

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2921 Private
Harry Milverton
Pickering

5th Pioneer Battalion



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5th Pioneer A. I. F.

Pickering, H.M. 2921.

(K. Sept. 14/17. Det D & B)

"I was on sick parade at Kilo Farm and saw the grave of Pickering there, close to a pill-box. It was the only one of the 5th Pioneers and thus it was fixed on my memory."

Eye-witness: No

Description:

Informant: Pte Mervyn Wm. Jos. Freeman, 7357,
4th A. I. F., B. Coy, VIII Pltn,
Christchurch Red C. Hospital,
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38, Raper St,
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12th March 1918.
Fredk. J. Lord.

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5th pioneers. A.I.F.

Pickering.H.M. Spr. NO.2921 C

Killed Sept 14th 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw him killed by a piece of shrapnel, while we were along the menin Road Ypres. He was taken to a cemetery in Ypres and buried by a party from the coy, a cross was erected bearing full particulars. I knew him in the battery, he came over with the 6th reinf of the coy. He came from West Australia..

Description. Age. 27. Height. 5-3. Complexion. Dark. Ruggedly Built.

Witness. Spr. Griffiths.W. NO.2871. D.Coy. 5th Pioneers.

Taken at
NO.4.C.D.Hurdcott.
21-3-18.
F.C.H.

S.Whitmee.
NO.4.Command Depot
Hurdcott.

5th Pioneers
A.I.F.

PICKERING
H.M. 2921

"Killed 14-9-17"

In my Pltn. 7th, B.Coy., killed outright alongside me at about 6 a.m. while working on Leister? Road, near Menin Road. Sgt.Landerman, of same Pltn. was killed by same shell and buried in same marked grave, about 20 yds. from the spot in which they fell, just off the road. Pte.McCrory, same Pltn., and I helped to bury them and put up their Crosses.

Informant. Gibb F.C. 3306
5th Pioneers.

L.P.J.
London
4-4-18

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5th Pioneers. A.I.F.

Pickering.H.M. Spr.NO.2921.

Killed S6pt 14th 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw him killed by a shell whilst we were going along the Burr Cross-Zillebeke Road. he was buried just off the road by a party from the coy. A cross was erected bearing full particulars. Sgt Langer was buried with him. I knew him in the coy. He came from West Australia.

Description. Height. 5-8. Complexion. Medium. Medium Built.

Witness. Spr. Carr.J.W. NO.2346. 5th Pioneers.

Taken at
NO.3.C.D.Hurdcott.
6-4-18.
S.W.

S. Whitzee.
NO.4.Command Depot
Hurdcott.

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5th Pioneers
A.I.F.

PICKERING,
H.M.C. 2921

"Killed 19.9.17."

He was killed instantly at about 11 a.m. on the Menin Road, which road making by a shell which also killed Sgt. Lundeman and one other man. He and Lundeman are buried in one grave which is about 200 yards to the right of Menin road opposite Burr Cross Road and has a cross with the names and regimental colours (which I have seen). His name was Harry, he came from W. Australia and the only man of his name in Coy (belonged to B.Coy VII Pltn.)

Informant:- Pte. J.S. Casey, 2581,
5th Pioneers, A.I.F.
B.Coy VII Pltn,
Dartford.

R. G. Campbell
London.
10.4.18.

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A.I.F. Pioneers. B.

PICKERING H.M. 2821.

K. 16.9.17.

Landman

He was in B.Co. and I knew him quite well, a thick
not bloke, not too tall, about 5 ft.6, might be 34. I
was 40 or 50 yards from him when he got killed about
14th Sept. at Leinster Rd. Time, forenoon. I saw a
shell come over and knock out 3 men, Pickering, Land-
man and Pigg (?). I did not go up to them. Pigg was
the only one not killed outright. Pickering and Landman
were buried about 100 yards from where they were killed
(not in a Cemetery) on the Leinster Rd. I have seen their
graves from a distance. I saw the crosses which were made
for them with their names on.

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Reference: Pte. J.C. Johnson. 5360. B.Co.
7 Can. Gen. Hpl.

Staples.
24.2.18.

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