

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

4028 Private
Henry Roy Eldridge

1st Battalion



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1st A. I. F.

H. R. ELDRIDGE, 4028.

Missing 22.8. 16.

There were two brothers named Eldridge in my Plat. They both came over in the 12th reinforcements and their Nos. would be about 4000. One of the brothers was slightly wounded at Pozieres on the 23rd July and is still with the Regt. The other brother was buried in the 1st line of the German trenches after the explosion of a shell about the 25th July at Pozieres. When he was dug out he was dead. I saw his body. This man was about 5 ft.6, dark, clean shaven and about 26. He was the elder of the two brothers. I am sure the date was the 25th July. I believe his body was buried in a shell hole afterwards.

Reference: Pte. J. C. Palmer, 4461, A Co. 3 Fl.
No.9 General, Rouen. 28.11.16.

mat H R Eldridge

AGL. ✓

France.

A. I. F. 1.

ELDRIDGE, E. R. 4028.

M/August 22nd. 1916.

His brother, who was in the same platoon with him (1V Pl. A.Coy) knows he was killed at Pozieres on July 22nd. (not August 22nd.) I was speaking to the brother, Pte. C.E. Eldridge 3 weeks ago, and he told me this. I expect he has written to his people.

Reference: Pte. S. Walker, 3858, A.Coy, 1 Batt.,
No. 1 A.D.B.D.,

Staples.
27.10.16.
H80. SA.

M. 22.8.16. (H.Q. 2.11.16.)

FRANCE.

A.I.F. 1.

SEDWIDGE, H.R. 4028.

M. Aug. 22. 1916.

There was a man called Eldridge killed at Pozieres, on July 22-23. (not Aug.22.) I saw his body as it was being buried on July 25. His number was about that given. He belonged to A.Co. I think he is the man enquired for. He was killed during the bombardment after the charge.

Reference: L/Cpl. F.W. Moore, 2617, A.Co.
Ho 1. A.D.B.D. Staples.
24.11.1916.

SA.

1st Battn..
B. Coy.

Henry Roy.

ELDRIDGE,
4028.

M.22-8-16.

Missing on 22-8-16.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' List of 25-9-16 and
2-11-16.

Killed in Action on 22-8-16 - previously reported missing.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' List only 1-17.

London,
6-1-17.

S.

1st Battn. A.I.F.
B. Coy

ELDRIDGE
H. Roy 4028

Missing - 22-8-16.

"I am an old friend from boyhood and come from the same town in N.S.W. My mother is a neighbour of Eldridge's mother. I last saw Eldridge in July and was told after first Pozieres engagement that he was wounded and believed to be in hospital. I enquired particularly and was told Snowy Eldridge was wounded, but now believe he must subsequently have been killed. I was stretcher-bearing near his section at that time and know the circumstances.

After reading your slips I am sure those dated 27th Oct. - and 24th and 28th Nov. do not refer to H. Roy Eldridge who had no brothers was an only son and was in B Coy. He was about 22 years of age - short about 5 ft. 5, and rather thick-set and clean shaven ~~so~~ exceedingly fair that he was called Snowy"

Informant: Pte F.E. Breakspear - 8620
12th Field Amb. late 2nd Fld. Amb.
A.A.M.C.
at present at Berham Downs.

F.M.
London
5-3-17.

3-3-17.
X asked me to make inquiries, but I have been in Hospital

1st Australian I. Force.

Eldridge H. R. 4028

(M. 22/16).

Informant states " Eldridge was buried by a shell which knocked in the trench at Pozieres on 25th July. He was buried in the shell hole."

Eye Witness - Yes.

Informant :- Pte. Jesse Palmer, 4461,
A Coy. 4th Pltn. 1st Aus. I.F.
2nd Southern General Hospital,
B. R. I. Marlborough Street,

Home address,
The Hook,
Gordon Street,
N. S. Wales.

15/12/16.
J. R. Long.

1st. Battn.
B (?) Coy
A.I.F.

ELDRIDGE
Henry Roy 4028

Killed in Action - 22-8-16.

"His father has received a letter from him dated 11th Aug. stating he is well, and has also received a letter from Pte P. Duncan of same battalion stating that Eldridge was last seen acting as guide to a battalion which relieved the 1st Battn. in the Trenches.

Your slip of the 27th Oct. does not refer to this soldier as he had no brother. It probably refers to another Eldridge."

Informant: (Sydney letter 16.1.17)

1 copy B. L. H. H. H.

1st Btn.

ELDRIDGE, H.R.

4028

K. in act. 22/8/16

C.Co. Fair, clean shaven, age 22/23, 5ft5"/7". He was last seen by me on 23rd August '16 at Pozieres. He was left in the Communication Trench to guide the 23rd Btn. into the Line and never returned to the Co. after.

Informant:- Pte. J.H. Bilton
4020 "C" Co.

R.C. Wheeler
H.M.A.T. City of Poonah
15/5/19

P.B. list

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Time
1

A.I.F. 1st Battn.
B Coy.

ELDRIDGE
Henry Roy 4023

Killed in action 22.8.16
"Last seen acting as Guide to Btn
which relieved 1st Btn."

Last paid 11th August 1916
W/O Wilkie.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqrs 8.5.19

London
19.5.19

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A.I.F. 1st Battn.

ELDRIDGE
Henry Roy 4028

"Whereabouts during July & August 1916"

Disembarked Marsailles 28.3.16

Missing 22.8.16

Now reported Killed in action 22.8.16

Buried vicinity of Bozieres Sheet 57D S.E.X.4.a.5.9.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hdqs 3.5.19

London
19.5.19

Gledridge

Henry Roy

4028

10018th

Cy E No 3.

held at Millbourne Camp 9-12-16

"Men shown Missing No. 22/25 July 1916

... T No 4028 Pte Gledridge H R

reported M. 22. 8. 1916 (added)

" No 4028 Pte Gledridge H R

Witness No 591 C. E. W. Humphreys

1st Pte. state

" Pte Gledridge was reported on

"missing" by his company on

22 July 1916

Nothing further, but is believed
by me to be killed" - "Remarks"

The court declare & record their opinion
in the case of each soldier as shown in the
attached schedule in the "remarks column"

Amos
April 29
1917

Wm. P. H. 1.2
R. S. 1.2
H. S. 1.2
members