

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**954 Sergeant
Albert Painter**

25th Battalion



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A.I.F. 25th Battn.

PAINTER
Albert Sgt. 954

"KILLED IN ACTION 10/6/18"

Killed in action 10/6/18 - at Morlancourt - dots D/B and photo of grave
No further report
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs List 28/10/18.

London
29/10/18.

P.I.

A.I.F.
25th Battn.

PAINTER. Sgt.
A. 954.

"Killed 10.6.18. Det. D/B"

I was in the action (which was really only a small stunt) in which Sgt. A. Painter was killed. It was at Village Bretonneau, June 10/18. Painter was hit by a bullet, time dusk, I was in same Coy and not far off when it happened. I saw him dead. Painter and others were buried where they fell. Painter's rifle was stuck up over his grave, know nothing of disc. papers or anything else. We were holding on, see above.

Eye-witness:-Yes.

Description. about 25. Red hair, clean shaven, abt. 5'6". Parents I believe live in England.

Informant:- 1923 Sgt. Robert Albert Hill.
25th Battn. D. Coy. 16th Pltn.
A.I.F. Broadbury Park
Mil. Hpl. 31.1.19.

Home address:-
Draycott. Sheddar.

3rd Sgt.
H. Constable.

London.

13.219

H.G.

(Intelligent and Truthful)

P.I.

25th Bn.,
A.I.F.

PAINTER,
Sgt. A, 954.

"Killed in action - 10-^S-7-18."

"At Ville St. Andre in front of there ina bit of a cemetery he was buried, I was present at funeral, small cross put up there."

Informant:- Cpl. Anderson, 2107,
W. 15 Harefield.

D. P. Dickson,
London,
26-11-18.
H. G.

P. I.

25th Battn.
A.I.F.

PAINTER
Sgt.A. 954

"KILLED 10-6-18"

He was in D.Coy. We were at Morlancourt, 10th June, and doing a hop-over, when I saw him killed instantly by a piece of Shell. I helped to dig a grave, and we buried him there in a Sunken Road. A Cross with full particulars was erected.

He was 24-25 years old - 5'8" or 9" in height - 12 stone - Ginger Complexion.

Informant - Dowling.T.H. 1910
25th Battn. B.Coy.
Littlemoor Camp
WEYMOUTH.

T.C.Osborne
21-11-18
London
27-11-18
J.E.A.

P.I.

A.I.F. 25th Battn.

PAINTER
A. 954 Sgt.

"Killed 10.6.18."

It was currently reported in the Battalion that Painter was killed by machine gun fire about 8.0 p.m., while rushing a gun during our attack on the fate named. It was about 100 yards to the right of the Bray-Corbis road, near Marlborough. Lieut. L.A. Kirk of the 25th buried him and would be able to point out the exact position of grave. (Captain Foxton is blind, or could have shown me the position on the map himself.) Death was instantaneous.

Informant:- Captain H.C. Foxton
25th Battn.,

Home address:- 3rd London Gen. Hpl.
Headquarters, Wandsworth.
Horseferry Road
Westminster S.W.1.

J.R. Clark Hall.
London
30.12.18.
J.E.A.

P.I.

Letter from Lt. Kirk

A.I.F. 25th Battn.

PAINTER
A. 954 Sergt.

"Killed in Action 10.6.18"

Re your enquiries about 954 Sgt. A. Painter, 25th Battn. A.I.F. I saw him killed on 10th June 1918. He was killed by a machine gun bullet during an attack on the right of Morlanocurt. He was buried the same evening just where he fell and not in a Cemetery. The grave was marked in the usual way. Sgt. Painter was about 5ft. 7ins, in height, and medium build and fair complexion.

Letter from:- L.A. Kirk,
5th S.B.
Codford. Wilts.

London
20.1.19.
D W.B.

P.I.

G.C.

To

Lt L.A. Kirke

26 Battle - A.I.F.

About

954 Sgt. A. Painter

25 Battle

A.I.F.

K 10.6.18

Written 19.12.18

MRS

The Australian Red Cross Society

(B.R.C.S.)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No. 7988

Date Sept 18. 1918.

Regimental Details of
Soldier enquired about.

no 1307.

Pte. T. Y. Longbottom.

48th Battalion.

Details of Casualty.

wounded 4th occasion

Information wanted.

Location & condition. ○

6' Callaghan
J. E.

1832

46 Bath

1917

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L. C. Herke What is his Petition to 25 Petition
L. C. now please 26th Petition

See notes.

incomplete

954 A. Paine. Sgt.
25 Petition. H. 10. 6. 18

Rept. Sect. 18. 12. 18.

