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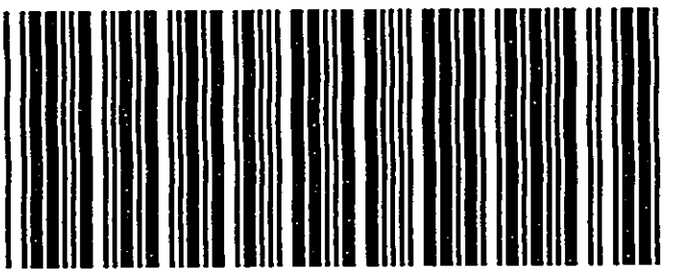
1072 Private Robert Charles George Richardson

42nd Battalion



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2.I.F. 42nd Btn
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RICHARDSON
Robert Chas Geo. 1072

"WHEREABOUTS"

Discharged to Base Details - fit - 7-3-17 ex 1st Convalescent Depot Boulogne
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 23-4-17

Returned to unit - 42nd Btn - 23-3-17 - No further record
Cert. by letter from C.O. 2-5-17.

P.I.

London
5-5-17

42nd Battn.
A.I.F.

RICHARDSON
Pte.R.C.G. 1072

"Killed 26-8-18"

I have been told by one of my own Coy.(I can't give his name, unfortunately), who was over here on leave about a fortnight ago, that Richardson was wounded badly in the stomach by shell fire out Albert way. He fell in the arms of my Informant and kept calling for me. He died almost immediately. Ground was held.

Eye-witness:- No.
Description:-

Informant. Finlay. Capt.J.
42nd Battn.,
3rd London Gen.Hpl.,
WANDSWORTH.

J.R.ClarkHall
15-10-18
London
24-10-18

P.I

42nd Battn.
A.I.F

RICHARDSON.
R.C.G. 1072.

"Killed in Action 26-8-18"

I was in Company Headquarters as Signaller. He was Battman to O.C. I knew him well. We called him "Long 'un" He was tall, about 6 ft, medium build, fair, English born. His people lived in Hackney. I saw his grave - cross and number. I am sure it was his. about a mile N.E.of Bray on ridge. He was in my Company.

Informant:- Beck.C.W.3209.
42nd Battn.
D.Coy.
SOUTHALL.

London.
23-12-18.
J.E.A.

P I.

42nd Battn.
A.I.F.

RICHARDSON.
R.C.G. 1072. Pte.

"Killed in Action 26-8-18"

I helped to bury Richards at Braye, on the Somme, in a field. A board was placed up on his grave. The field was N. of Braye and "Ceylon Wood" He was killed by a shell. I knew him well. He was just back from being gassed.

Eye-Witness:- Helped to bury Richardson
Description:- He was always called "Long 'un" (he was 6ft 2) a young chap, English.

Home address:-
C/O Miss Gale.
York Cottage.
24 Strand on Green.
Chiswick.

Informant:- Dagg.R.1019.Pte.
(quite Intelligent and I should think, accurate)
42nd Bttn.A.I.F.
Graylingwell War Hospital.
CHICHESTER.

Ethel Riadore.
London.
23-12-18.
J.E.A.

P I.

42nd Battn.
A.I.F.

RICHARDSON.
R.C.G. 1072. -

"Killed in Action 26-8-18"

Height 6ft, medium complexion, strongly built, age 23/24. Was originally a ship's fireman. Was batman for Captain John Finlay. (Commonly called Long 'un) Was in A.Company. He was on a Lewis Gun when killed. At the end of August 1918. I attended Richardson's burial just in front of Bray, on the battlefield. There was no Padre present. I helped to carry the body down from the front line to the support line for burial. I recognise Him as the Richardson described above.

Informant:- Moss. H.W.P. Pte. 2351.
A.Coy. 42nd Battn.
(Since transferred to 15th Battn)

R.B.Davison.
London.
7-2-19.
J.E.A

P I.

Enquiry for

1072 Robert Chas George Richardson

M. G. S.
42 Battn A VF

Description over 6 ft high - very fair. 21 years of age 15.3.17.

HQRs reports. In Hospital Boulogne in Feb: Septic finger - To Base Details fit 7.3.17.

Letters retd. (from Battn) 20.4.17 marked "Struck off Strength - Address unknown" -

Enquirer (Mother) Mrs. Richardson
37 Allanmouth Road
Victoria Park
Hackney Wick

Pte. R. C. G. Richardson

1072

42 Batt.

See under

Pte. F. Caldwell

4743

9 Batt.

7-5-17.

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Pte. R.C.J. Richardson
42 Bttn. A.I.F.

