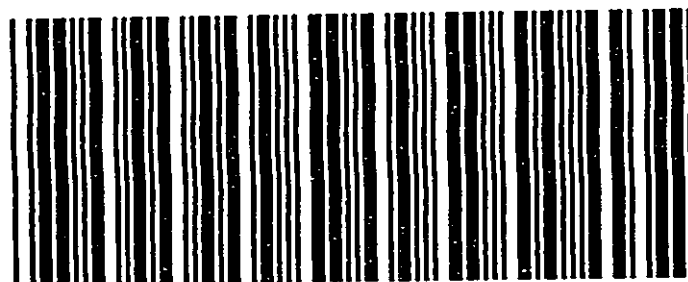


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2nd Lieutenant
Thomas Nathaniel
Rickard

53rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 53rd Bn

RICKARDS
Thos. Nathaniel Lieut.

"MISSING"

Killed in action 19-7-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 4-1-18.

London
4-1-18.

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#53rd Batt,
Late 1st Batt,
C. Coy, A.I.F.

Rickard,
2/Lt. Thos, Nathaniel

"Missing"

Killed in Action 19.7.16

Cert, by A.I. F. Headquarters dated 12.9.17

London 14.9.17

S & P.I

53rd Batt.

FRANCE

RICKARD.

Missing 20th 7.16.

2/10/16 T.D.

I saw him at Fleurbaix ^ATosmesles Section, lying
about half way across with both feet shot off. Private
Barrow 3259 can confirm this.

Reference : Crashingam 2811
53rd Batt. Ward 16. Harefield.

D.P. Dickson.
6, 9.16.

Off M.

53rd Battn
A.I.F.

RICKARD, T.N.
2nd.Lieut.

M. July 19th 1916

Rickard got his arm shot off at Fleurbaix - two boys went out to bring him in, but would not come and they left him, they were under fire at the time.

Reference;- Sergt. Elwin, 2584.
Ward. 30
Harefield Hospital. 20/8/16

London
25/8/16
D.P.Dickson.

Off. M.

France.

A.I.F. 53.

RICKARD 2 Lt. T.W.

M. 19.7.16.

He was of C.XI. I am sure he was wounded. I saw a Cpl. bandaging him up, between the lines at Armentieres, on 19th. July. We had advanced and we retired in 4 or 5 hours and I saw him then, about 8 or 9 p.m. I have no idea what happened after. They were shelling pretty heavy. He may be a P/W. EJH.

Reference: Pte. E.W. Smith . 4901. C.XI.
20 Gen.

Etaples. 5.10.16.

5/10/16
R.I.

53d Australians

Rickard 2nd Lt. T.N.

(M. July 19th 1916)

Informant states that about the middle of July 8. of Armentieres 2nd Lt. Rickard just after leaving trench had his arm ~~breaks~~ broken and called out to a man to cut off his equipment.

Reference: G. Hoath 3089,
Australians,
3rd Southern General Hospt.,
Sydney.

Home address:
Napoleon Street,
Mascot,
Sydney.

Nov. 11th 1946,
H.J.T. Johnson.

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53rd Battn.
A.I.F.,

Rhokard
2nd Lieut. T.N.

"Missing July 19th 1916"

Witness states that Seymour, J. (Number not remembered) 53rd Battalion, D. Company, now at Weymouth can give information, that the above is in some hospital in England.

Reference;- J.P. Morlock, 3584
53rd Battn. (M.G.S.)
3rd Aux. Aust. Hospt.
Dartford,
12-11-16.

Note. Written to Pte. Seymour, 28-11-16.

London
29-11-16.
W.L.W.B.

S.
P.I.

53rd Battalion
A.I.F.

RICKARD
T.N. Lieut.

Missing 19.7.16.

On the night of 19th July, after the charge at Armentieres, Informant and Lieutenant Evers (to whom he was batman) crawled back to our own trenches. Lieutenant Evers told Informant that he had just left Rickard, after having bound up his arm. Rickard's hand had been severely wounded. Nothing was seen of Rickard afterwards. Lieutenant Evers was wounded the same day, but has now returned to his unit.

Reference:-- PARR
3389 W.J. Pte.

4th Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

D.W.
11.12.16.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

53rd. Batt.
A.I.F.

RICKARD
2nd. Lt. Thos. Nathaniel

"Missing 19-7-16"

Absolutely no trace in 4th. London General Hospital Ruskin Park went through records right back to June. There was a Sgt. ~~RICK~~ RICKARD there once, but he was not a member of the A.I.F. and a much older man. Officers are never sent to Ruskin Park

London
4-1-17

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53 Aus. Imp. Force.

