

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**1550 Private
Herbert Richmond**

24th Battalion



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A.I.F. 24th Battn
C.Coy.

RICHMOND
L/C H.L. 1550

Missing - 28-7-16.

Killed in Action 27-7-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters I.B. 95.

London
4-12-16.

OFF.M.
& P.I.

FRANCE.

A.I.F. 24.

RICHMOND, L/Cpl.H.L. 1550

(and 2 others.)

M. 28.7.16.

They are said to have been killed by a shell at Pozieres on 28th. July. I was not far away from them at the time. Men of their platoon B.VII, told me soon after I came out that they were all killed by the same shell. Sgt. H. Hardwick, VII Platoon, B.Co. who is now in hospital and probably in England, could give eye witness details of this occurrence.

1909
28 July 16
References: Pts. A.J. Stewart, 516. B.Co.
Ho.2.A.D.B.D. Etaples. 23.9.1916.

1909 Sgt H Hardwick - 24 Battalion
Eastlands 3.8.16 -

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A.I.F. 24.C.

RICHMOND L/Cpl.H.L.1550

M. 28.7.16.

My mate, F.C. Taylor, 24.A. told me he was killed.

HJH.

Reference: Pte. Tolley. 2857. B.
L.G.Sch.

Etaples. 27.9.16.

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24th Battn.

Richmond
L/c H.L. 1550

Missing 28/7/16

"Lance/cpl Richmond joined our Company whilst I was in hospital
and I am sorry I can tell you nothing about him. "

Extract from letter from Sgt. H. Hardwick
24th Battn. A.I.F.
East Leeds War Hosp.

2/10/16

London
4th Oct 1916

Off.M.

FRANCE.

A.I.F. 24. C.

RICHMOND, L/Cpl. H.L. 1550.
& another.

M/28th. July 1916.

I knew one Healey and one Richmond in B.VII and saw them killed by a shell at Pozieres on 27.7.16. We were all together; it killed seven and wounded three. Richmond had charge of 11th. or 12th. section. I was quite close at the time. I recognised their dead bodies. I only knew one Healey and one L/C.Richmond in 24th. Battn. Healey was about 5 ft. 4-5 in. medium complexion, sturdy built and came from Richmond, Victoria. L/C.Richmond was tall, fair and thin. This was in a support trench before the attack.

Reference: O. Fielden, 3093, B.VII.,
2 A.D.B.D., Etaples. 30.9.16.

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H.B. A careful intolligent witness.
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24th Battn. A.I.F.

Richmond. L/Opl.H. 1550.

M. 28th July 1916.

About the 28th July at Pozieres we were on fatigue, and he got killed by a shell instantly. He was buried in a cemetery about Pozieres, between that and "Kuike Farm". Our own Brigade Chaplain buried him.

Informant:- Pte R.J. Bayly. No. 2478.

RAK.

H.S. "Stad Antwerpen".

Calais. 13th October 1916.

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24th Battn.
C.Coy.
A.I.F.,

Richmond
L/Cpl.H. 1550

"Missing July 28th 1916"

I was next to L/Cpl. Richmond in the trenches and saw him killed by a shell, at Pozieres. He was buried just behind the trenches, while the enemy were shelling. The ground was held and I was an eye-witness.

Reference;- Pte.A.H.Jewell,
24th Battn.A.I.F.,
B.Coy. 6th Platoon.
Ward, S.
Bishops.Knoll.Hospt.
21-10-16.

Home address;-
Allansford,
Via Warrnamboll,
VICTORIA.

London
9-11-16.
U.STRaCHAN.

Off. M.

24th Battn.
A.I.F.,
C.Coy.

Richmond
L/Cpl.H. 1550

"Missing July 28th 1916"

On July 28th at Pozieres, above was killed by a shell while taking rations to the trenches. Informant did not see him killed, but saw his dead body as they returned at night. He was lying in a trench which had been blown in.

Reference;- Pte.G.S.Paterson, 1802
24th Battn. C.Coy.
James Street
Birkenhead

Home address;-
c/o High Commissioner
of Australia.
LONDON.
19-10-16.

Informant is intelligent

London
10-11-16.
S.S.Owen
68, Bidston Rd.
Birkenhead.

Off. H. &
P.I.

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH East Leeds War
Hospital
2-18-16



B. R. C. S.

Dear Sir

I answer to yours of the
29th inst. I beg to state that
I know nothing of the two
men. Lt. A. L. Richmond 1550
and Pte. G. J. Steel 1771.

It was reported to me that
Pte. Healey 1676 died of wounds
on the morning of the 27th July.
I myself was wounded at
1-30 p.m. after that I know no
more of the Platoon. You may

get more information from
Lt. R. Jones. He was my platoon
officer. I believe he got Shell
Shock. after I left. but I had
given him a list of casualties
and I am almost sure he is
Healey's name on that list

Richmond joined our Coy.
whilst I was in hospital, but

I feel I knew on Gallipoli.

I am sorry this is all the
information I can give you.

I remain

yours truly.

H. Harcourt. Sgt.
24th Batt.

24 August 1914
ORDER
20-10-1914

M *[Signature]*

Please supply the following to the order of

[Signature]

Delivery *[Signature]* Terms *[Signature]*

QUOTE NUMBER OF ORDER ON INVOICE.

