Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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804B Lance Corporal Henry Samuel Beyer

3rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 31st Battn
late 1st Battn Pioneers.

BEYER
Cpl.H.S. 804

Off. rep. Killed on 26-7-16

Died of wounds 26-7-16 M/2 S. M. Fld Amb France.
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 17-10-16.

Buried at Baillon Mil. Cemetery 5 miles west of Albert France.
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 19-10-16.

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london
20-10-16.

[redacted]

FRANCE.

A.I.F. 31. BEYER, Cpl.H.S. 804.

D/D. July 26.1916.

He transferred from the Batt. in Egypt before we came over to France and went into the 4th. Pioneers. He was never in the 31st.Batt.in France. His two brothers are both in D.Co. XVI Pl and XIII Pl, 31st. Batt. They know all the details. We are certain as to his number.

References : Pte. A.F. Alderaley, 10061, C.Co.
Pte. T.S. Davies, 835, D.Co.
No 5 A.D.B.D.
Staples. 23.11.1915.

SA.

31st A. I. F.

Beyer, Cpl. Harry L. 804
D. Co.

(D/W July 26/16)

Informant states that about the end of July 1916 at Fleurbaix Cpl. Beyer's disc was removed to Headquarters by the Company who buried him. Informant does not know the name of the Coy. but saw the disc.

Informant:- Robert Smith, 890
31st A. I. F.
1st Southern General Hospital,
Dudley Road,
Birmingham.

Home address:
Ellimalla Road,
Murrum Beena
Victoria. Australia.

Dec. 12.
Chas. H. Dingley.

[redacted]

31st A. I. F.

Beyer, Cpl H.L. 804,

(D/W July 26th/16. Det: D & B)

I Knew a man called Cpl Harry Beyer. He left us, and joined the 1st Pioneer Battalion B. Coy in Egypt. I saw his grave at Fromelles with his name on the cross, also 1st Pioneer Battn. He had two brothers in the 31st Battn. Sid and Jack Beyer. They were both well up to 24th Nov.

Description: Tall, dark, thin, married.

Informant: Cpl Eric Jackson, 890,
31st A. I. F., D. Coy, XV Platoon,
3rd Southern General Hospital,
The Base, Oxford.

Home address:
George Street,
Sproteswood,
Victoria,
Australia.

18th Dec. 1916.
Hilda M. Pickerd-Cambridge.

Written Pte S. Beyer 27.12.16
" J.

31st Batt.
A.I.F.,

BEYER
804 Cpl H.S.4.

"D. W. 26.7.16"

Early in August last I received a telegram from a field hospital (unfortunately I forget the number) stating that my brother had died from a gun shot wound in the abdomen. The reason why information was sent to me was due to the fact that my brother was wearing ~~the~~ 31st Batt. disc when he received his death wound. I think it very unlikely that he was buried near Fromelles as his division had left that section over 2 months previously and I had received letters dated in June saying that he was quite well.
I did not forward any particulars home as I thought they may have been better informed.

Cert. by letter from Pte S.L.Beyer,
31st Batt. A.I.F.
France,
Jan.5th 1917.

London
22.1.17

Died 21.7.16 1/2 South Midland Field Ambulance, buried at M. Bailleu Cemetery. Cert. by Chaplain H.G 17-10-16

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31st Batt.
A.I.F.,

BEYER
Cpl H.S. 804

"D/W 26.7.16"

Refer to his brother Pte - Beyer of his Co (D) now with the unit who can give full details. He told me his brother had a marked grave at Armentieres.

Reference:- W.J.H. Sheehan 759
31st Batt. A.I.F., D.Co.,
Dartford,
3.4.17.

Note: Not sent on.
See letter from Pte S.L.Beyer. 5.1.17

London
12.4.17.
L.P.J.

M.

31st Btn.

BEYER, H. S.
L/Cpl. ~~2946~~/804.

"Died of wounds 26/7/16."

"Casualty was wounded by shell fire at Sailly about the 26th July, 1916, and died of wounds there. He was wounded during the advance and was buried at Sailly Cemetery."

Informant:- J. H. Sheehan,
No. 759/31st Battalion.

Private address:-
39 Hair Street,
Ballarat.

H.A.B.
6/12/17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

18th January, /7.

Dear Pte. Byer,

Many thanks for your letter of January 5th in answer to your enquiry re your brother -

No.804. Cpl. H.S. BEYER 31st Aust. Inf. Battalion.

We had obtained the information the information that your brother died of wounds on 26-7-16 at the 1/2 S.M. Field Ambulance France, and was buried at Baillon Military Cemetary, 5 miles West of Albert, and this information was forwarded in due course to our Melbourne Bureau to be sent to enquirers, so your people would have known these details some good time back, and we are endeavouring to get further particulars about him.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V. D.

Pte. S.L.Beyer,
31st Aust. Inf. Battn.,
B. E. F.

SECRETARY.

Ack
Rec'd 16.1.17

France
Jan 5th 1917.

The Secretary
Australian Branch
B.R.C. Society
London S.W.

804

Dear Sir,

Yours dated Decr 28th to hand and contents noted.

Re my brother Capt H.L. Beyer's death from wounds.

The first information I received of this sad event, was early in August last, when I received a telegram from a field hospital (unfortunately I forget the number) stating that my brother had died from a G.S. wound in the abdomen. The reason why information was sent ~~to~~ me was due to the fact that my brother was wearing his 31st Battalion disc when he received his death wound.

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Well Sir that is all the information I can give you in this matter so I will conclude, thanking you for your sympathy and

Yours sincerely
Capt H.L. Beyer.
31st Bn.

P.S. I did not forward any particulars home as I thought they may have been better informed I.W.

504 Cpl H.S. Beyer 31 Batt. A.I.F.

D.W. 26.7.16

(1/2 S.M. Field Amb: buried Bullon Cem.)

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December 28th.

PTE SIDNEY BEYER
31st. Batt.
A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Pte. Beyer,

We are making enquiries for our Melbourne Bureau for your brother 804 CPL. H.S.BEYER, 31st. Batt A.I.F. reported died of wounds 26-7-16 and have been told that he had previously joined the 1st. Pioneers and was known to havr been buried at Fromelles and also that you probably knew all details.

We should be very grateful if you would write and let us know if you are satisfied that you possess all possible information in connection with your brother's death and burial, also if you have written to your people in Victoria giving them full details, as we thought possibly the enquiry from our Melbourne Bureau might have been made for your relatives.

If you are satisfied that you know all details, we shall cease our enquiries, but if there are any points on which you desire information further, we shall ask you to

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send us details as far as you know them and we shall instruct our searchers to continue their enquiries.

Meantime, please accept our sincere sympathy with you in the loss of your brother, and our best wishes for Luck in the coming Year.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary

December 28th.

Jack.
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