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**3550 Sergeant
Francis Steven Patrick
Hickey**

54th Battalion



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A.I.F. 54th Battn.

HICKEY
F.S.P. 3550

"KILLED IN ACTION 1.9.18"

Of A Company - on 1st September about 7.30 in morning during our attack at Peronne, was killed outright by shell. I was about 50 yards away and saw it happen. Was buried on the field about 1 mile from outskirts, this side of Peronne. Cross erected - I have seen his grave - Christian name Frank - came from New South Wales.

Informant:- 2442 Pte. B. Lloyd,
54th Battn., A Coy., H.Q.S/Bearer.
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.G.

London
1.11.18
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13th November. 1918.

54th. Australians.

Hickey, F. S. # P. 3350.

K. September. 1/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Sergeant Frank Hickey, D. 16. I saw Sergeant Tom Stringer
Pl. near Sergeant of the 54th. Battalion, with a Cross with Hickey's
name on; this was near Peronne about September 7th. 1918.

Inf:- Private. D. W. Crow. 4278.
54th. Australians. D. 16.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Reuilles.

RDM.

J. A.

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Written Sgt Stringer.
21.11.18

A.I.F. 54th Battn.

HICKEY
Sgt F.S.P. 3550.

"Killed in Action 1.9.18."

Re the late Sgt. Hickey of the 54th Battn.

3550 Sgt. Francis Stephen Patrick Hickey was killed in action on the 1st September 1918 at the taking of Peronne and was buried at Sainte Radegonde at right end of town behind a large brick wall, 10 minutes walk from Peronne. He is buried with four more 54th Battalion soldiers but if the body has been removed since we left, he will be reburied in Military Cemetery at Peronne; a cross was erected by us.

Letter from:- Tom Stringer,
54th Battalion,
B.E.F.

London
16.12.16.
J.E.A.

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54th BATTALION.
late 20th Bn.

HICKEY P.S.P. Sergeant.
No. 3590.

"KILLED 1.9.18"

I met Hickey in France and knew him well. He was an athletic chap. He was 5 ft 8 in, clean shaven, medium complexion.

I saw him killed at Peronne on 1st September 1918. He was killed by a shell outright. We were attacking that morning and a shell struck him. He was buried in Peronne Military Cemetery. I helped to bury him. I made a cross for his grave and his name and number were painted on it.

Hickey was very well liked.

Informant: H. G. Glendenning Private. 6117.
54th Battalion.

Private address:
Cameron Street,
ROCKDALE.

Victoria Barracks, SYDNEY.
24.3.19.
P.B.W.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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A.I.P. 52th Battn.

HICKEY

F.S.P.3550

"Killed 1/9/18."

Sgt. Hickey had been missing for a day or two, and his body was found in Peronne by a search party from D. Coy. I was told by members of his Coy in which I was originally an Officer. I knew him well; he was a Sergt in D. Coy, and his Christian name was Frank. No other Sergt Hickey in Coy or Battalion.

Informant:- Lieut. Charles Wm. Harvey (Accurate)
52ht Battn, A. Coy,
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth.

E. Giddell,
17/10/18.
London 1/11/18.

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Sgt F S P Hicken

to the Secretary 54 Bth.

4/12/18

~~Australian Enquiry Bureau~~

In reply to your note of 21.11.18.
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I am yours faithfully

J. L.

Sam Stringer?

54 Bth.