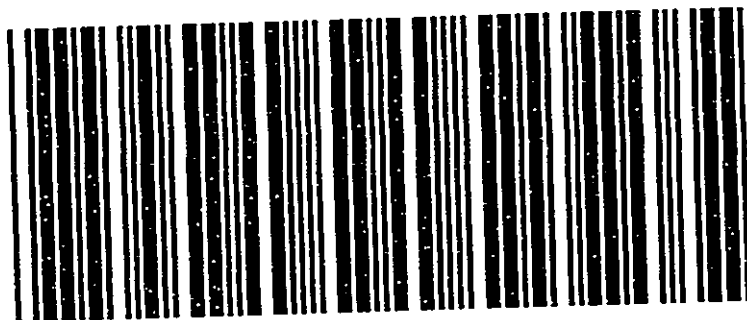


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**3046 Private
Roy William Finney**

49th Battalion



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49th Australians.

Finney R.W. 3046
Scouts Coy.

M. Sept. 5th 1916.

Informant states that "On September 5th 1916 in trenches near Mouquet Farm, Finney with six other men was buried by the exploding of a nine inch shell, some of them were dug out. and we heard no more of Finney and it is presumed he was killed, though none of us actually saw him dead, we saw him buried by the shell."

Reference L B.J. Pretorius 1857,
49th Australians,
Edmonton War Hospital.

Home address: 49th Battn. Australian Scouts.

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49th Aus. Imp. Force.

R.W.
Finnery, 3046

M. Sept. 5th 1916.

Informant states that on September 5th 1916 at Mouquet Farm, we made an attack at 6 a.m., it was successful, but we had a hard time. The Germans bombarded so heavily, any of our wounded left out must have been killed; it was too hot for the stretcher bearers to go out to the wounded; but as soon as possible they made a complete search of the ground but found all killed. In many places the bombardment had been so heavy they were either blown to pieces or buried in. It was not possible for Finnery to have been taken prisoner.

Reference: Lieut. W.M. Divine,
49th Aus. Imp. Forces,
1 Morton Gardens Hospital, S.W

Home address: C/o The Cemetery Lodge,
Loowoonba Oland,
Australia.

21.11.16.
N. Burford Hancock.

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49 Batt. A. I. F.

FINNEY R. W. 3046.

M. Sept. 5th '16.

Witness says soldier was killed at Hekay Farm on Sept. 3rd '16. Witness saw him lying in No Man's land, and is positive he was dead. Knew him well, being in the same platoon.

Description. Egt 5ft7, fair complexion, and hair.

Informant. Jackson A. J. 2188.
49 Batt. " C " Coy.

Feb. 9th '17
S. W. Weymouth.

S/W
Worret Camp.
WIMBORNE.

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49th A. I. F.

Finney, Pte R.W. 3046,
C. Company

(M. Sept. 5th/16)

"I know that several casualties occurred at Mouquet Farm. We went in on the morning of the 3rd and went out again on the morning of the 5th Sept. Finney was one of my lot and an officer's (Lieut George's) batman. I saw him quite all right in a dug out and a few minutes afterwards the whole thing was blown in. Several men were buried. They were digging until daylight and they rescued two men. As I did not know if Finney was one of the two. I reported him as missing but as subsequently I could not get to know of his having passed through any dressing station. I feel quite certain that he was one of those buried that they were unable to rescue. We left the Canadians digging when we came out."

Eye-witness: Yes of the casualty

Description: 5'6", about 22, came from Queensland, feels sure

Informant: Sgt W.W. King, 49th A. I. F., C. Coy.
King George Hospital,

Home address: Stamford St, S.S. B
Alsterville, N.S.Wales.

24th May 1917.

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Statement made by HQ 3391 Sgt King P.E. 49th Battalion.

re No. 3046 Pte Finney R.W. 49th Battalion
Killing 5.9.16.

I hereby state that on the 3rd September 1916 at
Houquet Farm saw Pte Finney a few minutes before shell burst,
covered about 10000 men. Party got at work excavating and two
men rescued alive. Don't think either were Finney as he was at
the bottom. We were relieved next day at daybreak and Canadians
left at work digging. That is all I can say but am of opinion
no hope as he was evidently buried in tons of muggy ground.

Dated at Hereford Park this nineteenth day of July 1917.

(Sgd) W.W.King Sgt.

Statement made and signed before me.

(Sgd) C.K.Parkinson.H.jr.

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reported missing 6.9.16

On the night of Sept 4th 1916 that I last seen the above-named man. At about midnight I saw the man in question on the stairs of an enemy dugout, about two minutes later an enemy shell came over and covered the whole concern. We dug till daylight but only got out two men neither of which was Pte Finney. We were relieved by the Canadians who carried on the digging. I don't think there would be much hope for Finney as he was at the bottom of the stairs and the place was covered with soggy earth. This was at Kouquet Farm.

Dated at Harsfield. this 1st day of August 1917.

(Sgd) W.W. King Sgt.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) C.S. Browne. Major

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Co A.I.F.

ROY, W. FINNEY.
5046

"Missing 5.9.16."

Killed in Action 5.9.17 previously reported Missing believed
killed (Court of Enquiry).
Cert. by A.I.F. HdQtrs. 16.8.17.

P.I. B.

London.
23.8.17.

15th February

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The Secretary,
Australian Y.H.C.A.
near Australia House,
Strand.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry re No. 3046, Pte. Roy W. Finney, 49th Battn. A.I.F. we beg to inform you that we have had enquiries about him from Brisbane and all information has already been sent out so we feel it is unnecessary to duplicate it.

Re No. 4260, Pte. J.A.D. McColl, 7th Battn. A.I.F. we have one unofficial report from No. 2045, Pte. G.H. Wamald, 7th Battn. A.I.F. who states:

" It was our second time at Pozieres when I saw him
" being taken down the trench to the Dressing Station
" having been wounded by a shell".

This information has been sent out to Australia, but as yet we have not received any inquiries from our Bureau.

We fear this information is very satisfactory and will endeavour to send further details of a more definite character.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary. P.M./m E.N.