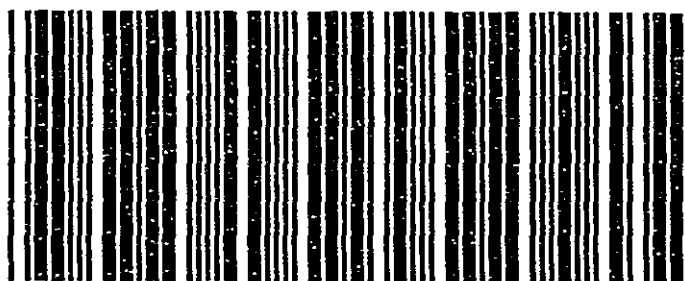


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**36866 Gunner
Eric Berthon**

10th Field Artillery Brigade



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7th. March 1919.

10th. Bgde. A.F.A.

Berthon, E. 36866.

D/W. 13th. October 1918 Dets. D/B.

I saw him wounded at Bessigny by a shell and he died a few minutes after being taken to the D/Station. He was buried in the Military Cemetery at Seraine. There would be a cross put over the grave. Chaplain Capt. Astie, read the service. He came from Victoria, and was a student I think.

Inf:- Gunner. F. W. Hobbs, 1753,
10th. Bgde. 38th. Batty. A.F.A.
Austr. Demob. Base.

CRR.

RRB.

A.I.F. 10th F.A.B.

BERTHON
Eric 36866

"Died of wounds 13.10.18"
"Details D/B"

Died of wounds in the Field France 13.10.18 (wds not stated)
Buried Serain Com. Cem. Extension 4 miles S.W. of Le Cateau D.G.P.E.
L.S.5.3838
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 20.3.19.

London
21.3.18

M.
P.I.

A.I.F. 10th Fld. Amb. Art.

BERTHON
E. 36866 Pte.

"Died of wounds 13/10/18"

I ran from the same shell which killed Berthon. His face was unrecognizable from the explosion. He was taken to an American Dressing Station and I heard he died. It was at Busigny about the middle of October. He came in a late draft, and was very quiet. I heard he could read German but I never spoke to him. I was an eye-witness. Ground was held. He was shot. There was no other man of the same name in the Bn. or Co.

Informant:- 26299 Pte H.J. O'Donohue, (Good)
10th Fld. Amb., A.I.F.,
38th Co.,

London
31/3/19
JEA

M
P.I.

10th Bgde.
A.F.A.

BERTHON, E.
Gnr. 36866

D. of wnds. 13/10/18

Whilst getting Bty. Wagon Lines into position at Busigny he was severely wounded in abdomen by shell fire.

Casualty occurred on 12/10/18. I was present at the time, and saw him despatched in a critical condition (and unconscious) to American Dressing Station at Busigny on evening of same date.

Informant:- Gnr. H.F. Pace, 2499
38th Bty. A.F.A.

W.E. Walklate
s.s. "Cluny Castle"
10/4/19

M & P.I.
conf.

10th F.A.B.

BRETHON, E.
Gnr. 36866.

~~xxxx~~ D. of wounds, 13/10/18.

"He was wounded in the stomach by shell fire at Bussigny on the 13th October, 1918. He was rather stout, and wore glasses. For details of burial write to L.S. Deal, Glenstone, Tryon Road, Lingfield, W.S.W."

Informant:- Gnr. L. Irvine,
No. 2181, 38th Btry.

Private address:-
Alberton.

C.S.

7/7/19

Whitely &
G's Deal
Ed
2nd

Alt Education Office

32 Grosvenor Pl.

21.3.19

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society
36 Grosvenor Place.

Dear Mrs Deakin,

I have to thank you very much for the
details you have given me about

36866 Gen. Berthon E, 10² T.A.R.

and for your promise of further information if received.

I have communicated those details to Mrs Berthon,
with your kind message of sympathy.

Yours sincerely

J. W. Allen

36866
Mrs. G. Berthon
107.0.43

32 Grover St.

Sw.

12.3.29

Dear Miss Deakin,

I thank you for your
note about Berthon, whose
mother will be very glad of any
information.

I am afraid I violated
the formalities when I handed in
the inquiry as I did - for which
please forgive me. I am so
wrapped up in red tape myself that
I ought to have known better.

Yours sincerely

S. Waller

Answered
11-3-19.

Alt Education Office
32 Grover Pl.

10-3-19

Aust Red Cross.

Gm. BERTHON, E.

