

PORTRAIT FOUND AT ANZAC

The Sydney Mail published on Wednesday 22 March 1916 a photograph of a young girl that was found on the battlefield at Gallipoli. Subsequently, The Armidale Express and New England General Advertiser on 28 March 1916 reported the discovery of the photograph and that it had proved to be a picture of Miss Thea Vyner of Walcha that had been sent to her brother 569 Corporal Charles John [Jack] Vyner who served at Gallipoli.



Corporal Jack Vyner was reported missing on 2 May 1915. Hope was held by his family that he may have been captured and held as a prisoner of war in Turkey, although witness accounts suggested he may have been killed as early as April 25. A Court of Enquiry held on 24 March 1916 determined that he had been killed in action on or before 2 May 1915. He has no known grave and is memorialized on the Lone Pine Memorial. His sister, Dorothea [Thea] Margaret Vyner (1898 - 1978) married grazier Thomas Laurie (1898 - 1945) at Tamworth in 1920. Thea died in Armidale in 1978.