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Lieutenant.
WHITEHEAD, Walter Middleton.

21st Battalion
3/5/17.
Killed in action.
(Mother) Mrs Whitehead.

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier Walter Middleton Whitehead
2. Unit and Number (if known) Lieutenant 21st Battn
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
   Town (if any) Cheltenham District Moorabbin State Vic
4. What was his Birthplace Collingwood Vic
5. Date of Death 3rd May 1917
6. Place where Killed or Wounded Bullecourt France

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling Dairy Produce Merchant
2. Age at time of Death 26
3. What was his School Cheltenham
4. What was his other Training Athletics & Swimming
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) No
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—
   One of the last to leave the "Southland" and also one of the last at the evacuation
8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)— Yes his brother Robert Whitworth (2nd Lieut 21st Battn) previously wounded, killed same day & place
9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
   Name J. J. Whitehead
   Relationship to Soldier Father
   Address Centre Dandenong Rd Cheltenham
   1928
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
   Name Chaplain Mac Crae Strewart (Presbyterian)
   ~~Address~~ " Lamble (C of E)

NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

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Historian

Centre Dandenong Rd
Cheltenham 31 ~~26~~/12/19

Secy
Defence Deptmt.

Dear Sir — I am enclosing herewith filled up form as requested in regard to our late Son Lieutenant M. M. Whitehead - The information is of a most meagre character, but from what we gathered from inquiries made, anything of a fuller nature was on the 'Mongolia' when she was sunk off Bombay - I have mentioned the two Chaplain, you are likely to have their addresses - I may state that I ~~have~~ wrote some time ago to the High Com. in London requesting that the names of our two lads, the one above mentioned & his brother 2nd Lieutenant Robert Whitworth Whitehead 21st Batn. who was killed same time & place should be inscribed on the one Slab instead of separately & a day or two before we got your notice I got a reply from them stating that our wish would be complied with - I presume you will be forwarding a similar form to be filled up in relation to our son Robert, - We trust that this desire of ours, & the promise we have received from your London office may not be lost sight of.

Yours obediently

J. E. Whitehead

P.S. If it should happen that their names cannot be put on the one Stone then the two first words 'Brothers who' strike out and in their place substitute the personal pronoun 'He'.

J.E.W.