Rickard, 2nd Lieut. T.N.

(M. July 19/16.)

"I saw some Sergeants who were with Lieut. Rickard on July 19, 1916, in an attack we made at Fromelles. They told me they saw Lt. Rickard so badly wounded that he was practically dead; he could only have lived a few moments after they saw him. It is quite possible that the Germans may have buried him. It would have been impossible for us to have done so."

Eye-witness:- No. Told by some Sergeants with him, names unknown.

Informant:- Lieut. & Adj. A. Moynsey-Adams,
53 Aus. Imp. Force,
Hospital: 1, Moreton Gardens, S.W.

Home Address:-
Keble Cottage,
College Avenue, Maidenhead.

27.1.17.
N. Burford Hancock.

S
P. G. (3)

53rd Australian Imperial Force.

Rickard, 2nd Lieut. T.N.,

M. July 19th. 1916.

"Rickard had an arm blown off at Fromelles and his body was afterwards seen in No Mans Land."

Informant:-- Major W. Thomson,
53rd Australian Imperial Force,
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth, S.W.

Home address:-- Saracens Head Hotel,
Highworth,
Wilts.

5th Feb:
W.R.Manning.

53rd Australian Imperial Force

Rickard 2nd Lt. T.N.
B. Co.

(M. July 19th 1916)

Informant states that some weeks ago in France he saw a postcard in Lt. Noble's handwriting which had come from a prisoners' camp in Germany. Lt. Noble stated that he and 2nd Lt. T.N. Rickard were prisoners of war together with several men of the 53rd Battalion whose names he did not mention.

Eye-witness: No. Stated on a postcard from Lt. Noble,
Prisoner of War in Germany.

Description:

Informant: L/Cpl. Henry Lane 4938,
53rd A.I.F.,
1st London General Hospt.,
Camberwell.
Home address:
o/o Mrs. H.J. Withers,
55 Kensington Hall Gardens,

Feb. 24th 1917,
F. Ross.

Written by Lane 28.2.17

53rd Batt.
A.I.F.,

RICKARD :
2/Lt. T.N.
NOBLE
Lt. W.E.

"Missing 19.7.16"

Nurse Ross called upon me at Camberwell and I gave the little information that I could and have written my Batt. seeking further particulars, reply to which has not yet come to hand. Upon my reaching this Home the Secretary here sought news which I find now was for your Society. What I do know positively is that in late August or early September a post card was shown to me by either Mr. Pearson, the Lieut. Gr Master by Gr. H. Sgt. Harry Thergood from, I think, Lieut. Bowman in which he said that Mr. Noble (Lieut) was with him a captive in Germany and requesting letters for him should be directed in accordance. The P.C. was a formal affair, printed. I am not certain whether it was Mr. Rickard or Mr. Noble that was with him or both. I am again writing by this mail to a friend of mine at the Batt. and any information I can glean I shall be only too happy to furnish you with at once for the kindly object you mention it is for.

Cert. by letter from L/Cpl Henry Lane,
53rd Batt. A.I.F.,
Beech House,

16 The Avenue,
Brondesbury,
6.3.17.

London
15.3.17.

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53rd Battn.

RICKARD, Lt., T.H.

M. 19/7/16.

About 8 o'clock on the evening of the 19th July, Informant saw Rickard lying in No Man's Land, between ours and the German Trenches at Fleurbaix. Informant and Rickard's Orderly examined him, and came to the conclusion that he was mortally wounded; they cut off his equipment and found that he had been hit in the back; they then had to return to our lines. Informant was carrying despatches, and the orderly was wounded. It was impossible to move Rickard, and as far as Informant knows he was never seen again.

Informant does not know the name of the orderly - he was in a different Co.

Reference - Private H.F. Barnes, No. 3238,
53rd Battalion,
No. 4 Aust. General Hospital,
Randwick.

Home Address. - 68 Bourke Street,
East Sydney.

16/4/17.
D.W.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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Bel K B.

53rd Battalion.
late 2nd Battn.

RICKARDS, T.N.
2nd Lieut.

Killed in Action 19/7/16.

I was in Lt. Rickards Company - A.Co. In July 1916 we were going over at Armentieres when Lt. Rickards was severely wounded in the side by shell burst. I was told that he died. We had to go on and I was wounded shortly afterwards. He was hit when only about 2 yards over the trench.

