

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3973 Private
Richard Oswald
Roberts**

3rd Battalion



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3rd Battn.,...
D. Coy.
12th Rfts.

L/c. Richard Oswald.
Pte. (I.B. 85)

ROBERTS,
3973a

Missing 22-27.7.16.

No trace at 26th General Hospital.
Cert. by - letter from O.C. dated 24-10-16.

Killed in Action on 22-27.7.16, previously reported Missing.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' List. I.B. 86.

London,
1-3-17.

P.I.
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3rd. Battn.
A.I.F?

L/Cpl. Signaller Roberts
R.O.3973 a

Missing July 27th. 1916.

Sergeant J. Murphy same Battn. and who is with his unit still in France told me at Warloy on 3rd. 8/16 that he was talking to Roberts in the 26th. General Hospital at Etaples (Imperial) after 27/7/16 and that he was not badly wounded and was getting on well.

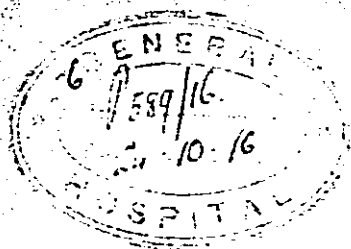
Reference: A.E. Conway 3961,
3rd. Battn.
11-4-16

Note. Written to O.C. 26th. General Hospital. 18-10-16

London
23-10-16

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P.I.

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26 General Hospital.
France.

24.10.16

Dear Madam,

3973A. I regret there is no
trace of Lt. R.D. Roberts F.R.S.
having been a patient in this
Hospital.

I am,

Yours truly,

Captain Rumb
Registrar.

Miss Deakin,

Secretary,
Australian Branch, R.C.S.

54, Victoria St. London W.

France

13-3-19

The Secretary

Wounded & Missing Inquiry Bureau
Australian Branch 285.

No. 3973. 2nd Lt. Roberts R.O., 2nd Bn. A.I.F.
Missing 22-27/7/16.

Your communication dated 2nd & 3rd inst. to
hand. Thanks very much for the
information therein.

I am now awaiting any
further news of the death of the above-mentioned
man, which you may be able to
obtain.

Again thanking you

I am

Yours faithfully

12102 P. H. Hocking

824

12103 Plt H. G. Pickering

9th Field Ambulance

A.A.M.C. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir.

We have only most

unsatisfactory news of

3973
S/C R.O. Roberts 3 Bli. A.I.F.

He was as you know reported

missing 27. 7. 16 + later K.M.

A. The only unofficial evidence

we have so far gathered is

which refers to another

Roberts - Plt H.E. Conway 3961

who had seen Roberts in

the 26th Gen Hq. France -

but this corps. has no trace

of him so we fear Plt Conway

was mistaken. As soon as

47 61 Pte A. H. Roberts Sep 14/15

Thrupps.

12/24 Battr.
6th Inf Bde.

Am. Junc.

Rollstone. hills. O

O Salisbury Plain

Sir,

We have received your letter
from the B. R. C. S. enquiring
for news of your brother 3973

Lt J. D. Roberts. 3rd Battr.

A. D. 7. We are making

enquiries & will do our best to

locate him for you. We will

let you know as soon as we hear

any news. ~~Yours faithfully~~ Yours faithfully

LIST No. 7 OF MISSING.

(6)

2nd Battalion.

SERIAL No.	No.	RANK.	NAME.	PLACE.	DATE.
84106	585	Lance-Corpl.	Arnold, A.	M Gallipoli	25.15.
84107	20	Private	Brown, M.	W. & M. Gallipoli	25.15.
84108	1584	"	Lamond, D.	M. "	25.15.
84109	1842	"	Wightman, E. K.	M. "	25.15.

To Mr

British Red Cross Society
18 Carlton House Terrace
London S.W.

Rollstone Camp
Salisbury Plains.
9/9/16

RECEIVED
11 SEP 1916
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

I understand that you undertake to
make inquiries of missing soldiers, and would
be glad if you could help me.
I received news from Head Quarters of A.I.F.
that my brother has been missing since 29th/7/16.
His address is

3973^A L/Cpl Signaller R.O. Roberts
D. Coy.
3rd Battalion
1st Brigade
Australian Forces
France

Trusting that your efforts will be successful
I am yours
Most thankfully

A.H. Roberts
4761 P^T A.H. Roberts.
12/24 Battalion
6th Div Bde
Aust Force
Rollstone
Wilt
Salisbury Plains

20th October

To the Commandant,
26th General Hospital,
B. F. F.

Dear Sir,

We are making inquiries about 3973A L/Cpl. R.O. Roberts, Signaller, 3rd Battalion, A.I.F., who is officially reported Missing since July 27th 1916. We have heard from a Sergeant of the same Battalion, that Roberts was seen in the 26th General Hospital, at Eaples, after July 27th, not seriously wounded. As so many men have been found in the Hospitals while still reported as Missing, we should be grateful to you if you would have Robert's name looked up, and information sent to us as to whether he was in your Hospital and at what date, and any other details concerning him that are available.

Apologising for troubling you, and thanking you in

anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

Genl. V.D. M. 7/10

3973

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France

22 : 2 : 17.

The Secretary

Wounded & Missing Inquiry Bureau
Australian Branch B.R.C.S.

I would be very much obliged if you could give me any information regarding No. 3973. ~~Pls~~ P. De Roberts who enlisted in N. S. Wales & embarked as a signaller. He was originally reported missing & later killed. His death occurred, as far as I know, between 23rd & 27th July 1916. I have an idea that he embarked in Melbourne.

Here are all the details I can supply.

My address is 12103. The A.G. Pickering, 9th Australian Field Ambulance, France. Some of his

relations have written to me enquiring about him & I would like to be able to enlighten them if you could let me know anything about him.

Thanking you in anticipation

I am

yours faithfully

A.G. Pickering

W.P.

Pls. R. Oswald
G.P. Scott

Doc. R. Oswald 3973
J. R. M. T.

W. R.
The Secretary

Headed: Shering Inquiry Bureau
Australian Branch B.R.C.S.

France
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Yours faithfully,
H. E. Pickering

W. R.

March 2nd

7.

No. 4761 Pte. A.H. Roberts,
24th Battalion, A.I.F.
D.E.F.

Dear Sir,

No. 39738 L/Cpl. Richard Oswald Roberts.
Missing since 22-27/7/6.

With reference to your enquiry for the above soldier previously reported Wounded and Missing, we very much regret to inform you that he is now reported officially as Killed in Action since the above date.

We shall at once forward to you any further information that we receive, as we fully realise your anxiety for details.

May we express our sincere sympathy in your sorrow and loss.

Yours faithfully,

V.L.
SECRETARY.
LAW

3rd

No. 12103 Pte H.J. Pickering.
9th Australian Field Ambulance.
B.E.F.

No. 3973A L/Cpl.R.O.Roberts - 3rd Battn., A.I.F.
Missing - 22-27 /7/16.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for the above
soldier who was previously reported Wounded and Missing,
we regret to inform you that he is now officially reported
Killed in Action on the above date.

We hope to obtain further information of his
death, and when such news comes to hand we shall immediately
advise you.

Yours faithfully,

P. M. L. A. U.

SECRETARY.