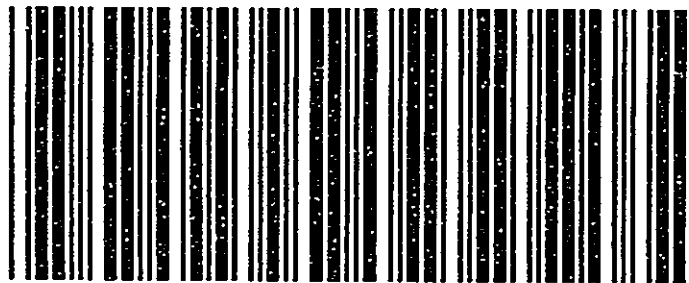


Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

636 Sergeant
Maurice George
Delpratt

5th Light Horse



0910211E

5 A.L.H.

M. Aug. 4th

Sgt. K.G. Delpratt
636

122

On June 28th he was carrying messages and doing signalling, and he went out for a wounded man, he failed to return. A fortnight ago a patrol brought in an identity disc found on newly captured ground, this belonged to Sgt. Delpratt. The dates don't tally well, but this seems fair evidence of death.

Ashwood, P.G. 282
B troop
C Squadron
5 A.L.H.,
St. Elmo.

MALTA.

7/9/15.

5 A.L.H.

M. Aug. 4.

Sgt. Delpratt 636

125

On Aug. 27 appeared in orders as officially killed. This was based however only on evidence collected from the men who were supposed to have been those who last saw him. His disc was not found.

C.A. Parker 555,
C. Squadron
5 A.L.H.

MALTA.

Bighi.

25.9.15.

Moore's Modern Methods, Ltd., London, England Binder and holes in leaves, Pat'd No. 8715, 1906.

120

5 A.L.H.

Sgt. K.G. Delpratt 636

It was on June 28th, some of our troops were being landed at Achi Baba and had to prevent the Turks advancing. Delpratt was sent up to B Squadron to warn them in the trenches not to advance, that was the last I saw of him, he got to trenches and found that they were all dead bodies and then got hit himself. We were informed he was buried down on the beach. He was one of our finest men.

L.Cpl. Loveshore 81,
5 A.L.I.,

MALTA.

St. Patricks.

Moore's Modern Methods, Ltd., London, England Binder and holes in leaves, Pat'd No. 6773, 1904.



DELPRATT, K.G. Sgt. 636
(M. about 4.8.15)

5. A.L.H.

Witness says Sgt. Delpratt was in the charge on 28.6.15 and when returning heard that a friend of his was left behind, so he returned to ^{look} work for him and has not been seen again.

Walker. D.R.W. Trooper.

2nd. L.H.

1st. Aust. Gen. Hospital.

23.9.15

J.S. St. Clair.

HELIOPOLIS.

M E D

5 A.L.H.

14. Aug. 4.

Sgt. K.G. Delpratt
C 836

126

His brother in the 2 A.I.F. has had a letter from Constantinople. Informant did not actually see brother or letter, but is quite positive since Sept. 1 but cannot date more accurately. Everyone was interested in Delpratt as he was extremely popular.

F. Sharp 417
B Squad 5 A.L.H.

MALTA.

Valletta.

Oct. 4.

J.M.C.

690

DELPBATT, Maurice, Sgt.,

5th A. L. H.

(M., last heard of June 28th)

Two squadrons of 5th A. L. H. went out a day or two before informant returned a fortnight ago. Identification discs were taken from two dead bodies and informant heard that one of them was Sgt. Delpratt's. Casualty lists will show, as the Major has the discs.

Daly, Pte.,

A. Sqdn., 5 A. L. H.

3, Aux. Con. Dep., 1, A. G. H.

J. W. Carter,

5/9/15.

DELPRACT, Maurice. Sgt.

5th. A.L.H.

592

(Last heard of June 28)/.

Thought to be a prisoner in Constantinople. Witness, while in Gallipoli, heard a Tr. of the 6th. A.L.H. ask several men of the 5th. A.L.H. whether they had a Sergeant missing. On being answered in the affirmative, the Tr. of the 6th. A.L.H. continued that his regiment had picked up a diary of a German Officer in which was recounted the capture of a Sergeant of the 5th. A.L.H. on 26.5.15. Delp Pratt was the Sergeant, and the only one, of the 5th. A.L.H. missing. This was common talk in the regiment.

Ref:- Cameron. A. 5th. A.L.H.
Skating Rink Hospital.

14.9.15

HELIOFOLIS.

S. C. Hebard.

Another witness states that Corpl. Inch, Machine gun Section told him that a letter has been received from Sgt. M. Delp Pratt from Constantinople, where he is a prisoner and quite well.

Ref:- Baumgartner. Pte.

5th. A.L.H.

14.9.15

Luna Park Hospital.

C. E. de P. Trench.

HELIOFOLIS.

