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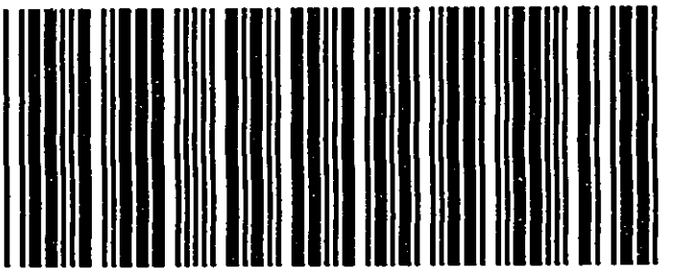
4669 Private Harold Eldridge Rogers

1st Battalion



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1st Battn.,
D. Coy.,
late 13th - 13th Battn.

ROGERS,
Harold E. (Eldridge) 4669.

"Unoff.M.23-7-16".

Killed in Action 22 - 25.7.16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters on 2-1-17.

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ROGERS, H. E. 4669.
Harold Eldridge

M/23rd. July 1916.

I saw him wounded during the advance at Pozieres. He was very badly hit in the thighs by m.g.fire. When last I saw him, Capt. Mackenzie was looking after him. I do not know whether Capt. Mackenzie brought him in or not, but he has never been with the battn. since.

Reference: Hymns, 738, C.IX.,
No. 4 General.

Etaples.
7.11.16.
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1st A.I.F.

Rogers H.E. 4669
D.Coy.

M July 23rd 1916

Informant states that "I was with Rogers in a night attack. We came to a German Gun Crew. He took one side and I the other, and I saw him taken off towards the German lines by three Germans. I was wounded at the time. This occurred in Pozieres Wood on July 23."

Reference;. Pte.A.Yuille 3536,
1st A I.F. Bomb. Sec.
2nd Southern Geh.Hospital,
Southmead, Bristol,
Home address; Freezing Works,
Newport,
Melbourne.

10th Nov.1916
W.Scott.

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Rogers,H.E. 4669
D.Coy.

1st A.I.F.

(M July 23rd,1916)

Informant states that on July 23rd,1916 at Pozieres he had been told by Pte.Sidebotham,1st A.I.F. D.Coy.and by Pte. J.Davidson,Signaller in the same battalion and company,that Rogers who was informant's great friend,and had been at school with him, was killed on the Somme front. As far as informant knows Sidebotham and Davidson are now at the front and would be able to tell all about Roger's death. Informant produced a book in which there was a record of Roger's death on July 23rd.

Reference; Pte.Wm.Goch, 79a
1st A.I.F.
Rust Hall V.A.D. Hospital,
Tunbridge Wells.

Home address; c/o James Goch,
t.Andrew's Rd.
Parktown
Johannesburg

10th Nov.1916
Evelyn Talbot. write

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Written Davidson
Sidebotham } 21.11.16

1st. Battn.
A.I.F.

Rogers,
H. E. 4669.

"Missing 23-7-16".

The initials and number of this man are questioned on our slips from Etaples 7-11-16. Reference 738 Hynes, 1st. Battn. but they are all correct. The man's christian names are registered at Headquarters here being Harold, Eldridge. The correct names of the reference for 4667, E. E. Rogers, 1st. Battn. Etaples - 27-8-16 are apparently Adrian James - not H. G. as on slip.

London,
20-11-16

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1st Battn.
A.I.F.,

Rogers
H.E. 4669

"Missing 22-25/7/1916"

There are three Rogers in the 1st Battalion.

4669, Harold Eldridge - Missing 22-25/7/16

4667, Elton Edward - Killed in Action 22-25/7/16

4677, Adrian James - Corporal, possibly now Sergeant.

The last two are brothers.

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 16-11-16.

London
21-11-16.

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A.I.F. 1 Battn.

ROGERS
Harold Eldridge 4669

KILLED IN ACTION 22.-25.7.16.

His father has received back a parcel sent by him to this soldier, on which is endorsed "Missing 6.10.16" and also "WOUNDED 14.9.16." Attached is the last endorsement and it is suggested from Victoria Barracks that it might be signed by a Lieut. Hannery.
(Flannery)
Sydney letter 15.2.17.

LONDON.
4.4.17.

1st Battn., A.I.F.
'D' Co.

ROGERS, H.E.
4669. Pte.

KILLED IN ACTION, 22-25/7/16.

I knew Rogers, his initials were 'H.E.', and he was in 'D' Company. He was first of all wounded in the trenches at Pozieres, and whilst lying in the bottom of a trench another shell came over and killed him instantly. I did not see it, but it was reported to me officially the day it happened by men who saw it happen. This man was a School Teacher, and had two Brothers - 'A.J.' and 'E.E.' in No.13 Platoon of 'D' Company. One of these Brothers is 'Missing', and the other has been invalided either to Australia or England.

Informant:- Lieut.W.R.YATES, M.C.,
1st Battalion, 'D' Co.,
No.4 Aust.General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

Note: A most reliable witness.

H.S.O.
18/9/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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22nd November,

Dear Pte. Davidson,

We are making enquiries about a man of your Battalion and Company;-

No. 4669. Pte. H. E. ROGERS, D. Coy. 1st. Battalion. A.I.F. reported "Missing 23-7-16" and have been told that you may be able to help us by giving us some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you could send us about Pte. Rogers' death and burial, and would also be glad if you could add a short personal description in order that we may satisfy his relatives that no error has been made.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

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SECRETARY.

Pte. Davidson, J.,
D. Coy.,
1st. Aust. Inf. Battn.,
E. E. F.

22nd November,

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SECRETARY.

Pte. Sidebotham,
D. Coy.,
1st. Aust. Inf. Battn.,
B.E.F.

April 4th 1917.

Captain.Mc.Kenzie
1st Aust.Inf Battn.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir;

We have been making enquiries on behalf of our Sydney Bureau about 4669.Pte.Harold Eldridge Rogers,1st Battn. who was reported Missing 22-25.7.16. and latertreported Killed on the date.

An unofficial report given us in November stated"He was Wounded in the thigh by Machine gun fire, when I last saw him Captain Mc . Kenzie was looking after him"-

At the time all our reports seemed to point to the man having been mortally wounded, and we did not trouble you in the matter,now, however in spite of his being reported as Killed in Action our Sydney office wishes further enquiries made.

Would it be possible at this date date for you to trace any--thing about this case?. It appears Pte Rogers' parcels have been returned marked Wounded 18.9.16. and "Missing 6.10.16" and they are still hoping he may be alive.

With apologies for troubling you.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY H.E.