

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6840 Private
Claude Edward
Pierpoint

8th Battalion



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8th Battn.
A.I.D.

PIERPONT
C.E. 6840

"Killed 16-4-18"

I saw Pierpont B.Coy., killed outright, being blown up by a shell in front of Mieppe Forest, near Strazeele. I heard he was buried in a little Cemetery, not many buried there, quite close.

In formant. McHall, G.F. 6894
8th Battn. B.Coy.,
No.2 Coy's Tents,
WESTHAM

W.A.Rand
London
4-7-18
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PIERPONT, C.E. 6840.

K. April 16th 1918.

C.E. Pierpont was in B.VI with me and his number was about 6840. He came from NSW. He was a short fair man, with fair moustache, about 38 and single. I remember seeing Pierpont's dead body while we were holding the trenches near Hieppe Forest on the 16th April. He was buried by our Padre Captain Booth at the back of Hieppe Forest. I know there is a cross put up to him.

Inf: Pte W.H. Blexham. 6645. B.VI.
No. 1 C.O.
BOULOGNE. 5.7.1918.

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8th Battn.
A.I.F.

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PIERFONT.
6840.

"Killed in Action" 16-4-18.

He was in B. Company and I saw him killed at Meteren when death was instantaneous, he having been hit by a piece of shell in the head about 10 a.m. on April 16/18, when he was going to outpost. He had been shell shocked in September and had not long been back with the battalion. I knew him fairly well and there was no other man of same name in Company. His body was taken back to Hecappe Forest where he was buried. I did not see his grave, but it was marked by a cross having full details marked thereon. Refer to S/B Smithson B. Coy, 8th Batt. now wounded and may be in England, for he carried him out. Refer also to Chaplain Captain Booth, of 8th Battalion for he read burial service.

Note:- Written S/B Smithson and Capt Booth 26-6-18.

Informant:- Pte Smith. J.I. 6323.
B. Coy. 8th Battn.
Mc 3 A.A.R. DARTFORD.

W. Oman.
London.
27-6-18.
J.E.A.

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Barro.

8th. July. 1918.

8th. Australians.

Bergin, J. P. 15.
Pierpont, C. E. 6840. cancelled.
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E. April. 16/1918. Date. D/B.

Sergeant Phil Bergin, D. Coy, & Private Pierpont, D. Coy, 8th. Pltn was killed opposite Vieux Berquin. Bergin on the night of April 16th. 1918 & Pierpont on the morning of April 17th. 1918 by a shell. I helped to carry Pierpont's body away to the R.A.C. Bergin was taken to the same place, & both were buried there. Padres Booth & Cushman officiated.

Inf:- L/Corporal. P. F. Wilkin. 7324.

8th. Australians. B. 5.

Confirmed by:- L/Corporal. P. J. Smith. 2572.

8th. Australians. C. 12.

Australian Camp.

Rommel.

RDM.

8th Battn. A. I. F.

"Killed in Action 16.4.18"

PIERPONT C. E.
6240

Re Pte. C. E. Pierpont was buried at a Military Cemetery near La Motte Hazebrook on 19.4.18. I took the service, registered the grave and arranged with our pioneers for the erection of a cross which I personally saw in position.

Pte. Pierpont died almost immediately after being hit and did not suffer. Medical attendance was at once available but too late to be of any service.

Letter from: ~~Major J. J. J.~~
Chaplain.
16.7.18

London.
15.7.18.

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8th Batn
A.I.F.

PIERPOINT
C.E. 6840

"Wounded"

adm. Royal Vic. H. Netley G.S.W. cont.back.

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PIERPONT, G.E. 6840.

K. April 16th 1918. Dets.

I knew a man called Pierpont was who in B.VI. and he was the only man of that name in the Battn. His number was about 6840. He was a Victorian. He was dark, dark moustache, about 5ft 7 and about 39 or 40. I don't know if he was married. I saw him mortally wounded by shell fire on the 16th April on the Armentieres front. He died about 20 minutes afterwards and I helped with others to take him out of the trench. The S/Bs then took him away and he was buried somewhere near where he was killed.

Inf: Pte A.Morris. 2491. B.VI.
No. 1 C.C.

BOULOGNE. 20.6.1918. AGL

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26.6.18

Pt. Smithan S/B

B Coy.

8th Batta. A.I.F.

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6840

Pt. C.E. Pierpont

B Coy.

8th Batta. A.I.F.

K. 16.4.18

26.6.18.
A.I.F.

(26. 6. 18)

Capt. Booth C. 7.

8th Batta. G. 1. 7.

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6840

Pt. C. E. Pierpont

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8th Batta. G. 1. 7.

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6840 C.E. Pierpont

8th Alt.

R/A 16.4-18

July 15-18

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The Cem. Rd. Cross

Re. Pk C E Pierpont & Pk 6840

The above named soldier was buried at a military cemetery near the latter Hagedorn on 19/11/18. I took the previous registered the grave & arranged with our people for the location of a cross which I personally saw in position.

The Pierpont died almost immediately after being hit & did not suffer. The best attention was at once available. It is to be if any more.

All that could be done for him was done & I personally wrote to his mother whom he named in his last will.

Yours faithfully

Joseph Roth (Captain)