DELPRATT, Maurice. Sgt. 635 5th. A.L.H.
(N. last heard of 28.6.16)

Witness states that Sgt. Delpratt is a prisoner in Constantinople.

His brother of the 7th L.H. who is at Anzac has received a letter from him stating ~~xxx~~ that he is well. He told~~xxx~~ his brother to inform all friends and the Regt. officially.

Ref:-- Ryan. A.M. Lieut.

5th. A.L.H.

1st. Aust. Gen. Hospital.

25.9.16

HELIOPOLIS.

J.S. St. Clair.

E. A. L. H.

M. about Aug. 4th.

Sgt. K.G. Delpratt
636

123

Informant was one of the last to see him, if not the very last. Four of whom informant was one were searching a piece of ground for wounded. Delpratt was on the left, then a Pte. Jones and then informant. The latter saw Delpratt put both hands to his head and stagger forward over the brow of the hill to the enemy's lines. After he had passed the top of the hill informant lost sight of him. The fire was very heavy and it is very probably that he was hit again. He thinks Delpratt was half stunned by his wound and walked towards the Turks lines thinking they were ours. They called out to him to come back, but he paid no attention. Informant feels sure it was a genuine wound and not a piece of bluff in order to surrender himself.

Cpl. J.G. Wildhaber 325
B. Squad

HALTA.

Valetta Hosp.

8/9/15.

SGT.MAURICE DELPRATT. & SGT K.G.DELPRATT.

There seemed some confusion in this case, & we thought that probably these were one & the same man. We accordingly sent the enclosed card to the Record Office, & on the strength of their reply, we have written to London explaining the situation, & suggesting that the enquiry for Sgt K.G.Delpratt (their Enquiry) should be cancelled, as Sgt Maurice Delpratt (now Officially Prisoner of War in Constantinople) seems to be the man referred to. We carried this case through ourselves, instead of passing it over to you to clear up, as it was an old Enquiry, & we thought it better to get it straight before passing it on to you.

185

4

121

3 A.L.I.

Sgt. K.G. Delpratt 636

We were told by a man when we were leaving Gallipoli on Hosp. boat that he had spoken to Delpratt's brother, and he had told him he had just heard from Delpratt in Constantinople, the letter had come through Switzerland, about Sept. 5 and wanted the men to know he was safe and well.

Tpr. Mauritz. 557
A.L.H.

MALTA

St. Patricks.

Moore's Modern Methods, Ltd., London, England Binder and holes in leaves. Pat'd No. 875, 1008.



DELRATT, Maurice. Sgt.

649
5th. A.I.H.

(Missing last heard of 28.6.15)

Witness states he has heard that a letter has been received from Sgt.
Delratt, posted in Constantinople.

Ref:-- King. P.J. Sig.

5th. A.I.H.

Skating rink Hospital.

HELIOPOLIS.

19.9.15

S.C. Hebard.

A.I.F. 5th Light Horse

DELRATT
Sgt. H.G. 636

"PRISONER OF WAR IN TURKEY"

Interned, Kadji-Kiri.

"Just received in good order parcel 22. Please accept my thanks for this splendid parcel. Under the new system whereby all parcels for the men on this construction first come to Belededik should improve matters. I only received one of the parcels you addressed to Kara-Hissar".

~~Cent.~~ Extract from letter received from man dated 7/7/18.

London
17/9/18.

No Inc

5 A.L.H.

M. Aug 4.

Sgt. X.G. Delpratt
636

124

Informant heard his name read out officially as prisoner of war,
and Delpratt's brother has been notified to this effect.

E.R. Miller 161 A troop A Squad.
5 A.L.H.

Malta.

St. Elmo.

14/9/13.

Moore's Modern Methods, Ltd., London, England Binder and holes in leaves, Pat'd No. 672, 1906.



828

DELRATT. K.G. 636.

5th. A.L.H.

(W. about 4.8.15.)

Reported by Australian Base as Prisoner of War.

Cairo
1/10/15-

A.I.F. 5th L.H.

DELPRATT,
Sgt. M.G. 636

Repatriated Prisoner of War from Turkey.

Arrived Dover 17-12-18.

Cert. by Inf. from A.I.F. H.Q., 18-12-18.

London,
25-12-18.

No Enq.

A. I. F. 5th L. Horse.

DELRATT,
Sgt. Maurice George,
636.

Repatriated Prisoner of War from Turkey.

Arrived Alexandria 21-11-18.

Cert. by Cable from Cairo 28-11-18.

London,
2-12-18.

No Enq.

A.I.F. 3th L.H.

DEPRATT
Sgt. M.G. 836

"REPATRIATED PRISONER OF WAR"

"Inform Depratt Bromflett Christmas Greetings Love Maurice"
Cert. by Cable sent from Red Cross 27/12/18

London
2/1/19

No Inq.