38th Battery

Died of wounds 13th Oct. 1918

Any information about his
wounds & death would be
acceptable to his mother.

J. W. Allen Lieut

Inquirer

Lieut. H. W. Allen

A. S. 7. Education Bldg.
35 Macquarie St.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



36866. 9. Ranton

10 H. A. R.

28. 10. 18.

Please forward any information
to above inquirer

55697.
Bm.

K. Aug. 23/18.

M McLaren L N. 2642.
M Post E. C. 5440.

plc in A Coy, 1 Ptn, 8 Ptn, fair, tall, well built

" " " " " fairly tall, med built, darkish.

same M G. Section in my Platoon and were killed on
shell which landed in the midst of the Section. I was
head. Five out of six in the Sec were hit. McLaren &
ed outright. J. Outton & R. Stoneham were in same Sec.
lightly now. It was about 5 a.m., just after we stopped
n and saw no more of them. It was in the attack
Wood. They were buried just in the left of where Capt.
buried and about 2 or 3 chains further on.

(Inf. Sgt. M. J. McErickson)

A Coy 8th/13th

M

11th March 1919

Lieut. H.W.Allen,
A.I.F.Education Office
32 Grosvenor Place,
S.W.1

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry for -

36866 Gnr. Eric Berthon, 10th Fld.Art:Bgde A.I.F.,
who died of wounds 13-10-18, we beg to inform you that we have
placed his name on our enquiry list and will advise you as soon
as we obtain any particulars..

We much regret that there are no details available at present
but we are doing our utmost to obtain them.

Please convey our sincere sympathy to Mrs.Berthon on the
loss of her son,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

V. W. Parkin

Secretary. —

March 20th, 1919.

Lieut. H.W. Allen.
A.I.P. Education Office.
32 Grosvenor Place.
S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for 56866 Gnr.
ERIC BERTHON. 10th P.A.B., A.I.P. We beg to inform you
we have received the following unofficial report from
1753 Gnr. P.W. Hobbs. 10th Edge. 38th Battery. A.P.A.
who states that he saw Gnr. Berton wounded at Besigny
by a shell and that he died a few minutes after being
taken to the Dressing Station. He was buried in the
Military Cemetery at Soraine, the service being conducted
by Chaplain Captain Astie. Informant thinks a cross
would have been erected. Should any further particulars
reach us we would immediately advise you and trust this
report may be of some value to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *G.W. Griffiths*
SECRETARY.

Lieut. H.W. Allen.
A.I.P. Education Office.
32 Grosvenor Place. S.W.1.

March 25th, 1919.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for 36866
Gnr. ERIC BERNON. 10th F.A.B. A.I.F. We beg to inform you
that he is now officially reported to be buried at Bernin
Communal Cemetery Extension 9 miles S.W. of Le Cateau the
map reference of his grave being D.G.R.F.L.S. 5. 3838.

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise
you of any further details which may reach us.

Yours faithfully.

(MISS) *Mrs. Stanfield*
Secretary.

32 Grosvenor Pl.

26.3.19

The Secretary.

Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau

Australian Red Cross Society.

Dear Madam,

I have again to thank you for further
particulars about

36866 Gnr. Parthen E. 10th A.D.

and for the trouble you are taking in his case.

I have sent the details to his mother.

Yours faithfully

D. W. Allen

April.5th.1919.

Lieut. H.W. Allen
A.I.F. Education Office
32, Grosvenor Place. S.W.I.

Dear Sir,

In further reference to your enquiry for 36866 Gunner Eric Berthon 10th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, we beg to inform you, that we have received an unofficial report from a man in his unit, 26299 Gunner M.J. O'Donohue, who stated that on October 13th last, they were at Busigny, and he was close to Gunner Berthon, when he was badly wounded by a shell. He was carried to the American Dressing Station, where he died. Gunner O'Donohue added that Gnr. Berthon had joined the battalion from a recent draft, and was a very quiet man. We will advise you should we obtain any further particulars.

Hoping this information may be of some value to Mrs Berthon,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

V. W. G.

32 Grosvenor Pl.

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The Secretary,

Wounded & Missing Inquiry Bureau,

Australian Red Cross Society.

Dear Madam,

I have again to thank you for further
news about 36866 Gnr. Eric Berthon, 10th F.A.B.

I have sent the information to Mrs Berthon, who,
I am sure, will much appreciate the trouble you are
taking.

Yours sincerely

J. W. Allen Esq.