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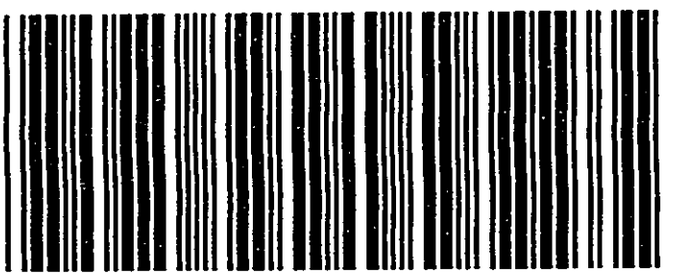
1549 Private John Richard Rowlands

4th Pioneer Battalion



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4th Pioneers.
A.I.F.

ROWLANDS
John Richard 1549.

"Killed in Action 6.8.16"

No trace Germany Cert.by Capt. Mills.10.10.19.

London.
23.10.19.

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28th. April, 1919.

4th. Pioneer Battn.

ROWLANDS, J.R. 1549.

K Aug. 6/16.

Dark, black moustache. Called "Taffy". Belonged to "D" Coy. Out sap digging about 11 p.m. At Chalk Pit near Pozieres Wood they were separated by shell fire. Next day he was missing. No trace could be found.

Informant:- 4223 L/Cpl. C. H. Knight,
"D" Coy. 4th. Pnr. Battn.
Private Address:- "Alberta",
Rocky Point Road, KOGARAH.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

Searcher:- Henry Millard.

No. 19562 T/Cpl. Repat. & Demob. Dept. London.
formerly 2nd. Aust. Casualty Clearing Station.
Private Address:- 19 Marian Street,
Glenferrie. VICTORIA.

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4 - APR 1917
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE,
P. S. W. I.

47 George Street
Worcester
April 3rd 1917

Gentlemen.

I have written to
the Australian Imperial Force
Headquarters 130 Horseferry Rd.
London S. W. asking them
to Kindly trace for me.
No 1549. Private John Richard
Rowlands 4th Pioneer Battalion
Australain Imperial Force
they write to inform me the
above has been posted as missing
in France since August 6th last
and enclose a circular informing
me to write to you.

I should be greatly obliged if you could kindly forward me any particulars. as I am very worried concerning Him

Thanking you re same.

Yours Truly

Thomas Martin

Red Cross.
18 Carlton House Terrace
London

30th - 9 - 19.

Final draft -

Rev. T. Martin
44. George St -
Worcester

Re
1549 J. H. Rowlands 4th Pioneers

Answered
2-7-17

47 George Street
Worcester
June 26th 1917.

Gentlemen,

I wrote you on the 31st Feb. asking you if you would kindly do your best to trace. Pte John Richard Rowlands, No 1549 4th Pioneer Battalion, Australian Imperial Force. who as been missing since August 6th 1916. I received a postcard from you dated 5-4-17. Stating you would do your best to make enquiries. being anxious to learn as to where about. I write this letter trusting you have by now news of the above. thanking you for your kindness I remain

Yours Truly
Thomas Martin

Australian Branch
Wounded & Missing enquiry Bureau
British Red cross Society
54 Victoria Street,
London. S.W.

July 5th, 1917.

Mr. Thomas Martin,
47, George Street,
Worcester,

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry for,

1549 Pte. John Richard Rowlands, 4th Pioneer Battalion, A.I.F.

we very much regret to state that he is now officially reported "Killed in Action 6.8.16"., previously reported "Missing" on that date.

In spite of exhaustive enquiries we have been unable to obtain any particulars concerning his fate. We are now very reluctantly compelled to take off our enquiry lists the names of all casualties of last July and August, to make room for the more recent inquiries that are coming in, so we fear we are unlikely ever to gain any details of Pte. Rowland's death. If, however, any information should come to hand we shall at once advise you.

Regretting that we have such meagre details to give you and with sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Craig

Secretary.

6.9.19.

Thomas Martin Esq,.
47, George Street.
Worcester.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for 1549 Pte. John Richard Rowlands 4 Pioneer Battn. A.I.F. who was officially reported killed in action on 6.8.16. we beg to inform you of an unofficial report which we have now received about him from a man in his unit who has returned to Australia.

4225 L/Cpl C.H.Knight, who described Pte Rowlands as dark with a black moustache and nicknamed "Taffy" stated that he was out "sapdigging" with others about 11p.mp on Aug. 6th . at Chalk Pit nr. Peziers Wood when they became separated from the rest of the company by shell fire and later unfortunately no trace of Pte, Rowlands could be found.

We much regret the distressing and indefinite nature of this report, but thought it might never the less be of value to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss). D. S.

Secretary.