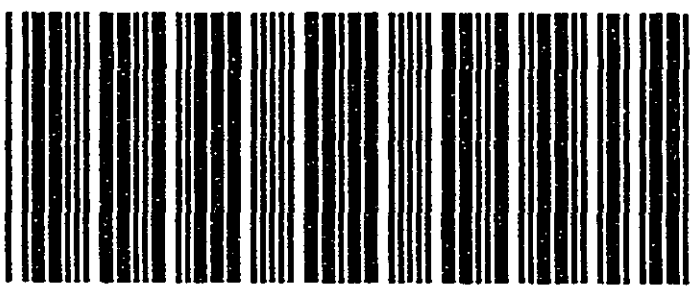
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3356 Private
Robert Bruce Bargh

35th Battalion



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35th Batn. A.I.F.

BARGH.
R.B. 3356.

"Killed 12.10.17."

He was in A.Coy. refer to L/Cpl. Harvey F. A.Coy. 35th Battn. who is now in France, for he can give full particulars of casualty and burial.

Sgt. Hutton 4045a.
A.Coy. 35th Battn.
5rd A.A.H.
DARTFORD.

W.Oman,
London,
N.W.

S P.I.

NOTE.
Written Harvey,
16.8.18.

35th Batn
A.I.F.

BARGH
Robert Bruce 3356

"Missing"

Missing 12.10.17.
Cert. by A.I.F.HdQtrs 5.12.17.

Rep. Missing 12.10.17.

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London.
19.12.17.

A.I.F. 35th Btn
late 62nd Btn
orig: 9/53rd Btn

BARGH
not - BURGH
Robert Bruce 3356

"MISSING"

Killed in action 12-10-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 43-3-18.

S & P.I.

London
6-3-18

Havre. 13th. May. 1918.

35th. Australians. Late 62nd Batt Orig 9/53rd Batt Burgh. R. B. 3356.

K. October. 12/1917. Date. D/B.

He was my particular friend came out with me in August. 1917.. He came from Kensington, N. S. Wales, and was a Glass Cutter. On October 12th. we were at Passchendaele and at 5. 30. a.m. we attacked; we took our objective and held it. He and I went into the same shell hole when a shell hit him and killed him ~~xxxxxx~~ instantly. We had to withdraw later and leave the body behind.

Inf:- Corporal. F. J. Harvey. 3398.
35th. Australians. A.
H. S. "Carrisbrooke Castle".

O.H.S.G.

35th Battn.
A.I.F.

Bargh.
R.B. 3356

"Killed 12.10.17"

Bargh and L/Cpl.F.Harvey 3398 (repprted back to go to France yesterday) were in a shell hole together in Passchendaele Stunt, When shelling started. Bargh left and went to another shell hole in which he was killed outright. Harvey told me.

Informant:- C.Swales 3508
53rd Battn. H.Qrs.
W.S.Rand Hut 9 Westham.

London.
9.4.18.

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Note Written to L/Cpl.Harvey 9.4.18 P.I.

Casualties as reported by Lt Farrell, 18/4/18.
not typed

35th A. I. F.

Bargh, Pte R.B. 3356,
D. Coy

(K. Oct. 12/17. Det: D & B)

"On Oct. 12th 1917 at Passchendaele, Pte R.B. Bargh was killed by a shell in a shell hole after taking up position. He was not blown to pieces, I cannot say if he was buried. It was in the morning."

Eye-witness: Yes, when shell fell

Description: Sharp features and fair

Informant: Pte G. Perfect, 3441,
35th A. I. F., D. Coy,
Kitchener's Hospital, Block A,
Brighton.

Home address:
Upper Bago,
Batlow,
N.S. Wales.

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P.1

8th April 1918.
D. Fazakerley-Westby.

Missing Draft. 24.1.18

15291. Pte. J. Bargh

A.A.S.C.

Training Depot

No 4 Camp. Park House

Salisbury

about 3358 Pte R.B. Bargh

35 Batt. A.I.F

15th Battn

Vanbelle
F.G. 6578

"K" filed 15.10.17

saw him killed at Zonnebeke. He was standing in the doorway of a cellar of an plf God

Rouen 15.7.17 C4 17.7.17

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Lennox

37 Battn

"W" May June W.9.7.16. No Hos. Adm. 9.10.7.17

Returned 12-6-17. Rouen 15-7-17

Debility Str. Queen Mary's Hos. Whalley 29.12.17 (H.)

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There is a variant card in CIB.

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or Burgh

Robert Bruce -

53 RT

But I cannot find a card in the missing roll drawer which to get the references for the APS

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CIBL-2014

HP. 12-1-10

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To
L/Cpl F. Harvey
A. Co
35th Battn
A.I.F.

Tetbury
3356 Pte R. B. Bargle
35th Battn
A.I.F.

K
Oct 12/17

written 16.8.18

HOSPITAL 1st Southern General Stourbridge

INFORMATION

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Rank
	Forrest	G. a	5696	Pte

GIVEN B

	SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Rank.
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NOTE. *In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.*

He I think was buried near Bou
a machine gun bullet He died
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PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. **Was Informant Eye-Witness?**

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5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?

6. Was there
name in

7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.

8. ***Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence***

Reports should always be written very clearly in ink, or typewritten.

For God. For King & For Country

Y.M.C.A.

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H.M. FORCES ON ACTIVE SERVICE

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Y.M.C.A. NATIONAL COUNCIL.
H.M. THE KING.