Informant: Hird, F. 1961
53rd Battn. A.I.F.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

B.N.
3/12/17.

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Dear Madam

Thank you for your letter with information
re Lieut. J. N. Rickard, 53rd Btn. for your
promise to ~~communicate~~ ^{communicate} any further
information that may come also.

I have ^{just} already communicated this
latest information, sent by you today,
to Lieut. J. N. Rickard's brother.

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23 NOV 1916
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Yours faithfully
Reg H Noble
Christ's College
Cambridge

Secretary

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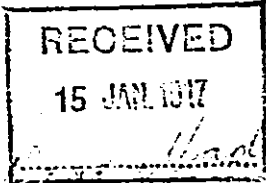


*Australian Branch
British Red Cross Socy,
54 Victoria St.
London S.W.*

INQUIRY BLOCK

NAME	REGIMENT	INFORMATION FROM INQUIRER	INQUIRER
RICHARD 2 Lt. F.N. (on lists)	53rd. Bn. A.I.F.	M. 19.7.16.	<u>Additional enquirer</u> Mr. R.G. Noble. Christ's College. Cambridge.

Graylingwell, War Horse
Chichester
Jan 14th 1917.



Madam,
I beg to reply
to your letter of Jan 11th
and to thank you
for sending the cable
message in regard
from Perth, Australia.
To say I was very
pleased to receive
the news was
found to be correct.
I thank you
yours faithfully
E. P. Rickard

Christo College
Cambridge 40330

Sep. 18. 1916

re 2nd Lieut. Thomas Nathaniel Rickard

Dear Sir

I am informed that your society endeavours to gain information concerning prisoners of war - I write on behalf of the relatives of an Australian officer who is "missing", asking if you would be kind enough to let me have any information of him that you may be able to gain - I will gladly defray any expenses in connection with your investigations.

The particulars are as follows:-

Second Lieutenant Thomas Nathaniel

Rickard, of the 5th Battalion,

5th Brigade, 5th Australian Division,
enlisted at Sydney (N.S.W.), aged about 27 or 28 years.

Lieut. Rickard was wounded in an attack which was made on the days ¹⁹19/20 of July - a sergeant & private soldier (themselves wounded) succeeded to get Lieut. Rickard back to the Australian trenches, but he lost consciousness & they had to leave him - -

Next morning (July 21) the stretcher-bearers picked up the sergeant, who told them where he had left Lieut. Rickard - He could not be found, & the conjecture is that he regained consciousness & crawled to the German lines in mistake for his own trenches, & is now a prisoner of war.

I should be very grateful for any information that your Society may be able to obtain.

Yours faithfully
Reg. H. Noble

The Secretary
Prisoners Aid Society

P.S. It has occurred to me that Lieut. J. N. Rickard may be in a hospital in England or France - His brother (Lieut. J. C. Rickard), writing from the trenches in France, who suggests that Lieut. J. N. Rickard may have crawled into the German lines.

R. H. Noble

Christ's College
Cambridge

Sep. 29. 1916

Dear Sir

Thank you for the information
about Lieut. Thomas Nathaniel
Reckard, for ~~the~~ saying you will
communicate any further information
that may be forthcoming.

I will tell his people in Australia
what you are doing, & later will
send them your letter, when they
may feel disposed to contribute to
the ~~the~~ support of the splendid work
of your society.

Yours faithfully
Reg. H. Noble

The Secretary
Australian Branch, British Red X Socy

Christ's College
Cambridge

Feb. 13. 1917

Dear Madam

May I thank you for various
communications (some dated Feb. 2.
7. 17) received recently, concerning
Lieut. J. N. Rickard, 53rd Batt^e, A.S.F.,
^{reported} nursing. I am sending word
concerning your reports to the
parents of Lt. J. N. Rickard.

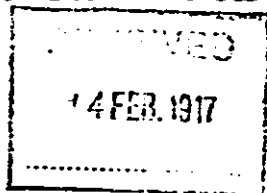
Yours sincerely

Reg. H. Noble

The Secretary

Antiochian Branch

British Red Cross Society



2nd Lieut. T. N. Rickard

53rd Batt

see under

Lieut. K. E. Nottle

53rd

13. 3. 17.

9th Lieut T. H. Richard, 53rd Batt.

see under.

9th Lieut C. T. Collier 53rd Batt. A. I. F.

December 2nd 1916.

