

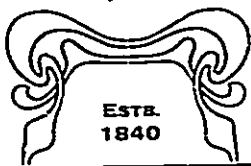
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

**4224 Private  
Reginald Etheridge**

**23rd Battalion**



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32 & 38a, HOLLOWAY ROAD,  
London,

Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1919

*Mrs Lillian A. Whymore Secretary Red Cross*

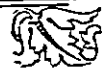
Memo. from

**A. Etheridge, Builder and ..  
.. Decorator.**

Roof and  
Drain  
Work.

STOVES AND RANGES  
REPAIRED  
AND FIXED.

Plumber, Zinc Worker, Gas and  
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out with despatch.

*Further ditto*  
*Dear Madam.*

*Thank you for your letter concerning*

*my dear brother 4224 Etheridge Reginald*  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Batt A.I.F.*

*I shall indeed be glad, if any  
information, that you may be able to  
give, now, or at any time in the future.  
although I feel sure he is gone, I should  
like to know where he fell, and if  
there is any grave, or memorial at  
the spot. to him & his comrades.*

*Any information that may come to  
the record office please forward on*

*Australian  
Red Cross  
36 Jermyn Place*

*Yours Truly  
A. Etheridge*

23rd A. I. F.

Etheridge, Pte R. 4224,  
C. Coy, 10 Plat.

(H. May 3rd/17)

"I was with Etheridge on 3rd May at Bullecourt and helped to bind up his wounds in the back which were only slight ones. We sent him back towards the dressing station and he should now be in Hospital. It was day-light and things were quiet at the time he left us. There was little chance of any mishap."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Dark, 5'7", medium build, pimply neck & face

Informant: Cpl H. Ryan, 646,  
23rd A.I.F., C.Coy, 10 Plat.,  
Southmark Military Hospital.

Home address:  
83, Scotchmere St,  
North Fitzroy,  
Victoria, Australia.

G. M.

19th July 1917.  
C. Elphick.

(COPY)

Statement made by No. 646 Cpl Ryan H. 23rd Btnre No. 4224 Pte Etheridge R. 23rd Btn  
Reported Missing 3.5.17

I hereby state that the said Pte Etheridge C. Coy 23rd Btn A.I.F. was wounded whilst in the advance at Bullecourt on 3.5.17 and to my knowledge reached the First Aid Station. He was quite capable of helping himself having only slight wounds in the back.

Dated at Southwark Military Hosp. this 27/28th day of August 1917.

(Sgd) H. Ryan.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) J.D. Rode

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A.I.F. 23.

ETHERIDGE, R. 3224.

M. May 3rd 1917.

His cousin also named Etheridge, in the 23rd A.I.F. but now in hospital somewhere, told me that he saw R. Etheridge's body out in no man's land at Bullecourt on May 3rd, when we were coming back.

Informant. Pte G. Vanevery. 6127. C. V.  
Army Rest Camp.  
BOULOGNE. 16. 10. 17.

HMH.

H. I.

Mr. Rao H. I.  
No trace of body found 27.10.17

01/11/17

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ETHERIDGE, R. 4224.

M. May 3rd 1917.

We were at Ypres on May 3rd when he was wounded slightly in the hip and went to No. 10 C.O.S. Was reported back in the battalion about 10/11/17. He is fair, 5ft 7, 25 years, came from Ascot Vale, Melbourne. He is an ironmonger

Inf: Pte D.J. McGee. 6558. 23.C.X.  
No. 8 Stat Hosp.  
aBOULOGNE. 17.11.17.

PRBL

*Adf.*

*off at*

*Written Ady 29.11.17*

23rd Battn  
AIF

ETHERIDGE  
R. ~~4224~~ 4224

"Missing 3.5.17."

I am in receipt of your enquiry re No 4244 Pte. R. Etheridge. We have no further information than "Missing in Action" 3.5.17. Since then nothing has been heard of him.

Letter from:-  
Adj. 23rd Battn  
4.12.17.

