

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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122 Private
Norman Sydney Perier

2nd Battalion



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Navies

12th July, 1917.

2nd AUSTRALIANS

PERIES, 122

K. 9.4.17. Det. D/E.

He was in A Co., 2nd Platoon. He came from New South Wales. His christian name was Horran, and his number was 122. He was in the Cyclc Corps before joining the 2nd battalion and was a signaller. I saw his grave half way between Herries and the Railway line. It is about 200 yards east of the railway bridge which was blown up. There was no cross, simply a rifle with his name and battalion on a piece of paper on it stuck into the ground. I could point out the spot.

Informant: Pte. D.I. Tomkins, 1876
2nd Australians, A Co., 3rd Pltn.,
Beyro Hospital.

OMR

2nd Bttn, A.I.F.
A.Coy,

PERIER.
N.S. 122.

"Killed 9.4.17".

I saw him killed at Hermies by a machine Gun bullet, death was instantaneous. I knew him well, there being no other of that name in the Coy. I saw his grave at Hermies and it was marked by a cross bearing his No. Name and unit.

Witness:-

L/Cpl. G. Glass, 4187,
2nd Bttn, A.Coy, 4th Pltn,
3rd Aust. Aux. Hosp,
Dartford.

W. Oman,
Edon
16.8.17.

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2nd A.I.F.

PERIER, 122. N.S.

E. 9.4.17. Det. D & B.

He was carrying bombs at Hermies. A shell burst which caused all the bombs to explode, blowing Perier to pieces. I witnessed the casualty.

Reference: L/Cpl. V. G. Marsh, 6863.

No.12 General, Rouen. 59.7.17.

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Havre

25th July, 1917

2nd AUSTRALIANS

PERIER, 122

M. 9.4.17. Det. D/B.

He was in C Co. I knew Perier: he was a French lad about 18 or 19. He was well to do. He was killed at the attack on Hermes on the 9th April. He was carrying bombs in his pockets. A bullet hit one which exploded and mangled him up badly. I was told this by Pte. Hall of the 2nd Batta., C Co., 9th platoon, who has since been wounded, and by Pte. Huett of the 2nd Batta., C Co., 9th Pltn. who was up with the battalion when I left on the 17th July. I have seen Perier's grave. He was buried in the 2nd Battalion Cemetery at Hermes. He was in a separate grave. A cross with his name on it had been put up.

Informant: Sgt. J.O. Stephenson, 790
2nd Australians, C Co., 9th Pltn.,
Beaumont Amb. Train, Havre.

Walter Pte Hall } 4.8.17
Huett } HFG

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2nd A.I.F.

PERIER N.S. No. 122.

K. 9th April 1917. Det D/B.

At Hermes (?) on the 9th April we had just got through the village on to the railway line and had just started to dig in when Perier was caught by a M. Gun bullet, shot through the head, and killed instantly. There was a party burying at that place soon after but I can't say about Perier's burial. He came from England with me about the 16th March 1917. He was about 20-22, a fine lad, that was his first time in action.

Inf:- Pte S. No Intyre No. 6792.
Xanth. E. No. 30 General Hospital.
Calais. 25.9.17. E.M.R.

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2nd A. I. F.

N. S. PERIER, 122.

Killed 9.4.17. Det.D/B.

He was killed at Hermies the day after we had taken the village. A bullet hit a bomb in his pocket and the bomb exploded and all his left side was shattered. I saw him about 5 mins. after and he was dead. Pte. Percy Smith, 1083, was one of the burial party who took him out and is now "P.B." in Blighty. Perier came from Mosman, a suburb of Sydney, and was in my Section. I think he was a clerk and was about 18.

Reference: Cpl. C. D. McNaught, 196,

No. 5 General, Rouen, 27.9.17.

WF.

Wrote Pte Percy Smith
6.10.17

Bayre

29th September. 1917.

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2nd AUSTRALIANS

PERIER, H.S. 122

K. April 9th. 1917. Det. D/B.

I know Sig. Pt. Perier of A. Co., attached to H.I. He was killed on April 9th, 1917 at Hermies, and I think buried in the Military Cemetery in the village. There will be a cross on his grave.

Informant: Pt. G.V. Johnson, 4846
2nd Australian, A.M.S. Stretcher Bearer.
Australian Camp, Bouelles.

RHM.

Bayre

4th Oct. 1917

2nd AUSTRALIANS

PERIER H. S. 122

4. 9th April 1917 det D/B.