P.C. sent to Father
Mr Richardson
37 allan monta Rd.
Victoria Park
Hackney Wick
E.9.

Giving address of
1019 Pte. R. L. Dagg (comrade)
41st Bttn. A.I.F.
No. 1. C. D.
Sutton Veny.

A.I.F. 16th [illegible]

ROBERTS
Edward P.

624 Edward Roberts late 16th Btn now A.F.C.Dtls, adm. 1st Hpl Endell St, Influenza 30-11-18 (From Stavell Victoria).

There is no Edward P.Roberts
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 21-1-19.

London
21-1-19

1019 Pte. R. E. Dagg

Trans to 41st Batter 42nd Batt

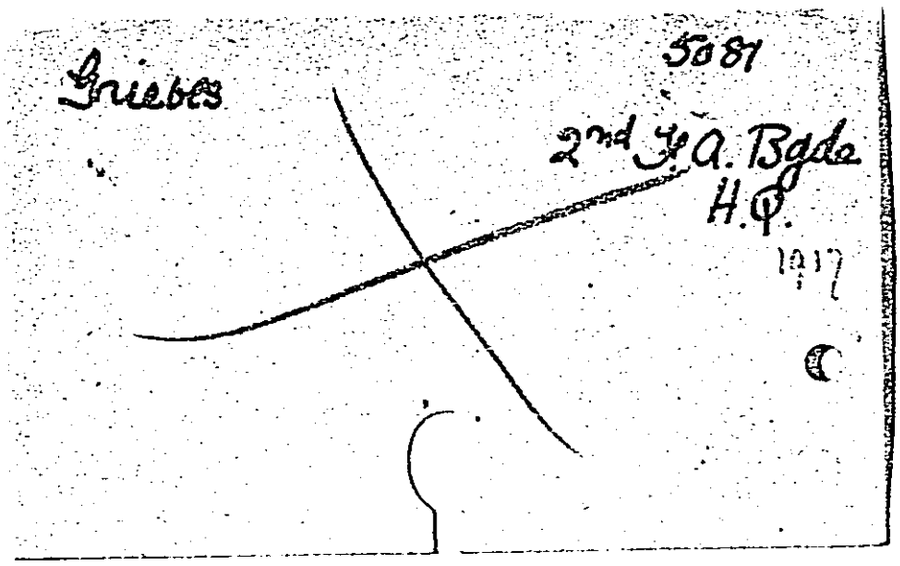
present whereabouts

Fur 7.1.19 to 21.1.19. crept to hos coun dep 8. Very

Re 1072 Pte. R. C. G. Richardson

H. G 30.1.19.

42nd Batt.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H.Q.
1917

No 1072 Pte R. C. G.
Richardson
42nd Bn.

37 Allamouth Rd
Hackney Wick
London.

Dear Madam.

received your letter refering to my inquiries concerning my Son. and I ~~has~~ am pleased to tell you I have heard from him quite recently also had a letter yesterday. and I thank you very much for your kindness in inquiring.

Yours Very Gratefully

(Mrs) . A Richardson

1072
Pte. R.C.G. Richardson
42nd Batt.

37 Allanmouth Rd
Victoria Park
London E. 9

Dear Madam

received your letter re my late Son's, Chums news concerning my Dear Son. I send my Heartfelt Thanks to You all. for your Kind enquiries. should be very pleased if the Boys are still in Hospital. to visit them & thank them . .

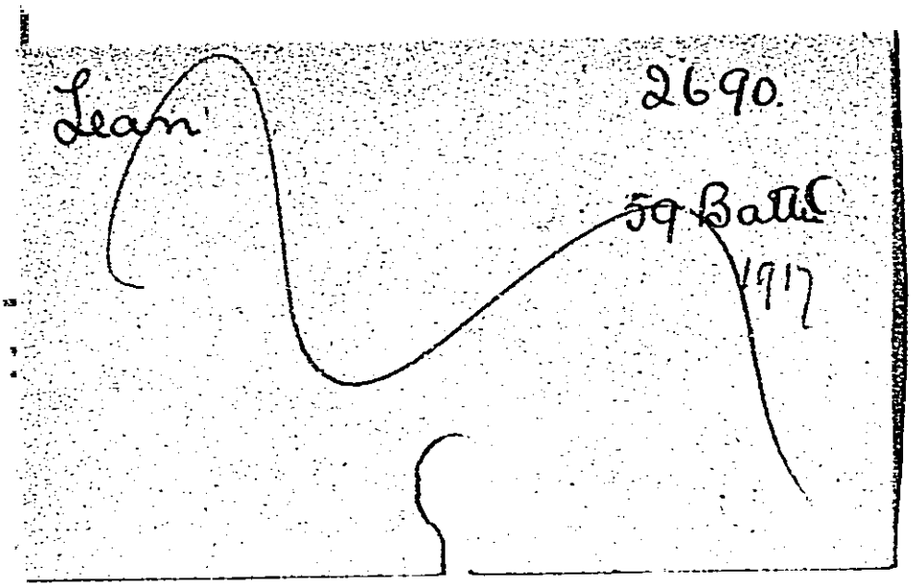
personally & if necessary.
take some little parcel in
remembrance of my Dear
Son. again thanking
Your all for your
Kindness. Your's
very Gratefully
A. Richardson

