Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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485 Private
Arthur Richardson

15th Battalion



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A.I.F.
15th Btn.

RICHARDSON
Pte. Arthur 485

Killed in Action 9.5.15.

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Cert. by Hqrs List 26.8.19.

London

23.10.19.

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Med.

15th Btn. A.I.F.

RICHARDSON
Pte Arthur 485.

W. & M. 10/5/15.

Witness states that Richardson's initial was E. Witness was told by numbers of men in same coy., C., that they saw Richardson killed and witness was near his body for 3 days at Quinn's Post early in May. Richardson was in witness' platoon, C Co. He was a Sgt. atthe time. He was tall, dark, married man, came from Toowing, Queensland

Ref:- Lt. W.P.Fish, C Co., 15th Btn.,
4th Training Btn.,
Tel el Kebir.

E.A.W.
20/5/16.

B.

Moore's Modern Methods, Ltd., London, England. Binder and holes in leaves Pat'd No. 6775. 1906.

Med.

15th Btn. A.I.F.

RICHARDSON 5
Pte Arthur 488.

Note.

I took the report, although Lt. Fish says that Richardson's initial was E. There may be a mistake. He says the above man is the man? I am going to Tel el Kebir again to night and am going to interview a number of ~~Australian~~ men/Ambulance who were in Gallipoli.

A.E.Wilcox.
20/5/16.

15th Battn.
B Coy.
A.I.F.

Richardson,
Pte.A. No. 485.

W. & M. 9th May 1915. Arthur

On the night of 9th May, a party of twenty-three went out from Quinn's Post on reconnaissance work. Informant was next best one to Richardson. They were met by heavy rifle fire, as they reached the Turks' parapet. Here Richardson was killed and informant wounded.

Ref.:- Pte.R. O.Rogerson, 1st Battn. B Coy.
No. 972.
Harefield, 26/7/16.

P.Cunliffe,
26/7/16.

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15th Australians. Scoullar, J. G. 493.
Richardson, Arthur. 488. WTH 9-10/5/15

(K. May 9th - 10th /15. Details D & B.)

Informant states that on May 9th/15 at Quinn's Post Scoullar and Richardson, with Sergt. Toft and one other man, were engaged in carrying ammunition up to a trench that had been taken. Sergt. Toft, X Platoon C. Coy., told informant that Richardson had been shot through the head and killed and that he himself had helped to drag him up under the parapet afterwards. The 4th man (informant cannot remember his name, but says that he was captured later and has since died in Constantinople) told him that Scoullar had been hit through the neck and killed practically instantaneously.

Sergt. Toft was still with the Bn. when informant left on Aug. 8th. wrote 28-9-16 -

Reference: Rayment, Pte., 483.
15th Australians.,
1st N. G. H., Ward A 21, Newcastle.

Home address:
Loughborough, Leicester.

11th Sept. 16.
E. MacLeod.

2 Copies for Scoullar
Kia 9-5-15

15th Batn. FRANCE Richardson
A.I.F. Pte.A.495.

"Wounded & Missing 10.5.'15"

On the night of 9-10th May Private Richardson and myself were detailed as runners or despatch carriers when we had taken the enemy's trenches. This was done at 11.15 p.m., and our Platoon Commander, Mr. Youden was wounded in the head, his place was filled by Lieut. Armstrong who asked ~~Mr. Youden back to our own lines~~ Private Richardson and myself to take Mr. Youden back to our own lines. Richardson accompanied us as far as our own trench and returned to the captured trench after handing Mr. Youden over to the doctor. I returned and was told Richardson had just been hit in the head and was below lying in the trench. We lifted him out and placed him at the back of the trench and I thought then he was dying. I had then to deliver a message and went back again for assistance to take back the wounded, but found all available men were required as Reinforcements. We hadn't enough stretcher bearers to cope with the wounded and consequently a great number of men who could not help themselves were left behind when it was found necessary on account of our heavy losses to evacuate the position ~~again~~. These men were left to the mercy of the Turks and as their fate isn't known they were marked "Missing" Private Richardson was hit at about 11.30 p.m. and until about 2 a.m. when I was wounded he lay in exactly the same position as we had left him and as I passed him several times. I have good reason to believe him dead. It was too dark to see for certain. He was unconscious when we lifted him out of the trench and did not appear as if he

would live long.
I hope you will be able to make something out of this rambling account but I myself am convinced that Private Richardson was killed. Attention could not be given to the wounded during this night as we were fighting off a counter-attack.

Reference:- Lieut. Percy Toft.
In the Field.
3. 10. 16

B.

London
10.10.16