PATRON
MILITARY CAMP DEPT
H.R.H. DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

Reply to _____ Company _____ Bar. _____ Regt. _____

Stationed at _____

19th. 1- 1917

Pte J. Bargh.
No 15291.
Australian Army Service Corps.
Training Depot
No 4 Camp. Park House.
Salisbury Wilts

Dear Mrs Dearing.

I beg to ask a favour if it is your power to do so; and that is, could you kindly let me know anything regarding the whereabouts of my brother:
Pte Robt Bargh.
No 3356.
53rd Battalion.
9th Reinforcements. I think it is the 9th but not quite sure.
Australian Imperial Forces.

I received a letter from my sister to day from Australia, and she states that she had had a telegram from

the Red Cross Society, stating that he had been missing in France since the 11th of October, so I would be very thankful indeed, if you could let me know anything further regarding him.

Thanking you

I am Yours Truly

Pte J. Bargh.

15291 Pte.J.Bargh,
A.A.S.C. 1st D.Motor Trans.Coy,
B. E. F.

May 24th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that we have received another unofficial report about your brother. -

3356 Pte.R.B. BARGH. 35th Battalion, A.I.F.

which confirms the official report that he was Killed in Action.

3398 Cpl.F.J. Harvey, of same unit, interviewed on board the Hospital ship "Carisbrooke Castle" stated that on Oct. 12th at 5-30 at Passchendaele during a successful attack, he and your brother went together into a shell hole where a shell fell and killed Pte.Bargh instantly. Cpl. Harvey adds that he was his particular friend and that they came out together in August.

We are continuing enquiries and will advise you of any information we may obtain - meanwhile we hope it will be a little consolation to know that his death was instantaneous.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Mrs Sergt

SECRETARY.

France Saturday 11/15/1918

No 1529

Lt. J Daigh

1st Aust. D. M. T. Coy.
Australian Imperial Forces
France.

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Hall Bayly
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My Dear Miss Deeks

Just a line to
thank you very much for
giving me the information
about my Brother Tony
received them two letters you
Rendered me Day and they
were delayed on account of the
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Theatre but they had address as
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the boy cleared to Rose
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Please.

J Norman
Yours Truly
Lt. Jack Daigh

19th April 1918

15291 Pte J.Bargh
A.A.S.C.Training Depot
No.4 Camp,
Parkhouse Camp,
WILTS

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that we have received another unofficial report respecting -

3356 Pte R.B.Bargh, 35th Btn, A.I.F.,

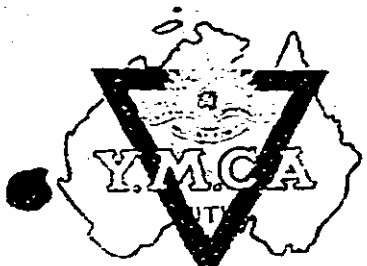
which, though it is very brief, confirms the official statement that he was killed in action.

3441 Pte G.Perfect of the same unit when interviewed in Kitchener's Hospital Brighton, reports that he saw Pte Bargh killed by a shell in a shell hole at Passchendaelel after taking up the position, but he can say nothing as to burial.

We are sorry that this account is unsatisfactory but hope it will be a little comfort to know that your brothers' death was instantaneous and that he was spared suffering. We are continuing our inquiries and will at once advise you of any information we may obtain.

Assuring you of our renewed sympathy,

Yours faithfully,
F. S. George SECRETARY.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Pte J. Bergl.
No. 15291.
A. A. S. C.
Training Depot.
No 4 Camp.
Park House.
Salisbury Wilts

Dear Mrs Deakin.

Just a short note thanking you for being so kind to reply to the letter I sent asking about my brother. Pte A. B. Bergl. No. 3356 35 Bat. it seems he must be missing but we must trust for better news. if I should get any word about him. I will be pleased to let you know. and if you should here anything further I shall be very thankful indeed if you will let me know.

I am
Yours truly Pte J. Bergl

C8 9/4/18

3398.

L/C. T. Harvey.

35th. Battn.

A. I. T.

B. E. T.

Admt. per.

3336. R. B. Bargh

35th. Inf. Battn

A. I. T.

K. 12/10/17.

H H C
9/4/18.

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11th April, 1918.

15291 Pte.J.Bargh,
A.A.S.C. Training Depot,
No 4 Camp, Parkhouse,
WILTS.

Dear Pte. Bargh,

With reference to your enquiry concerning your brother -

3356 Pte. R.B. BARGH, 35th Battalion, A. I. F.

We have now received the following unofficial report from 3508 Pte.C.Swales, 53rd Battalion Headquarters, Hut 9, Westham, Weymouth.

He states, that he was told by 3398 L/Cpl.F.Harvey, that he and Pte.Bargh were in a shell hole together in the Passchendaele attack. When the bombardment began your brother left and went to another shellhole, in which he was killed instantaneously.

We have now written to L/Cpl.Harvey, and on receipt of his reply will forward you whatever information may come to hand.

With best wishes to yourself.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Craven

SECRETARY.

15291 Pte.J.Bargh,
Aust.Army Service Corps Train.Depot,
No 4 Camp, Parkhouse, Wilts.

11th March, 1918.

No 3356 ROBERT BRUCE BARGH, 35th Battalion, A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We deeply regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported "Killed in Action on 12-10-17".

We are making further enquiries in the hope of learning full details of his death and will immediately forward to you any information that we receive.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.