

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**3279 Private  
Arthur James Avery**

**49th Battalion**



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A.I.F. 49th Bn

AVERY  
A.I. 5279

WITNESS

Wounded and Missing 8-9-16 - previously reported Wounded  
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 8-9-17.

London  
4-2-17

49th A. I. F.,

Avery, A.J., 3279,  
C.Coy. 9 Pl:

W & M Sept. 3rd 1916.

"I knew Avery, he was in my Company. I saw him killed at Pozieres, it was in August, between 14th and 17th. He was a big man 5ft.8ins, or 9, a Roman Catholic, and a Cpl. We were going along the sap and a shell landed and killed six of them, another chap I knew Angus Matheson was killed also. It was just getting dark about 7 o'clock, in the evening. Sept. 3rd the date given was the Sunday we were at Monquet. I remember it as we went over the top. Avery was not there then I am sure."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: Yes, big man, 5ft.8-9ins in height.

Informant:-- Pte. E. Gibb, 3814,  
49th A. I. F., C. Coy. 12 Pltn.,  
3rd London General Hosp:  
Wandsworth, S.W.

Home address:-- Brereton St.,  
South Brisbane, Queensland.

2.5.17.  
A.E.Long.

A. I. F. 49.

AVERY, A.J. 3279.

W. & M. September 3rd, 1916.

When holding the line at Pozieres a shell came over, H/E, which killed him and several others. He was buried by it and when extricated was dead. He was interred behind the lines and cross put on his grave. 5'6", midgetty, darkish, 22-25.

FJE.

Reference:- McAndrew, F.L. C. XII.  
No. 56 Gen. Hosp.

Etaples  
12.6.17.

Havre

14th May, 1917.

49th AUSTRALIANS

AVERY, A.J. 3279

W & M. 3.9.16.

Avery was a Corporal and came from Bogahilla in Australia. Sergt. Gould of B Co. told me that he was with Avery when he was killed at Pozieres at the end of August. Sergt. Gould was alright with the battalion on the 15th March.

Informant: Pte J. Ryder; 2708  
49th Australians, A Co.,  
Ambulance Train, Havre.

GRB

Written by Sergt Gould 22.5.17

Havre

18th June 1917.

49th AUSTRALIANS

AVERY, A.J. 3279

d. & M. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> . 1916.

He was a Corpl. in A. Co., XI. Pltn. He came from Queensland. I had known him for about 2 months, and saw him every day. He was about 5ft. 7 or 8" in height, medium build, dark hair, clean shaven and about 22 years of age. About the middle of August, 1916, we were attacking holding the line at Pozieres. I do not remember the exact date; we were under very heavy shell & fire about 4 p.m. I saw Avery hit by a piece of shell and killed on the spot. I was about 50 yards away from him; it was quite clear at the time.

Informant: S. Cpl. G. Brookes 3685  
49th Australians, C. Co., X. Pltn.  
Australian Corp, Boulogne.

~~W. C. M. R.~~

B.

Havre

25th June 1917

49th AUSTRALIANS

AVERY, A.J. 3279

d. & M. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 1916

He was killed with six other men by a shell at Pozieres during the daytime in a trap. I saw this and I was only 20 feet away. I think the Pioneer Battalion buried him. Avery was in C. Co. His name was Alma Avery.

Informant: G. H. Gallacher 2610  
49th Australians  
F. S. "Barilla" Havre

RBS

B.

Havre

3rd July 1917

49th AUSTRALIANS

AVERY, A.J. 3279

W/M. 3rd Sept. 1916

Avery was in C. Co., and in I think No. 12 Platoon. He came from Queensland with the 8th to 9th Reinforcements. I think he came from Gundywynde. I saw his body lying in our 1st line trench at Pozieres in August 1916. He had been killed by shell fire, a shell lobbed in the trench and killed 5 men. We held the ground. He was about 20 years of age, about 5'8" in height, nuggety, dark curly hair and clean-shaven.

Informant: L/Cpl. C. Saue1 586  
49th Australians C.Co. 11th Pltn  
Australian Camp, Rouelles

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49th Battn  
A.I.F.

AVERY.  
A.J. 3279

"Killed in Action."

Killed in Action 3.9.16. previously reported Missing believed Killed.

Cert. by A.I.F. HdQrts. 16.8.17.

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London.  
24.8.17.