

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

24 Driver
Frank Pierce

6th Battalion



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6th Btn.

A. I. P.
has been

PIERCE
Frank 24.

Killed in Action 20.9.17

No trace in Germany

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
15.10.19.

3.

Havre.

14th. March. 1918.

6th. Australians.

Pierce, F. No. 24.

X. 20th. September 1917. Data. D/B.

I knew him well, he came from Victoria. He was a prize fighter. On the 20th. September we were attacking Fitzclarens Farm on the Ypres Sector which we took and held. During the attack I heard that Pierce had been killed during the morning, in the afternoon I went and had a look at him, he had a bit of shell through the temple and must have been killed instantly. We were relieved that night; I don't know where he was buried.

Inf:- L/Corporal. W. J. Collins. No. 2541.
6th. Australians.
C. Company.
9th. Platoon.
Havre Hospital.

HFG.

M

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

PIERCE
F. 24

"Killed 20-9-17"

He belonged to D.Coy. Came from Carlton, and was a boxer in the Battn. We called him "Knucker". He was about the first man hit, just before we went over the top on Sep. 20th. He is buried outside the trench, just past Clapham Junction, on the left of the road, to the line. A stick was erected over the grave at the time with his name on it, which I saw.

Informant. Brown L/Cpl. A.C.
6th Battn. B.Coy. 7th Pltn.,
DARTFORD.

A.G. Campbell
London
10-4-18

M.

6th Battn.
B.Coy, 7th Pltn.
A.I.I.

PIERCE, J.,
Pte. 24.

"Killed 20.9.17."

If the Red Cross referred to Pte. James (Sid) 6 Battn,
B.Coy, 7th Pltn. I think he could give all particulars
about Pte. Pierce, (6.B.) who was killed in Sept.

Eyewitness:- No.

Description:- We called him "Knicker" Fitzroy,
Melbourne. *an original.*

Informant:- Pte. Harry Turner. 5214,
6th Battn, B.Coy, VII Pltn,
3rd Southern General Hospital,
Oxford.

Home address:
Thornbury
Melbourne
H.M. Pickard Cambridge
London.

18.4.18. NOTE Written to Pte. James 18.4.18. M

6th Btn.

PIERCE, F.
pte. 24

Killed in action 20/9/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, about 5 ft. 3 ins. well built, dark, about 22 years of age, known as "Frank"; he was an original man. Casualty was advancing at Fitzclarens Farm when a shrapnel shell exploded, a piece striking Casualty in the temple. I was 10 yds. away at the time of his death. He was buried at Fitzclarens Farm. I was an eye-witness."

Informant:- S. Larcambe,
No. 2591.

Private address:-
C/o H. Larcambe,
Dubbo, N.S.W.

T.C.F.
19/4/18.

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A.I.F. 6th. Battn.

PIERCE
P. 24

KILLED 20/9/17.

Was in C Company - 9th platoon - called Frank. He was killed instantly. He was hit in the side of the head by a piece of shell. It happened between Inverness Copse and Glencorse Wood during the stunt on September 20th. I did not see him actually killed, but saw his body immediately afterwards - He was badly knocked about.

He was not buried while we were in the line, but would be buried later. I did not see his grave.

Informant:- 6214 Allen D.S.
6th Battn.

W.G.J.

London.
2.5.18.

II

8th Battn.
A.I.F

PIERCE.
F. 24.

"Killed in Action" 20-9-17.

He was hit by a piece of shell whilst in the front line trench at Ypres before the attack began. I was hit at the same time and a mate of mine Watson. J. 2 Coy. 6th Battn. We went to D/S in Ypres and Watson told me afterwards that Pierce died being brought down to the D/S, and he was in the D/S when they brought Pierce in. I do not know where he was buried.

A. Bay.
3rd Battalion.

Note:-Written Watson.

Informant: Edwards. F. 5094.

A.2. 6th Battn.

No 1 Command Depot.

SUTTON VERNY.

B.F. German.
London.
31-5-18.

M.

A.I.F.6.

PIERCE, F. 24.

K. Sept. 20th, 1917. Det. D/B.

I knew a man called Pierce in C.IX. I did not know his initial but he was always called "Nucker". His number was 24. He was a Victorian. I saw him fall after he was hit during the fighting at Clapham Junction, Glencourse Wood on 20th Sept. I put his tin helmet over his face afterwards. I dont know if his body was afterwards recovered and buried.

Inf. Pte. W. Anderson, 5034. B.VI.

No.1.C.C.

BOULOGNE. 5.6.18.

AGL.

18-4-18

B

Sid
Plt James

VII. Plt

B. Coy

6. Sub. Battery

A. 7-7

B. 5-7

24. Plt F. Pierce

6. Sub. Battery

A. 7-7

H. 20/9/17.

W. 18.4.18.

To John 29.3.18.

J. Watson
III. P.H.

6. Aug.

6. A. T. T.

about

24. F. Pierce

6. A. T. T.

12. 20/9/17.

in h.c.
29.3.18.