France. Sep. 26. 1917

re Lieut. J. N. Rickard
53rd Batta. A.I.F.

Dear Madam

Thank you very much for
information concerning the above
named officer "Killed in Action 19.7.16."

I will send your letter on to his people.

Yours faithfully

R. H. Noble C.F.

S/S.W.B. B.E.F.

January 5th. 1917 ---

The Rev. Dr. Springett.
Pluckley Rectory
Ashford.
Kent.

Dear Sir;

In reply to your enquiry re Lieut. T. H. Rickard, C. Coy. 53rd. Battn. A. I. F. we beg to inform you that we sent to the 4th London General Hospital Ruskin Park, yesterday, the photo was taken, but there is no trace of his ever having been there.

For one thing no officers are taken in the Ruskin Park annexe
A Sgt. Rickard was there, but he was a much older man, and did not
belong to A. I. F.; the similar name may have caused confusion.

All the information we have, has been forwarded to our Sydney office, Dalton Buildings, 115 Pitt. St. Sydney, it is of a contradictory nature, one informant saying he is believed to be in hospital in England, another saying his arm was broken, a third, that he was wounded & probably prisoner, the only thing against the latter supposition is the length of time since July & his name has not come through as a prisoner. Should you know of any other hospital he might be in please let us know, and we will make all enquiries possible.

Yrs faithfully V.D. Arthur Nicholas.

26th Sept. 1916.

Reginald H. Noble, Esq.,
Christ's College,
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

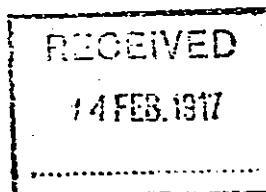
Your letter has been handed over to us by the British Red Cross Society, and we are already making inquiries for Lieut. Thomas Nathaniel Richard, 53rd Battalion, A.I.F. as he was officially reported missing on the 20-7-16.

All that we have heard so far are two reports from Pte. Washington, and from Sergt. Elwin, 53rd Battalion, both who tell us what you already know, that they saw him lying wounded at Fleurbaix, about half way between the trenches, and that two men tried to bring him in, but had to leave him. One of these men said Lt. Richard was shot in the left arm and the other that his feet were wounded. His name has not yet come through on any of our Prisoners lists, but we will at once write to you should it do so, or should we obtain more information.

We do not make any charge for expenses incurred by our investigation, but should you wish to make a small donation, to our Red Cross Society, it would be most acceptable.

Yours faithfully,

Telegraphic Address :
"PUBLIC TRUSTEE, LONDON."
Telephone : HOLBORN 2400.



Any further communication on the subject of
this letter should be addressed to :—
"The Public Trustee,
Kingsway,
London, W.C.,"
and the heading together with the following
references should be quoted :—

EHW/EJS.

PUBLIC TRUSTEE OFFICE,
KINGSWAY,
LONDON, W.C.

13th February, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of
the 12th instant, for which I am to thank you.

The Public Trustee desires me to say that he is
communicating with Major Thompson, ^{and} if in the course of time
you should receive any further information with regard to Lt.
Rickard, he will be most grateful if you will forward it on to
him.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

K. Miller
for the Principal Clerk.

53rd Batt.
The Secretary,
Australian Branch,
British Red Cross Society,
54, Victoria Street,
S. W.

1st March, 1917

No 4938, Lance Cpl. Henry Lane
53, Australian Infantry Battn.
1. London General Hospital
Camberwell.

Dear Pte. Lane,

We have just received the information given by you
to one of our searchers concerning

2nd. Lieut. T.N. Rickard

and

Lieut. Noble, 53, Battn. A.I.F.

in which you state that some weeks ago in France you saw a
post card in Lieut. Noble's handwriting which had come from
a Prisoner's Camp in Germany - and in this Lieut. Noble
stated that ~~and~~ ^{he} and Lt. T.N. Rickard were prisoners together.

We should be most grateful if you would tell us
definitely to which men in your Battalion this post card was
sent - or suggest the name of any man to whom we could write
asking for the name of the camp at which these officers are
interned if you do not remember it.

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Though we have received innumerable unofficial reports from men of the Battalion that word had been received from either or both of these Officers as Prisoners of War, and have written in every case, we have been unable to find anyone who can produce a card or any definite address to which we can write.

We are naturally very anxious to prove that these Officers, listed as Missing, are Prisoners of War in order that we may cable at once and relieve the suspense endured by their relatives, and also may be able to send them food - which we cannot do without an address.

