

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

**782 Private
Harvey Holt**

36th Battalion



1360605L

A.I.F. 36th Btn

H. HOLT
782

"M. 12-10-17"

Killed in action 12-10-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 15-4-18

London
17-4-18

8

36th Bn.
A.I.F.

HOLT
H. Pte. 782
(Signaller)

Missing 12.10.17.

On Octr 12th about 4.30 a.m. at Ypres, in the advance to Passchendaele along a railway embankment. Holt and 2 others and myself, all signallers, were walking along in single file, about 1ft. apart, I being last, and Holt just in front of me when a shell burst beside us which wounded me. I saw the other 3 men fall, but I do not know if they were killed or not. I had to return. He could not be a Prisoner of War for we held the ground, and the Germans never came near it. I did not hear what became of them. There was continual terrible heavy shelling going on at the spot. I knew Holt in Australia.

Eye-witness:- Yes.

Informant:- English, G.A. 752,
Signaller, C.Co., 36th Bn. A.I.F.
Clapton Hospital,
Stratford-on-Avon,
Warwickshire.

Home address:- Australia

8.

London.
9.1.18

C O P Y

Statement made by No. 752 Pte. English J.A. 36th Btn.

re No. 782 Pte. Holt H. 36th Btn

12.10.17

No. 752 Private Holt H. 36th Battalion, was wounded on the 12.10.17. I am to state whether he died as a result of same.

mobile

not sent on

5

Dated at Sutton Veny, this 30th day of January 1918.

(Sgd) J.A. English

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) E. Dooley.
Lieut and
Adjt.

No. 1. C. D. D. D.

36 A.I.F.

H. Holt, 782.

M. Oct. 12/17.

"I saw Holt shot through the heart. He was sniped and died instantly at Passchendaele. He was buried near Ypres. It was during daylight."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description.

	Informant. Pte. C.J. Cadigan, 724.
Home address,	36 A.I.F.
No Eng. address.	Clacton War Hospital, Middlesex.

19.1.18.
M.H. Sykes.

S

36 A.I.F.

Holt. Pte. H. 782.

(M. Oct 12/17)

"I saw Pte. Holt killed. It was during an attack made by us on Passchendaele Ridge on the 12 Oct/17. He was shot through the head and died instantly. This was about 7 a.m. and fairly light. I do not know whether his body was recovered as we moved up to the attack."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Age 25, height 5'6". clean shaven, fair, known as "young Holt".

Informant: Pte. L. Barfield. 713.

36 A.I.F. C Co., IX Pl.,

Hetherfield Rd., Aux: Hospital.
Liverpool.

Home address: 32, King St.,
21.1.18. Sydney. N.S.W.
Wm: Bootham.

S

36th Batt. A.I.F.

Holt, H. Pte. No. 782.

C. Coy.

Missing Oct 12th 1917.

I saw him killed by a bullet through the chest, This happened shortly after we hopped over at Passchendaele. I could not say if he was buried there was nothing done with his body at the time. I knew him in the coy. We were in camp together at Newcastle, N.S.W. His people reside in Sydney.

Description. Age. 27. Height. 5-8. Complexion. fair. Medium Complexion.

Witness. Sgt. Hammond, B.P. No. 789. C. Coy. 36th Batt.

Taken at
9th. T.B. Provant.
13-5-18.
F.G.H.

S. Whitmee.
No. 4. Command Depot
Hurdcott.

5

C O P Y

Statement made by No. 724 Pte Cadigan O.J. 36th Btn.re No. 782 Pte Holt H. 36th Btn.Missing 12.10.17.

On 12.10.17. I saw Private Holt H. about 120 yards south of Panschandaale village. He was lying in a shell hole with a wound in the forehead and was dead.

Let's look on

Dated at Sandhill this 29th day of March 1918.

(SGD) O.J. Cadigan.

Statement made and signed before me

(SGD) W.O. Breugh.

Captain.

O.C. H.O.O. School.

36th BATTALION.. A.I.F.

HOLT, H. Pte.
No. 782.

K-A
MISSING. 12/10/17.

Informant described Holt as about 5 ft. 6 inches high, medium build, inclined to fair complexion, aged about 25. Christian name Harvey.

Informant states that on or about 12/10/17 the Battalion was in action at Ypres. Informant was with the Battalion Transport back some distance, and did not see Holt's death. He was informed by one of the lads, however, that he had seen Holt hit by a bullet. He died almost at once, and as he died a smile came over his face. Informant heard other lads speaking about Holt's death while they were in a retreat camp not far away.

Informant added that Holt was very well respected. They were chums and Informant thought a lot of him.

INFORMANT:- Pte. R.P. ROY, No. 2122,
36th Battalion,
No. 4 Aust. General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

Home address
W.B.G. Krambach
9/4/18. N.S.W.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

S
L
K