

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

**6546 Private  
Donald Black Pentland**

**6th Battalion**



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A.I.F.  
6th Bn.

"Killed in Action 4.10.17"

PENTHAUD *Pentland?*  
D.B. 6546

Unofficially buried place of casualty Broodseinde Ridge,

London.  
15.5.19.  
J.H.A.  
6.10.19.

A.I.F 6th Bn.

PENLAND  
Donald Black. 6546.

Killed in Action. 4.10.17.

No trace Germany. Enquiries passed to H.K.L.  
Cert by Captain Mills. 10.10.19.

NAME

UNIT

REGIMENT

CAUSE OF DEATH

London  
15.10.19

DEPARTMENTAL FILE

OFFICE

DEPARTMENT

(13. 12. 17.)

Cpl. Mac Mahon

B Coy.

6<sup>th</sup> Batta. A. I. 7.

B. 8. 7.

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65-46 Pte. D. B. Pentland

6<sup>th</sup> Batta. A. I. 7.

M. 4. 10. 17.

14. 12. 17  
D.F. X-2

A.I.F. 6th Bn

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SI TTAND  
6546

"M. 4-10-17"

Killed in action 4-1<sup>0</sup>-17 - previously reported Missing  
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 28-12-17

OFF.M.

London  
2-1-18

6th Battn.  
A.I.F.

Pentland.  
D.B. 6546

"Missing 4.10.17"

Cpl. MacMahon B. Coy. could tell you all about Pentland. He is back with his Battn. now.

Witness:-

London.  
27.12.17.

Note Written Cpl. MacMahon 13.12.17.

Off. H.

6th A. I. F.

D. B. PENTLAND, 6546.  
E. PARKER, 6831.

Missing 4.10.17.

I saw them get killed on the Ypres Front on Oct. 4th. We went over the top at about 6.0 a.m. and had advanced about 60 yards when I saw a shell land right at the feet of these 2 men who were 15 yards away on my right. I saw them blown into the air and I saw them fall to the ground, one had a leg off and both were covered with blood. They lay quite still and I am certain they were quite dead. I could see them for about 10 seconds and then they were out of my sight as I went on. We did not come out the same way and I never saw them again. I had been with them in the same Sect. for 6 months and knew them quite well. We were in B.VII.

Reference: J.Lane, 6378.

No.11 Con.Camp, Bucy nr. Rouen, 13.12.17.

P.S. Witness had the names and numbers in his note book, Parker's was right but Pentland was down as 6783, but Witness says he is sure the mistake is in his note book and the man he refers to is as above. He says Pentland was slightly bandy-legged, about 19/20, short and thin, worked on a farm for his Father.

FEP. *W. H. H. 16*

6th Btn.

PENTLAND, D.S.  
Pte. No. 6546

Kid. in act. 4.10.17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 6", slightly built, dark complexion about 27 years of age, known as Den. Casualty was waiting to advance at Broodbain's Ridge. He was waiting in a shell hole with myself about 6 o'clock in the morning. The Germans opened a heavy barrage on us and an H.E. shell exploded in a shell hole killing Casualty instantly and burying him and Pte. Davies, Pte. Smith, Pte. Watson, Pte. Parker, Dvr. McCallum, Pte. Jackson and wounding myself. He was most severely wounded all over. He was buried just where he fell."

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T.O.F.  
14.3.19.

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