

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

**77 Sergeant
Charles James
Backman**

10th Battalion



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Havre

12th June 1916

10th AUSTRALIANS.

BLACKMAN, J.J. Sgt. 77. *Should read Blackman*

Missing No Date (Med. enq.)

This man was killed on the beach at Anzac on the 1st day of the landing. I was told this by several of my pals who were there and saw Blackman killed. His mother who is in Australia was notified of this last July 1916. Blackman was thick set, 5'7", single, and came from Adelaide.

Informant: Pte Gillett, 752
10th Australians, Details,
Havre Hospital.

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Blackman Sgt. C.J. 77

Missing April 25th

Informant states that on April 25th at Anzac Sgt. Blackman was in the attack by the Australians and was reported by some as killed, as he was seen to be wounded and did not return to the trench. The bodies were left for 3 or 4 days near the Turkish trench. An ambulance was called and the bodies were removed, but the Turks said the bodies were too offensive to leave and they buried them together with their own dead. Informant told this by Lie. B.C. Mitchell, Hut 40, Mont Viller Camp, Plymouth.

Reference: 1/Cpl. Pry J.L. 9, 10th Battn.,

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and General Hospital, and north.

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Murray & Co.,

100 Launceston,

South Australia.

London

June 19th 1915

Durham

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6/12/15

10th Australian Regiment,
Blackman Sgt. C.J., 77.

(4. no date)

Informant states that on April 25th 1915 at the Dardanelles landing, it was generally reported that Sgt. Backman (not Blackman as in List) was wounded in the advance at the landing on April 25th and crawled away into the bushes. The ground was lost the next day.

Reference: Pte. H.F. Cade 79,
10th Australians, A. Co.,
Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

Home address:

c/o A.I.F. Offices,

130 Horseferry Road,
Westminster.

London,

March 21st 1916,

M. Potter.