

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2340 Private
Richard Houghton**

31st Battalion



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31st Battn.
A.I.F.
B Coy.

D. of W. 5/8/16:

Houghton,
Pte. Richard,
No. 2340

"I am very sorry to have to report the death of one of our Australian soldiers here, - No. 2340, Pte. Houghton, Richard, B Coy., 31st A.I.F., aged 22, Methodist, admitted 24/7/16. Gunshot wound and compound fracture of right humerus. The cause of death was embolism - died 4.10 p.m. 5/8/16. His mother lives at Gray Street, Keira ville, Wollongong, N.S. Wales. His aunt is Mrs. White, 59 Station Rd. Hetton-le-Hole, Durham, England. She was coming to see Pte. Houghton, but has been stopped by wire. The Military have wired to his mother in N.S. Wales. We are so sorry The convoy on the 24th of July were so very badly wounded. We took in fourteen Australians in a sick convoy to-day, but they were not so bad."

Letter dated 5th August, 1916, from Bevan Military Hospital, Sandgate, Kent, (V.A.D. Commandant), recd. by Enquiry Bureau, London, 7th Aug., 1916.

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Note:- We are sending on the following for Private Houghton's mother, though we have not received an enquiry.
London, 8/8/16.

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