Hoping to hear from you without delay,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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Ack
F.M. 9.3.17

Mr. Rickard
c/o P.O. C.
B/o R.A.C.

"Beech House"
16 The Avenue
Broudbury 6th Mar 17

The Secretary
Aust. Red Cross Society
111 Victoria St London S.W.

Dear Madam,

Your communication of the
1st instant, forwarded from 1st London Hospital,
has just reached me.

Nurse Ross called upon me
at Camberwell and I gave the little information
that I could & have written my Battalion seeking
further particulars, ^{copy} to which he has not yet
come to hand. Upon my reaching this home
the Secretary had sought news which I find now
was for your Society.

What I do know positively is
that in late August or early September a Post
Card was shown to me by, either Mr. Harrow, the
Lieut. G. Master or G. M. Sergt. Harry Thredgood
from, I think, Lieut. Brown in which he said
that Mr. Noble (Lieut) was with him a captive in
Germany & requesting letters for ^{him} should be directed
in accordance. The P.C. was a formal affair,
printed - I am not certain from memory
whether it was Mr. Rickard or Mr. Noble that was

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with him, or both.

I am again writing by this Mail to a friend of mine at the Battalion and am sure I shall be only too happy to furnish you with at once for the kindly object you mention it is for.

Yours faithfully

Henry Lamb

L/Cpl
53rd Bn
A.I.F.

2 Lt. T. N. RICKARD } 53 Bn A.I.F.
~~53 Bn A.I.F.~~

~~W.E. NOBLE~~

M. 19.7.16

S. P. 17 (ed)

Lt. W. E. NOBLE

M. 19.7.16 -

53 Bn A.I.F.

S. P. 17

September 18th, 1917.

Rev. Dr. Springett,
Hickley Rectory,
Ashford,
KENT.

Dear Sir,

We deeply regret to inform you that as we feared
from unofficial evidence already sent you.

Lieut. T. N. Rickard,
63rd Battalion,
A.I.F.

is now officially reported "Killed in Action on 19.7.16
and we have no further details to send you.

Regretting that this report is so distressing.

Yours faithfully,

V.O.

SECRETARY.

AW.

September 18th, 1917.

The Secretary,
Public Trustee Office,
Kingsway, W.C.

Dear Sir,

We deeply regret to inform you that as we feared
from unofficial evidence already sent you.

Lieut. T.H. Rickard,
45th Battalion,
A.I.F.

is now officially reported "Killed in Action on 19.7.16"
and we have no further details to send you.

Regretting that this report is so distressing.

Yours faithfully,

ND
SECRETARY
LAW

September 18th, 1917.

R.H.Hoble, Esq,
Christ's College,
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

We deeply regret to inform you that as we feared
from unofficial evidence already sent you.

Lient. T.H.Rickard,
53rd Battalion,
A.I.F.,

is now officially reported "Killed in Action on 19.7.16"
and we have no further details to send you.

Regretting that this report is so distressing.

Yours faithfully,

V.D
SECRETARY,
LAW

7th February

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J. Wilkes Esq.,
Public Trustee Office.
Kingsway.
W.C.

Dear Sir,

Since writing to you on February 2nd. a further unofficial report has come to hand about Lieut. E. H. Rickard, 53rd Batta. A.I.F. from Lieut. and Adjutant A. Moysey-Adams, 53rd Batta. who was at No. 6. Australian Auxiliary Hospital, 1 Moreton Gardens. S.W.

He says that he was told by some sergeants who were with Lieut. Rickard on July 19th. in an attack at Fromelles that they saw ^{him} ~~Lieut. Rickard~~ very badly wounded. He was almost dead at the time. It would have been impossible for our men to have buried him but the Germans may have done so.

Should any further reports about Lieut. Rickard be received we shall at once advise you.

Yours faithfully,

Vp.

Secretary.
L.A.M.

12th February

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Rev. Dr Springett,
Pluckley Rectory.
Ashford.
Kent.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that another unofficial report has been received about Lieut. T.M. Rickard, 53rd Battn. A.I.F. Major Thompson, 53rd Battalion, the ^{informant} ~~information~~ states that Lieut. Rickard was very badly wounded in the arm at Fromelles and his body was afterwards seen in No Man's Land.

When he gave the report, Major Thompson was in the 5rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, but he gives as his home address:-

Saracens Head Hotel.
Highworth.
Wilts.

We ~~give~~ give you this in case you should like to write to him for further ⁷¹⁴⁷ details.