Capt. J. Finlay
42nd Batt
present wherabouts

Re
1042 Pte. R. C. G. Richardson
42nd Batt

~~London Hotel~~
~~Barrey Stn~~

~~Fortunes~~
"Lancashire"
to sail shortly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1917

7th May 1917.

Mrs Richardson,
57 Allanmouth Road.
Victoria Park.
Hackney Wick.

Dear Madam,

In reference to your inquiry for 1072. Pte. Robert Chas. George Richardson, 42nd Battn. A.I.F. who was discharged ex 1st Convalescent Depot, Boulogne to Base Details on 7.5.17. we beg to inform you that he is now back with his unit since 25.5.17. A letter addressed to him C/- 42nd Battalion should reach him.

Yours faithfully,

V. D. per A for Mr.

Secretary.

37 allanmouth Rd.
Victoria Park.
London E. 9.

Dear Madam

I should be so grateful if you can give me advice concerning my late Son. do you think by looking through your book's you could find (Say perhaps) a Chum. in my late Son's Battalion I received the Official Notification stated that my dear Son was killed in action on August the 26th of this year. so You can understand I am anxious to find someone who knew him. who could perhaps Give me some news of his last moments. his Name. Pte. R.C.G. Richardson No 10729 2nd Batt 3rd Division. Lewis Gunner. A. I. F. he was very tall & Fair. Better Known amrong his Chums as "Long Bob." thanking you for your kindness

I remain A Grateful But
Sorrowful Mother.
A. L. Richardson

Letter written Father

21-1-19

20th Battn.
A.I.F.

INNES.C.G.4705

took the Copse, about 7.a.m. but could not hold it. The Germans were in the Wood with strong Machine Gun Posts. We retired almost immediately to about half way back and dug in and held that position. We lost very heavily. I should say 80% of our strength. Numbers of our men were taken prisoners of War. The second time we went over, we were in Command of Lieut Burdus"D.S.O" D.Company. He got back with us all right. Captain Portman was wounded in the first attack and did not come over the second time. Lieut Treatchey was in both attacks and got back all right. Several of our wounded were brought in under the White Flag, but most of them were taken prisoners of War. The Germans would bury our dead.

Informant:- Pte.A.McDonald. 5463.
20th Australians.C.12.
Australian Convalescent Depot.
ROUELLES.

R.D.M.
London.
17-1-19.
H.G.

S & P I.

January 21st, 1919.

Mrs. A. Richardson,
37 Allanmouth Road.
Victoria Park.
Hackney Wick.

Dear Madam.

In further reference to your enquiry for 1072 Pte. ROBERT CHARLES GEORGE RICHARDSON. 42nd Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have received an unofficial report from Capt. J. Finlay of the same unit interviewed in 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth. He stated that he one of the men in his Coy told him that Pte. Richard was badly wounded (by a shell) in the stomach on 26.8.18. He fell into this man's arms dying immediately. The casualty occurred near Albert.

10119 Pte. R. Dagg of the same unit interviewed while in hospital stated that he helped to bury your son in a field north of Braye and between there and Ceylon Wood. He was a great friend of his and had only just returned to France after being gassed.

3209 Pte. G.W.Beck also of the same Unit stated that he too knew your son well, that he was batman to the O.C., very tall, he went by the name of "Long un". He also stated that he saw the grave which had a cross with his name and number on it. It is about a mile N.E. of Bray on the ridge.

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you should we obtain further information.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin (per V.D.F.)

Secretary.

January 29th, 1919.

Mrs. Alice Richardson.
37 Allanmouth Road.
Victoria Park. E.9.

Dear Madam.

re 1072 Pte.R.C.G.RICHARDSON. 42nd Bttn.A.I.F.

In reply to your letter of 25.1.19. We beg to inform you that as far as we can ascertain 3209 Pte.C.W. BECK is still at the 2nd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Southall. We are making enquiries for the present address of Capt. FINLAY and Pte. DAGG, and will advise you as soon as we receive the report from Headquarters.

With sincere sympathy for your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

9.9.