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23.10.18.

65 Winnipeg St
Surrey
Wilt
Oct 23

To The Australian Red Cross

I am taking the liberty to write
to you asking if you could give me
any information about my dear sons
grave. Sgt Albert Painter ¹⁸⁸⁸ 954. 25 Batt
A.I.F. serving in France. I would like
to hear if he had a cross put up and
if I could have a photo of his grave
He was killed in action the 10 of June
at Morlaucourt and buried near
there. I am enclosing stamps
will you please let me know. The
expense I would gladly meet
I am yours truly
Alfred Painter

951, Sgt. Albert Hunter 65 Nimrod St
25 Bn Savendon
12th Jan 1918
Am 14

To. Miss Vera Deakin,

Dear Madam

I am writing to thank you
for your letter of the 3rd day 10th
inst, since writing to you for
particulars where my dear son's
grave was. I have had a nice letter
from a lad that was in my son
platoon and his letter corresponded
with Capt. Foxton who wrote
me at the time of his death.
When seeing in the paper they were
moving the bodies. I wanted to
know where my dear son grave
was and if he would be moved

into a cemetery and as his
brother was sent back to Australia
and could not get to the place,
he wish me to write to the A.S.F.
Redcross, and they would help
me, as you were seeing to all
the graves in France. If its
possible for the photo of the grave
I would like it as I am willing
to pay any expense that it would
incure. The papers mentioned
that the Australian Government
was having a stone and inscription
put over the graves. Shall I be
informed if any thing is done
in the matter.

Thanking you so much for
your kind inquiries.

I am.

Yours truly,
Therza Painter.

January 10th, 1919.

Mrs. Painter,
65 Winifred Street,
Swindon. Wilts.

Dear Madam.

In reference to your enquiry for details of the death and burial of your son 954 Sgt. A. PAINTER. 25th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have received an ~~unofficial~~ report from Capt. Foxton of the same Unit who stated that your son was killed by machine gun fire at 8 p.m. on 10.6.18. about 100 yards to the right of the Bray-Corbis Road near Morlancourt. He was buried near where he fell.

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you as soon as we obtain further particulars. With sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *F. W. P.*

Secretary.

Mrs Painter.
65 Winifred Street.
Swindon. Wilts.

January 14th 1918.⁹

Dear Madam,

We beg to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 12th inst concerning 954. Sgt. A. Painter. 25th Battn. A.I.F. who is officially reported to have been killed in action on 10-6-18. We are making an application on your behalf for a photograph of his grave, but it may be some time before you obtain a copy, owing to the tremendous amount of applications the Graves Registration Bureau has to deal with.

For information concerning the arrangements of the Australian government with regard to the graves, we would advise you to apply to the A.I.F. Graves Department. 130 Horseferry Road, S.W.I.

Again assuring you of our sincere sympathy, in your loss,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Vera Dean (per M.R.)

Secretary.

M.E.H.

Mrs Painter.
65 Winifred Street.
Swindon.
WILTS.

3/12/18.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your enquiry regarding your son 954. Sgt.
A. Painter 25th Battn. A.I.F. who was killed in action on 10.6.18
We beg to inform you of the following unofficial report received
from 1910 Pte. T.H. Dowling of the same battalion, which may be
of some assistance to you. Pte Dowling states:-

"We were at Morlancourt on June 10th. and
doing a hop over, when I saw Sgt. Painter
killed instantly by a piece of shell. I helped
to dig the grave and he was buried there in a
small cemetery, and a cross bearing full
particulars was erected".

We are applying on your behalf to the Graves Registration
Department for a photo of the grave, but it will probably take some
little time to come through. We are continuing our enquiries and if
any further particulars come to hand we will at once advise you.

Assuring you of our very sincere sympathy in your great
loss.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

E. B. M.

Recd P.C. hang
15.1.19
J.W.G.

5th Training Bn
Godford.
Wilts.

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Sgt. A. Painter

25th Bn

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The Secretary.

Association of Red Cross.

Re your inquiries about

954 Sgt. A. Painter 25th Bn. A. I. I.

I saw him killed on 10.6.18. He was killed
by a machine gun bullet during an attack on
the right of Horsemount.

He was buried the same evening just where
he fell & not in a cemetery. The grave was
marked in the usual way.

Sgt. Painter was about 5ft 4 ins in height
medium build, & fair complexion.

Hope this is the information you require.

Yours faithfully

L. H. Kees

Ch. Sec. Kees.

25th Bn.

Godford.

Wilts.