

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**295 Sergeant
John Charles
Alphonsus Bailes**

22nd Battalion



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22nd Battn.

BAILES, J.C.
Sgt. 295

Killed in Action 21-22.9.17

"Lieut. Thwaites was wounded at same time of Sgt. Bailes death at Ypres first stunt in September, 1917. Sgt. Bailes was Platoon Sgt. In action at time of death". Write to Lieut. Thwaites, 22nd Battn. who will give all information. Private address:- 534 Malvern Road, Toorak.

Informant:- Sgt. F. Sturrock,
22nd Battn.

Private address:- 264 Barkly Street,
E. Brunswick.

E. Swane,
H.M.A.T. Mahia,
25.7.19

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A.I.F. 22nd. Bn. "A" Coy ?

BAILES
Sgt. J.C. 295.

R.I.A. 21-22/9/17.

Did not see him killed but know for certain it is true. He was killed with a brother-in-law of mine (J.L. Gay, 22nd. Bn. No. 306). They were on post duty at Westhoek Ridge, Sept. 22/17. There were 4 killed and 4 wounded at the time by a H.E. shell. Do not know if he lived after the casualty or not, but do not think so. They were buried just outside of where they were killed. I do not know if a cross was erected or not. The ground has been fought over since.

He was 5' 7" or 5' 8" high, dark, stoutish build and between 20 or 30 years of age.

Informant : 4698 Cpl. Emerson A.R.
22nd. Bn. late A.A.O.C.
Charrington Avenue,
Upper Hawthorn, Victoria.

P.S. Book states casualty Sept. 21 or 22/17.

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"Persic"
London.
17-9-19.

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Final Draft. 26/9/19.

Mrs. Bailes (Mother).
125 Trammere Road,
Earlsfield.

Re. 295 Sgt. Bailes J.C.
R. 2nd Bn.

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(B.R.C.S.)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No.

6823

Date May 14-1918

Regimental Details of
Soldier enquired about.

No 4775.
Plt. J. Broadbent,
13 Machine Gun Coy.

Details of Casualty.

Missing - since April 1918

Information wanted.

In order to obtain

A.I.F. 22nd Battn.

BAILLIE
Sgt John Charles
295

"Killed in action Sept. 1917"

Killed in action 21 - 22.9.17 - Buried Polygon Wood - West of
Beclaire East of Ypres.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqrs 16.5.19

London
17.5.19

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Bailes. Sgt. John Charles.

295th 22 Bu.

"Photos of grave"

Enquirer.

Notes.

Mr. Bailes.

125 Yarmere Road.

Bailshild

P.I. 7-5-19.

Information obtained
locally (if any) or from
letters

Enquiry included in
W.S.M. Cable

Enquiry included in
Deferred Cable

Name and Address of
Enquirer

Relation of Enquirer to
Enquiree

State if Next-of-Kin

Referred

No. *130* of *March 14 1919*

*Miss Helen Wilson
Governor Hospital
Hillsdale
N.J.*

*in cards
E.G.*

Henry Tracy Secretary.

Mrs. Bailes.
125 Tramore Road.
Earlsfield.

May 26th, 1919.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your enquiry for your son 295 Sgt.
John Charles Bailes, 22nd Battalion, A.I.F. We beg to inform
you that he is officially reported to have been killed in
Action on 21-22.9.17. and that he was buried in Polygon Wood
West of Beclaire East of Ypres.

We advise you to apply for a photograph of the
grave to the Graves Dept. A.I.F. Headquarters, 130 Horseferry
Road, S.W.1. as this department has taken over all matters
concerning the graves of Australian soldiers. It may however
take several months before a copy can reach you owing to the
great number of applications received.

With sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Yours faithfully,

VWP (Miss)

SECRETARY.