

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**1965 Corporal  
Raymond Basil Perry**

**27th Battalion**



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7th Batta  
A.I.F.

PERRY, 1965  
Cpl. R.B.

"Missing 5.11.16."

Killed in Action 5.11.16. previously reported Missing  
Cert. by A.I.F.HQrts. 16.8.17.

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London.  
22.8.17.

A. I. F. 27.

PERRY, Cpl. R. B. 1908.

4. November 5th, 1916.

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Cpl. Mark of B. Coy. told me he was right close to him on November 5th when he was wounded and fell into a shell hole at Bayonet trench, Fiers. Mark is now up line.

FHE.

Reference:- 2-Lieut. J. Jury, D. Coy.  
L. Gun School.

Write to Sgt. Mark re 19.

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7.6.17.

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27th Battn.  
A. I. F.

Cpl. Perry.  
R. B. 1965.

"Missing 5.11.16."

Full information regarding Perry's death can be obtained from  
Sgt. Work, B Coy, 27th Battn. France.

Witness:-

A. Wilkins. 481.  
27th Battn.  
Dartford.

W.G.J.

London.

30.5.17.

Note Written Sgt. Work. 28.5.17.A.

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8th August, 1917.

87th AUSTRALIANS

PERRY, Cpl. R.B. 1965

N. 8.11.16.

He was in B Co., 8th platoon. I knew him well. He came from Coolwa (?) S. Australia. He was killed at Flers on the 5th Nov. 1916. I did not see him killed but I saw his grave on the second Sunday in July about 2 miles from Hopsune near Flers. He had a grave to himself and there was a cross on it with his name. It was not in a cemetery but there were a good many other graves. There was a Battalion Memorial Service the day I saw the grave. I heard some time before that he had been killed.

Informant: Pte. R.W. Robertson, 1762  
87th Australians, B Co., 8th Pltn.,  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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27th A. I. F.,

Perry, Cpl. R.B., 1965.

N. Nov. 5th 1916.

"Cpl. Perry was killed by a machine gun bullet in the ~~ed~~ body during the attack at Flers on November 5th. I saw him spin round and fall on his back and when we returned about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an hour later he was still lying there. He had never moved and he was obviously quite dead. Cpl. Slaven in B.Coy. VII Pltn., 27th A.I.F., who is now in France felt the body to make sure if he was dead. I passed within 10 feet of it myself. It was lying about 40 yards from the German trenches (which were 200 yds. from our own) in No Mans Land. The ground was occupied about a week later by the 5th Australian Division. Cpl. Perry belonged to my Company and Platoon (as well as Cpl. Slaven). I knew him well."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: About 5ft.8ins, fair, blue eyes, reddish hair, age about 20, came from S. Australia.

Informant:-- T.Sgt. Wm. Murray, 396,  
27th A.I.F., B.Coy., VII Pltn.,  
Richmond Military Hosp: Grove Rd.

Home address:--

9.7.17.  
A.G.Campbell.

Written Cpl Slaven 20.7.17

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27th Battn.  
A. I. F.

Perry.  
Cpl. R. B. 1965

"Missing 5.11.16"

re Cpl. R. B. Perry. On November 5th 1916 Cpl. Perry was with me when we went over at Flers. He was wounded either going over or just in the German lines and was trying to get back when he was killed. I have seen his grave in the last week and there is a small cross with his name, rank and number and regiment. It is situated close to Bayonet Trench Flers. He was a tip top chap and a first class soldier and liked by all that knew him and was also a good athlete. He was a slight built lad about 5'6 to 5'8", he was fair and had sandy hair.

Letter from:-  
Cpl. R. Slaven  
France. 26.7.17.

London.  
25.8.17.

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6th October 1917

27th AUSTRALIANS

PERRY Corp'l. R.B. 1965

K. 5th Nov. 1916 det. D/B

I knew Corporal Raymond B. Perry of B. Co. 8th Platoon, who was killed in November 1916. I saw his grave in the open near Flers; it is near the large Battalion cross which was erected in memory of the boys killed at Flers. Perry's grave has a cross with his name on it. I could point out the spot.

Informant: Pte. R. Jury 354  
27th Australians B. Co. 7th Pltn  
Australian Camp Rouellea

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27th BATT. A.I.F.

PERRY. Cpl R.B. 1965.

K. Nov. 5th. 1918. Det D/B.

He belonged to B. Coy and was killed on Nov 5th beyond  
Flers. I did not see him killed, but later on I had a search  
for his grave and found it within 100/<sup>yards</sup> of the big cross which  
was erected in memory of those who fell that day, between  
Flers and Tilloy, about half an hour or so from Bapaume.

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Ref ---Cpl Parry. 667.  
No 18 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. Sept 25th. 1917

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19.7.17

Cpl SLAVEN, B. G.

27 Battalion AIF

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Cpl R. B. PERRY

27 Battalion AIF

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Sgt. WORK.

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27 Batt AIF

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1965. Cpl R. B. PERRY

27 Batt AIF

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France  
July 26<sup>th</sup> 1917

To the Secretary Wounded & Missing  
Enquiry Bureau

Dear Madam

I have just received your en-  
quiry about 1965 Cpl R. B. Perry On November  
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went over at Fiers he was wounded rather se-  
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seen his grave in the last week & there is  
a small cross with his name, rank, number  
& regiment it is situated close to Hungenbush  
Fiers. He was a top top chap & a first class  
soldier & liked by all that knew him, was  
also a good athlete. He was a short built  
fella about 5' 10" tall, he was fair & had  
panda hair, I would like with you  
in your enquiries & hoping that at any future  
date I may be able to give some information  
about comrades I saw.

Yours truly

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Cpl R. B. PERRY Cpl J. J. Harrow

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August End. 1917.

Cpl. F. Slaven,  
27th Battalion, A.I.F.  
B. E. F.

Dear Cpl. Slaven,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning :-

1965 Cpl R.B. Perry, 27th. Ba tn. A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance to us and of value to our enquirers.

We also wish to thank you for your kind offer of assistance should we in the future need information about other men of your Unit and shall be very pleased to avail ourselves of this should the occasion arise.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary,

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