Should any other particulars come to hand we shall at once advise you.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary. P.M. L. A.V.

12th February

-7.

R. H. Noble Esq.,
Christ's College.
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that another unofficial report has been received about Lieut. T.H. Rickard, 53rd Battn. A.I.F.

Major Thompson, 53rd Battalion, the informant, states that Lieut. Rickard was very badly wounded in the arm at Fromelles and his body was afterwards seen in No Man's Land.

When he gave the report, Major Thompson was in the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, but he gives as his home

address:-

Saracens Head Hotel.
Highworth.
Wilts.

We give you this in case you should like to write to him for ^{fuller} further details.

Should any other particulars come to hand we shall at once advise you.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

P.M. for C. A. W.

12th Feby.,

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The Public Trustee.
Kingsway.
W.C.

Dear Sir,

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Yours faithfully,

P.M. for L.A.W.

Secretary.

7th February

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Rev. Dr. Springett,
Bluckley Rectory,
Ashford.
Kent.

Dear Sir,

Since writing to you on February 2nd. a further unofficial report has come to hand about Lieut. T. H. Rickard, 58rd Battrn. A.I.F. from Lieut and Adjutant A. Moysey-Adams, 58rd Battrn. who was at No. 6. Australian Auxiliary Hospital, 1 Moreton Gardens. S.W.

He says that he was told by some sergeants who were with Lieut. Rickard on July 19th. in an attack at Fromelles that they say ~~Lieut. Rickard~~^{him} very badly wounded. He was almost dead at the time. It would have been impossible for our men to have buried him but the Germans may have done so.

Should any further reports about Lieut. Rickard be received we shall at once advise you.

Yours faithfully,

V.B

Secretary.
L.A.

7th February - 7.

R. H. Noble Esq.,
Christ's College,
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

Since writing to you on February 2nd. a further unofficial report has come to hand about Lieut. E.H. Rickard, 53rd Batta. A.I.F. from Lieut and Adjutant A. Moysey-Adams Australian 53rd Batta. who was at No. 6./Auxiliary Hospital, 1 Heron Gardens, S.W.

He says that he was told by some Germans who were with Lieut Rickard on July 19th. in an attack at Fresnelles that they saw ^{him} ~~Lieut. Rickard~~ very badly wounded. He was almost dead at the time. It would have been impossible for our men to have buried him but the Germans may have done so.

Should any further reports about Lieut. Rickard be received we shall at once advise you.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary.
A.A.M.

1958 JANUARY

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E. Wilkes Esq.,
Public Trustee Office.
Kingsway.
London, W.C.

Dear Sir,

Your enquiry re Lieut E.K. Rickard, C. Coy. 53rd
(not 15th) Batta. A.I.F. has been forwarded to us by the
B. R. C. S. as we deal with all Australian enquiries.

This officer is officially reported "Missing 19.7.16" and
the unofficial reports we have give no definite information

They are as follows:-

No. 2611. Pte. Crashingham, 53rd. A.I.F. says:-

"I saw him at Flourbaix, Fromelles Section, lying
" about half way across with both feet shot off.
" No. 3259. Pte. Barrow can confirm this."

No. 2561. Sgt. Elwin says:-

" Rickard got his arm shot off at Flourbaix, two
" boys went out to bring him in, but he would not
" come and they left him. They were under fire
" at the time"

No. 4901. Pte. E. W. Smith says:-

" Rickard was of C.XI. I am sure he was wounded
" I saw a Cpl. Bandaging him up between the

J. Wilkes Esq.,

-2- 19.1.17.

" lines at Armentieres on 19th July. We had advanced
" and we retired in 4 or 5 hours, and I saw him then
" about 8 or 9 p.m. I have no idea what happened
" after. They were shelling pretty heavy. He may
" be a prisoner of war"

No. 5089. Pte. G. Hoath says that:-

" about the middle of July south of Armentieres, 2nd
" Lieut Rickard just after leaving trench had his arm
" broken and called out to a man to cut off his equip-
" ment.
" No. 3384. Pte. J. P. Morlock states that Pte. J.
" Seymour, 55rd Bata. D. Coy. now at Weymouth can
" give information that the above is in some hospital
" in England"

Hearing a report that he might be in the 4th London General
Hospital, Ruskin Park, we made exhaustive enquiries, but with
no result. There was a Sgt. Rickard there once, but he was
not a member of the A.I.F. and was a much older man.

