt with informant. Casualty was 5 ft. 6", medium dark, thin, slight build

Casualty landed on the Peninsula on the 25th April from the transport "Seangbe", he landed alright. Informant saw casualty early Monday morning, which was the 26th April. At 5 a.m. he was engaged in entrenching with informant in a region which ultimately became known as Quinn's Post. Casualty called out to informant for the loan of a pick as he was short of that instrument. Informant then goes on to state that they had just got properly dug in when the order came to advance again. They were under heavy shrapnel fire which lasted until about noon. They then dug in for the night at about 5 p.m. They were in the midst of digging in, and were half way through the process when the Turks again attacked, and they kept attacking intermittently all night. It is just possible that casualty may have been taken prisoner about this time as he was never seen again and the lines were disorganised.

Private address
13 Foster Street,
St. Kilda.

Informant:- Pte. G. E. Martin,
No. 912, 5th Btn. D.Co.

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F.A.B.
19/9/16

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