*These are being sent to the
and you are requested
to advise us if you have
any further information
and we will be glad to
send you any information
you may require.*

*Yours faithfully,
A. P. Richardson*

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5 SEP 1916
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

Shepton Mallet
26 Park St
4 9 16

To the company people -

Please can you give
me any information re
No 1520 of the [unclear]

CA Company
24 [unclear]

Should be [unclear] as
by a [unclear] [unclear]

I am [unclear] about [unclear]
Thanking you in [unclear]

Yours faithfully
[unclear]

Sept 14th 1916

Jas. Richmond Esq.

26 High Street

Skepton Market

Filing Copy

Dear Sir

In reply to your
enquiry about 1550. L/c H.

Richmond we much regret
to inform you that he is
now posted at Headquarters

as Missing on 28th July last.

~~We are~~ ^{is added} adding his name
to our enquiry list, and

should we receive any
news at all about

him you will be at once
informed — With sincere

sympathy, Yours truly

LIST No. 7 OF MISSING

6th Battalion.

SERIAL No.	No.	RANK.	NAME.	PLACE.	DATE.
84380	412	Private	Boarer, E. J.	M. Gallipoli	8.5.15.
84381	2079	"	Bodelly, J. S.	M. "	8.5.15.
84382	541	"	Corser, J.	M. "	25.4.15.
84383	2327	"	Homer, D.	M. "	8.5.15.
84384	2015	"	Horwood, S. O.	M. "	7.8.15.
84385	2047	"	Jagner, R. J.	M. "	7.8.15.
84386	2317A	"	Moody, —	M. "	7.8.15.
84387	2165	"	Yolley —	M. "	25.4.15.

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29th September, 1916.

No.1909,
Sgt. H. Hardwick,
24th Australian Battn.,
East Leeds War Hosp - Leeds.

Dear Sir,

We have inquiries about the following three men, and have been told you can probably give us some information about them. Anything at all that you can tell us will be of the greatest value to their people, and if you could add some personal description of each, their relatives will be the more sure of the identity of the men about whom you write.

Their names are:-

L/C. H. L. RICHMOND, 1550.
Pte. F.C. HEALEY, 1676.
Pte. G.E. Steel, 1771.

We hope you are making a good recovery.

Yours truly

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(M.G.S)

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4th October 1916.

Sgt. H. Hardwick,
24th Battalion, A.I.F.
East Leeds War Hospital,
Leeds.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your letter about
^{A.F.} L/C Richmond, ^{1550.} and ^{1771.} Ptes. ^{1676.} Steel & Healey, so far we have
been able to gather very little information about them, but
we hope our Searchers in France will be able to find out
something.

Trusting you are making a good recovery, and will
feel no permanent effects from your wound.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

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6th October 1916

Private F. G. Taylor,

A. Coy.,

24th Aus. Inf. Batta,

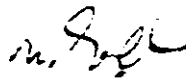
E. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about 1550 L/Cpl. H. L. Richmond who is posted as Missing 28. 7. 16 - and we have been told that you may be able to give us some information about him. We shall be very grateful for any particulars you can send us.

With best wishes.

Yours truly,



Secretary.

19th October

James Richmond, Esq.,
26, High Street
Shipton Mallet.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your inquiry for No.1550 L/Cpl
H. L. Richmond, 24th Battalion, A.I.F., we beg to inform you
that we have received another unofficial report from a man in his
Battalion. Informant states that he saw him killed at Pozieres,
on July 27th. He was quite close at the time and recognised his
dead body. He only knew one Richmond in the 24th Battalion, and
describes him as tall, fair and thin. Does this description
fit the man for whom you are inquiring? We are still making
inquiries and shall let you know if we hear anything further.

Assuring you of our sympathy in the anxious time you
are having.

Yours faithfully,

V.O.

Secretary,

LAW

November 13th.

J. Richmond Esq.,
25. High Street.
Whipton Collect.

Dear Sir,

We have received yet another unofficial report about your nephew 1850. L/Cpl. H. L. Richmond 24th. Batin. A. I. F. in which informant states that on July 28th. at Passieres L/Cpl. Richmond was killed by a shell while taking rations to the trenches.

Informant did not see him killed but he saw his dead body as they returned at night. He was lying in a trench which had been blown in.

We are very sorry that this bad news is all that we can obtain for you, and if any further reports are received we shall at once acquaint you with them. All our reports about Missing Men are sent out as a matter of course to our Melbourne Bureau even when there is no inquiry for them. If his people go to the Melbourne Red Cross Inquiry Bureau they will be shown all the information which we have given you. With deep sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

V.S.
Secretary
LAW

Dec. 5th,

Jas. Richmond, Esq.,
26, High St.,
Shipton, Mallet.

Dear Sir,

We very much regret to inform you that your son, 1550,
L/Cpl. H.L. Richmond, 24th Batta, A.I.F. is now reported officially
killed in action on July 27th. Unfortunately we have not been
able to gain any other information about him, but we are still
making enquiries and will let you know should any further report
be received as we know how anxious you must be to have details.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

V. O.

Secretary.

LAW.