He was in C. Company. He came from Sydney; a single man; about 18 years of age. He was killed by machine gun fire in the village of Hermies about 4.30 a.m. The place where he was killed was retained by us but I do not know where he was buried.

Informant: H. H. Spure 6090
2nd Australians D. Co.
H.S. "Grantully Castle"
Bayre

RHS

2nd A.I.F.

Perier Pte. 122.

(K. Apl. 9th 1917)

"Perrin was killed on the right of the village of Hermes and I think buried where he fell".

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Lt. H.N.F. Williams,
2nd A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hospt.,
Wandsworth.

Home address:
648 George St.,
Dunedin,
N.Z.

June 8th 1917,
W.R. Manning.

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Excerpt

13th June 1917

2nd AUSTRALIANS

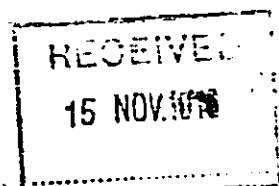
SERIES 122

K. 9th April 1917 Det. D/B

He was a signaller in A. Co., and his initials were 'H.S.'
At Hammeton the 9th April, just after we had taken the
village, I saw Series lying dead - a bullet had hit a bomb
in his pocket and exploded it - He was knocked about a good
bit - His face was recognisable. I know his number was 122.
I heard he was buried; I don't know whether at the Hammeton
burying ground or not.

Informant: Cpl. C. D. Macnaught 196
2nd Australian A. Co. 2nd Pltn
Australian Camp Rouelles

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13.11.16

To the Australian Branch
British Red Cross Society

Sir, you most kindly
advised me on 24.10.16
to write to the Officer in
Command at Rudgeford
Hospital. Me, No. 122
Private Norman Brier
of A.I. Cyclist Corps
Headquarters 3rd Divisional.

I understand He has
discharged to duty
from Bulford Hospital
on 10.8.16. Since that
date, I am unable
- To trace him, nor
are letters answered
His people in Sydney
are most anxious
and I shall be
most grateful if
you would send
me the address of
his Record Office.

or

Give me an address that
will reach him -

I need not say, I am sorry
to trouble you. The urgent
letters I receive from Sydney
asking me for news of him
is my only excuse. And
I am faithfully yours.

Mrs) Elizabeth Fry

6.10.17

1083 P. Percy Smith

(2nd Bath A.I.F.
B.E.F.

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122 N.S. PERIER

2nd Bath A.I.F.

K. 9. 4. 17

AP.
8.10.17

26 Hampshire Terrace

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27 OCT. 1916

CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

Southsea Hants

26.10.16

Dear Mallet -

Dear Sir, I have received a
most urgent letter
from Mrs Perier
of Arrille "

Baylan St. Mosmans Bay
Sydney. N.S. Wales.
begging for news
of No. 122

Private Roman Perier
Headquarter, 3rd Divisional
Cycling Corp. A.I.F.

He wrote from each
port on his journey
to England, but, his people
have no news of him
since he landed in
England or France
about May 1916.
News would be most
gratefully received
by yours faithfully
Mrs) Elizabeth Smythson

To Sir L. Mallet
Red Cross Society

No. 122. Private Roman Perier
of Sydney, N.S. W. missing

3rd Division Cycling Corp A.I.F.
news gratefully received, by
Mrs) Elizabeth Smythson
26. Hampshire Terrace
Southsea, Hants

28th October

Mrs. Elizabeth Smythson,
26 Hampshire Terrace,
Southsea,
Hants

Dear Madam,

We beg to inform you that No. 182 Pte Norman
Perier, H. Q. Cycling Corps, 3rd Division, A.I.F., was
admitted to the General Hospital, Bulford, on August 2nd 1916,
and we should advise you to write to the U.C. for further
news of him.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

18th November

Mrs. E. Smythson,
26, Hampshire Terrace,
Southsea, Hants.

Dear Madam,

We are much obliged to you for your letter about 122
Pte Norman Perier. We think his correct address should be 3rd
Cycling Corps, 3rd Divisional Headquarters, A.I.F., and that letters
addressed as above should find him, but we also advise you to write
to the Adjutant No. 1 Command Depot, Perham Downs, asking if he has
passed through there, also to - Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F.,
130, Horseferry Road, S.W., as the latter is the Australian Records
Office, and they might be able to give you the desired information.

Yours faithfully,

V. D.

Secretary

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(3.0.17)

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C. Co 9th
Batt AIF

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for

122 PERRIER

2 Batt AIF

M. 9. 4. 17

E.C.M.

6.8.17.