

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**2337 Gunner**  
**Charles John Bissell**

**12th Field Artillery Brigade**



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"Died of wounds."

No. 2337 Gunner Bissell, 1/2 Howitzer Battery, A.F.A., was admitted into this hospital from the Ambulance train on September 28th. He had been terribly injured in the head probably by a shell splinters - lacerated wound of the scalp and compound fracture of both jaws. From the first he had little chance of recovery. Several operations were performed and everything possible was done to prevent unnecessary suffering. He was never completely conscious and he passed quietly away at 7.40 a.m. on October 13th. He was buried by me on the following Wednesday afternoon (October 18th) with full military honours. His grave is in the British Soldiers' Section of Calais cemetery (on the outskirts of the town)

The description of it according to the cemetery register is Zone F. Line 1. Grave 6. For the present it is marked by a simple wooden cross. I should have sent this information to his Next-of-Kin myself, but the official record gave an insufficient address. (i.e.) a street in London, without the district)

Cert. by letter from F.S. Marsh, C.F.,  
C/E Chaplain (No. 35 Gen. Hospt.  
A.P.C., 4. B.E.F.,

London  
30-10-16.

25-10-16.

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Revd.  
30.10.16

No 35 General Hospital  
APOH. B.E.F.  
Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1916.

Mr. Secretary

Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau  
Ambulation Branch B.R.C.S.

Dear Sir

No 2337 Gunner Bissell 112

Howitzer Battery A.F.A. was admitted  
into this Hospital from the Ambulance  
Train on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. He had been  
critically injured in the head probably  
by shell splinters - lacerated wound  
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He was buried <sup>by me</sup> on the following  
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full military honours. His grave  
is in the British soldiers' section  
of Calais cemetery, on the outskirts  
of the town. The ~~grave~~ description  
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district).

Yours faithfully

F.S. Marsh C.F.

(C/FE Chaplain No 35  
General Hospital)

The Chaplain  
No 35 General Hospital  
B.E.F.

Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

Kenilworth

Dear Sir

We should be so glad if you will  
send us all the information you can about  
Gunner No 2337 P. Bissell, 113 Howitzer Battery,  
A.E. Artillery who died of wounds at  
your hospital on October 13<sup>th</sup>. We have  
received an inquiry for him by cable from  
Sydney and are most anxious to send  
out all the possible details of his death  
and burial to his people.

With apologies for troubling you and  
Thanking you in anticipation  
Yours faithfully.

30th October,

Dear Sir,

We are grateful for your letter of 25th inst. concerning the death and burial of No.2337, Gunner Bissoli, 112 Howitzer Battery, A.F.A., A.I.F. We are sure the relatives will be thankful to hear the particulars you kindly give and will feel comforted to know he was not conscious of his suffering.

With many thanks,

Yours faithfully,

*f D Bissoli*  
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SECRETARY.

Rev.F.C.Marsh,  
C.F.  
35th General Hospital,  
A. I. F.