We fear that the length of time that has elapsed ^{with the seriousness of} his injuries
~~and~~ leaves no hope that he may be a prisoner.

Should any further information come to hand we will forward
it to you immediately.

Yours faithfully,

V. D.

Secretary.

2nd February

- 7.

Rev. Dr Springett,
Pluckley Rectory,
Ashford,
Kent.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your inquiry for Lieut T.H. Rickard, 53rd Battn. A.I.F. we beg to inform you that the following unofficial report, which we quote verbatim, has been received from No. 5589. Pte. Parr from a hospital in Sydney:-

Private Parr says:-

" On the night of 19th. July, after the charge
" at Armentieres, Informant and Lieutenant Evers
" (to whom he was batman) crawled back to our
" own trenches. Lieutenant Evers told informant
" that he had just left Rickard, after having
" bound up his arm. Rickard's hand had been
" severely wounded. Nothing was seen of Rickard
" afterwards. Lieutenant Evers was wounded the
" same day, but has now returned to his unit."

We regret that this report throws no fresh light on the fate of Lieut. Rickard, and our inquiries through our searcher here have elicited no further information.

We are continuing our efforts and will advise you of any other reports which come to hand.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary. R.M.C. 410-

2nd February

- 7.

J. Wilkes Esq.,
Public Trustee Office,
Kingsway,
W.C.

Dear Sir,

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Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

PM for A.W.

2nd February

-7

R. H. Noble Esq.,
Christ's College,
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your inquiry for Lieut T.H. Rickard,
55rd Battn. A.I.F. we beg to inform you that the following
unofficial report, which we quote verbatim, has been received
from No. 3399. Pte. Parr, from a hospital in Sydney.

Pte. Parr says:-

" On the night of 19th July, after the charge at Armentieres
" informant and Lieutenant Evers (to whom he was batman) crew
" led back to our own trenches. Lieutenant Evers told inform
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elicited no further information.

We are continuing our efforts and will advise you of any
other reports which come to hand.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary. P.M. for L.H.W.

Nov. 25th.

R.E. NOBLE Esq.
Christ's College,
CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Sir,

An unofficial report about 2nd. Lt. T.H. RICKARD 5th Bde has been received by us through our searchers and we hasten to send it to you. Informant states that about the middle of July, South of Armentieres, 2nd. Lt. RICKARD had his arm broken just after leaving the trench and he called out to a man to cut off his equipment.

This report is very scanty and so far we have been unable to get any further information about him. He has not appeared as a prisoner of War. We shall inform you immediately we hear anything further.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary

L.Aus

November 1944

Wte. J. Seymour,
D. Company, 13th Bn. A.I.F.
Kopie Video Camp,
Weymouth.

Dear Wte. Seymour;

We are making inquiries for an officer of your battn
2/Lieut. T. N. Rickard, 53rd Bn. A.I.F., reported "Missing" 19-7-44
and have been told that you may be able to help us, by giving
us some information.

We have heard an unofficial report, that Lt. Rickard
is not missing; but in Hospital in England, and would be so glad
if you could confirm this and give us the address of the hospital
With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

F.D.

Secretary.
F.D.

Telegraphic Address :
"PUBLIC TRUSTEE, LONDON."
Telephone : HOLBORN 2400.



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references should be quoted :—

EHM/FR

PUBLIC TRUSTEE OFFICE,
KINGSWAY,
LONDON, W.C.

5th February, 1917

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of the 2nd instant, for which I am to thank you. The Public
Trustee desires me to say that he much appreciates your
extreme courtesy and the trouble you are taking in making
enquiries for Lieut. F. N. Richard, and that he hopes success
will attend your efforts, though he fears that the chances are
not very good.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
Wounded and Missing Inquiry Bureau,
Australian Branch, R.I.S.
54, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.

Principal Clerk.
T.M.A.

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H.B./E.J.S.

PUBLIC TRUSTEE OFFICE,
KINGSWAY,
LONDON, W.C. 2.

19th September, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of
the 16th instant, the contents of which I regret to note.

I have to thank you for your courtesy in the matter.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Public Trustee.

*In
Recd - J. A. Meard
58 Bk
1917*

Recd

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
54, Victoria Street,
S. W. 1.

Telegraphic Address:
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Telephone: HOLBORN 2400.



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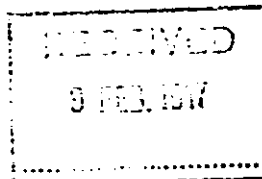
KINGSWAY,

LONDON, W.C.