No.

Note The ~~xxxx~~ given for Pte. Etheridge is probably a typists error  
Our enquiry was plainly given as 4224

Off. M. P.I

London.  
29.12.17.

A.I.F. 23rd Btn

R. SPHERIDGE  
4224

"M. 3-5-17"

Killed in action 3-5-17 - previously reported Missing  
cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 3-1-18.

OFF.M. & P.I

London  
9-1-18



23rd Battn.  
A.I.F.

R. Etheridge.  
4224.

"Missing 3.5.17"

Mrs. Etheridge - mother of above soldier - called into the office to ask if any further news of her son had been obtained, and when asked if there were any friends of her son's in the Battn. to whom we might write suggested Pte. Moody who had been a friend of his and had visited her in her home, - when he was in London early in January 1917 a patient in Wandsworth Hospital.

London office 29.11.17.

Note Written Pte. Moody 29.11.17.

London.  
24.1.18.

Off.M  
P.I.

A.I.F. 23rd Bn

R. WHERIDGE  
4224

W.F. 3-5-17

Killed in action 3-5-17 - previously reported Missing  
~~est. by A.I.F. 23rd Bn 3-1-18.~~

Draft 2

Jan 11

Mrs Wheridge

38a Holloway Rd

Islington

OFF.M. & P.I

London  
9-1-18

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Final Draft. 2/10/19.

Mr. Etheridge.  
389 Holloway Rd.  
Bellingham N.Y.

CANCELLED

REGISTERED

4224 Etheridge, R.  
23rd Bn.

CHURCH

CHURCH OF CHURCH

MOONEY  
A. J.

G-C

4236  
23 Ball 4

Dis: to Lurlough report at Wareham

5.3.17 - Is he a Casualty?

Present location wanted N.R. 57929-117

File under

4224

R. ETHERID

23 Ball 4

G-E

Reports Dpt. 28.11.17

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R. Z. K. 11-24

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

23rd Battalion - 6th Infantry Brigade



Secretary,  
Aust. Red Cross (Inquiry Bureau)  
54 Victoria Street,  
London.. S.W. 1.

Dear Miss Deakin,

I am in receipt of your enquiry re No. 4244 Pte R. ETHER-  
IDGE. We have no further information than "Missing in Action"  
3.5.17. A Court of Inquiry was held and the evidence given therein  
showed that he was seen to go over in the attack at BULLECOURT on  
3.5.17. Since then nothing has been heard of him.

4244 R. ETHERIDGE

Yours faithfully,

23 Btn

17.3.5.17

*Al. Ellison* Lieut.  
1/Aadjutant, 23rd Battalion.

*off p. 5*

4th December, 1917.

Note The no given for Pte Etheridge is probably a typists error  
our enquiry was made by No. 4244.

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November 30th, 1917.

4236 Pte. A. J. Moody,  
23rd Aust. Inf. Bttn,  
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Pte. Moody,

We have been making enquiries concerning

~~1224 R. Etheridge~~  
23rd Battalion,  
A.I.F.

"Reported Missing 3.3.17"

but so far have been unable to obtain any definite information. Yesterday his Mother Mrs. Etheridge, called to see if we could tell her anything further concerning him, and we discovered that you had been a friend of her son's and at one time had visited her in Islington.

We promised Mrs. Etheridge, that we would try and discover your whereabouts in order to write and ask you to give us any details you could about her son. We should be very grateful if you would write and tell us whether you were with Pte. Etheridge on the date when he was Missing and if you have been able to discover anything as to his fate. Has the Battalion received any later report than the first one of Missing? or have any of his friends learned of his possible death and burial. His name has never come through on any of the official lists of Prisoners in Germany, nor has he communicated with us or his Mother and she feels sure that if he were alive he would surely have written to her or asked someone to do so for him.

We should be very pleased if you would write us and tell all you know about Pte. Etheridge in order that we may ease his Mother's anxiety.

With all good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

V.D. Hu.