

From Mornington
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Dear Mr. Curnow,

First I would like to introduce by myself. I am Mr. Pattinson's eldest daughter, + I am answering the letter you wrote to my father.

My father, + mother are both in the Frankston Private Hospital. Mother is very crippled with arthritis + has lost her sight in the last 18 months. Dad has Parkinson's disease + old age, he is unable to write now + I am afraid his memory is not very good.

So I'll do my best to answer your question from the bits he could tell me.

First- he sat for 3 models
at least ~~two~~ to three times a
week in a studio on the top
floor of a building in Bull St-
he was the original model
& it was he who sat for
the prizes winning statue.
& to the Best of his knowledge
that was the original statue
of the Boer War memorial
near the P.O. I am sure
it was him because all
my life he, & mother have told
me that dad was the model
for it. It was not dad who sat
in 1934 he does not know any-
thing about it, in fact he did
not know anything had to be
done to it. It may have been
C.W. P. Handmear who sat for
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Dad said Mr Handmeat may have sat also for Mr Walker but he does not remember him doing so. But it was dad who sat for the prize winning statue. I sorry he has no paper cuttings. But I am sending a Photo of dad taken at the time he was modelling for Mr Walker. By the way the rifle he had was a Light Horse rifle issued to him as he was still in the Light Horse + that time.

Dad + Mr Handmeat were boys together, in fact were almost rear together.

I am enclosing a community History of dad + family that might be of interest. I would appreciate it if you take care of Photo + History, + return to me