Lieut. T. N. Rickard

53rd Bata.

8th February, 1917.



Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant. The Public Trustee desires me to express his sincere thanks for your continued courtesy in the matter. He much regrets that the latest information seems to place the fate of Lieutenant Rickard beyond doubt.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

(for the Assistant Public Trustee.
C.A.W.)

The Secretary,
Australian Branch,
British Red Cross Society,
54, Victoria Street, S.W.

Telegraphic Address:
"PUBLIC TRUSTEE, LONDON."
Telephone: HOLBORN 2400.



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EHW/DMT

PUBLIC TRUSTEE OFFICE,
KINGSWAY,
LONDON, W.C.

20th January, 1917.

RECEIVED
22 JAN 1917

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the
19th instant. The Public Trustee desires me to say that he ^{greatly} ~~duly~~
appreciates your courtesy, but he fears that the information you
supply leaves little doubt as to the fate of Lieut. T. N. Rickard.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

E. K. Allen _{KW}

Assistant Public Trustee.
P. M. W.

The Secretary,
Australian Branch,
British Red Cross Society,
54, Victoria Street,

S.W.

Telegraphic Address :
"PUBLIC TRUSTEE, LONDON."
Telephone : HOLBORN 2400.



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London, W.C.,"

and the heading together with the following
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JSW/EJS.

PUBLIC TRUSTEE OFFICE,
KINGSWAY,
LONDON, W.C.

11th January, 1917.

RECEIVED

12 JAN 1917

CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE,

JS
Lt. T.N. Rickard, "C" Company 15th Battalion. A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that the Public Trustee has been requested to make enquiries as to the above officer, who it is understood was reported as "missing" after an attack in France on the 19th and 20th July last.

Lt. Rickard was seen wounded a short distance from the front line trenches, and his position was passed on to the stretcher bearers who were collecting the wounded.

The relatives of this officer have not been able to obtain news of him, and it is thought that he may have been moved to a hospital from one of the Casualty Clearing Stations.

The Public Trustee would be glad if you could give him any news of the missing officer in order that he may communicate with the relatives.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

for the Principal Clerk.

The Secretary,
British Red Cross Society,
Search Department,
Carlton House Terrace,
S. W.

ack. M.
Tel. Charing 5X3.

Pluckley Rectory,
Ashford, Kent.

Dec. 27.

The Secretary: Red Cross:
'Missing' Department:

Dear Sir,

I have just received
the enclosed, from a friend
in Australia. I am making
inquiries here: but I think
it more necessary to send
the letter on. at m. to you

Opin. that operation may
be made at the London
Hospital. to which allusion
is made.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

(Rev. Dr.) N. D. Sprague.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS ARE TO BE ADDRESSED TO
THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE, SYDNEY
TEL. NO. CITY 8523
St 4934



The Public Trust Office,

Columbia Chambers, 67, Castlereagh Street,

Sydney, N.S.W., 23rd October 1916

The Public Trustee can, if appointed, act as a Trustee, Executor, Administrator, Attorney, or Agent.

IN YOUR REPLY THE NAME OF THE OFFICE SHOULD BE QUOTED.

RECEIVED
29 DEC 1916

CAREY & CO

[Handwritten signature]

Re Lieut T.N. Rickard, C Company 53rd Batt,
Australian Imperial Force, (Missing).

Sir.,

I take the liberty of addressing you to seek your co-operation in endeavouring to trace the whereabouts of Lieut T.N. Rickard of C Company 53rd Battalion A.I. Force who was officially reported missing on the 19th July last, but concerning whom no further definite information has been obtained since that date.

Mr Rickard of Falconer Street Ryde in this State, the father of the abovenamed soldier who furnished your address to me, having received same from Mrs Oscar.G. Plate, wife of the Manager of Lohman and Co Sydney, joins with me in my request.

From the information contained in the attached letters you will see that there is reasonable grounds to suppose that Lieut Rickard is in hospital in England. If your duties will permit I shall esteem it a very great favor if you will endeavour to trace Lieut Rickard's whereabouts in England. It is such a hopeless task relying on cables from this side of the world and your co-operation would be greatly appreciated. Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours Obediently,

[Handwritten signature]
Public Trustee.

*Send to in
No 4. Guy:
Post: S Ward:
Ruskin Park
S.O.*

Rev Dr Springett,
Pluckley Rectory,
ASHFORD, KENT,
ENGLAND.