

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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5611 Lance Corporal
Charles Henry Haar

22nd Battalion



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22nd Battalion.
A.I.F.

HAAR.
Charles H. 5611.

"Missing" 4-10-17.

Killed in Action 4-10-17. Previously reported Missing.

Cert: by A.I.F.Hqrs. 21-5-18.

London.
23-5-18.

Cff.M.

A. I. P. 22.

HAAR, O.H. 5611.

8. October 4th, 1917.

He was in C.XI. I knew him well. About 5 ft 9 in height, very dark and dark moustache, thickset, about 35 years of age. We always knew him as Charlie. I have seen his paybook which had a big piece blown off it and was covered in blood. Sergeant Kohn, then of C.Coy now of D.Coy, up line, showed it to me. A Cpl who had been out with a burying party had just brought it in. I do not know that Cpl's name. This was on morning of October 5th at Bisindes Wood in front of Paschendale.

PHE.

References:- Pte S.W.Smith. 5414. C.XI.
L/O School.

Staples
22.11.17.

Wff cll

Muttré Lieut. Kohn 30-11-17

22nd Batta
A.I.F. Coy. 4th
C. Coy

HAAR
O.H. 5518
C H

"Missing 4.10.17."

I saw him killed at Ypres. He was waught by a shell, and was very badly knocked about. death being instantaneous. We were taking cover in a shell hole at time of casualty. I knew him very well he was a Cpl., and was the only man in the Coy., of that name. He came from Victoria, and was a tram driver there in civil life. I do not know place of burial and I cannot refer to anyone for particulars, but the ground was held and he would sure to have been buried somewhere near place of casualty.

Witness:-

Pte. C.F. Cummins 6054
22nd Batta C. Coy., 11th Pltn.
3rd A.A. Hpl.
Dartford

W. Oman
London.
4.1.18.

Off. M.

22nd Battn.
A.I.F.

Haar.
O?H. 5611

"Missing 4.10.17"

C. H.

Re 5611 L/Cpl.Haar.C.H. Your enquiry addressed to Lieut.Kohn has been handed on to me. 5611 L/Cpl.Haar Age about 34 Height 5'10to 5'11", build medium and well proportioned. Complexion fresh moustache (thick) dark brown, hair and eyes dark brown, Head medium with hair growing well down the forehead and features regular. The above N. C.O. was seen by us to fall, whilst leading another section to the attack at about 6.30 a.m. on the 4th Oct.1917 immediately after the explosion of a shell close to his front and we have no doubt that he died instantly from concussion.

Letter from:-
(Sgd) 6163 Pte.Jas.Thompson 6050
6050 L/Cpl.A.B.Carter
C.Coy.

Sgt.H.Norman
Coy.Clerk.

Off.M.

London.
11.1.18



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

~~54 VICTORIA STREET~~

36, GROSVENOR PLACE, LONDON, S.W. 1.

Telephones:

VICTORIA { 8576
8577
8578

Telegraphic Address:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

*Plt G. F. Cummings 11.3.18.
22 A.I.F. 6054*

*At 22 A. Coy.
New Citadel
Pottand*

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit
5611 O.H. Haas 22 A.I.F. reported missing 4.10.17.
and have been told that you may be able to help us by supply-
ing some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you could
send us concerning *O.H. Haas* and
would also be glad if you could send a short description of his
personal appearance, or any points that would help us to prove
his identity.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin
per W. F. Johnson
SECRETARY

*Postage 1/6
"Undelivered"
4/11/18
6039/50/ant*

W. A. BALL

Coy 22. A. J. 7

Command Depot

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about.

~~C. H. HAAR~~

~~5611~~

~~22 A. 1. 7~~

~~4. 10. 17~~

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23. 1. 18



PL C F CUMMINGS

22 A. I. F. 6054

Verme Citadel

Hut 22. A. Coy.

Portland

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5611

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5611 O.H. HAAR
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M 4.10.17

France
10-12-17

The Secretary,
Austin Red Cross Society,
London S.W.

Dear Mr. Watson,

How many in 5611 Lt. Haar C.H.
No card addressed to Lieut. Haar & handed on
to me.

5611 Lt. Haar Lt. Platoon C Coy 22nd Bn AIF.
Age about 34 Height 5-10 to 5-11" build medium &
well-proportioned complexion fresh moustache (thick)
dark brown, hair & eyes dark brown. Head medium
with hair growing well down the forehead & features
regular.

The above NCO. was seen by us in fall, while
leading a section to the attack, at about 6 a.m. on
the fourth October 1917, immediately after the explosion
of a shell close to his front & we have no doubt that he
died instantly from concussion.

Sgt 6163 The Fus Thompson
6056 Lt. Col. Carter
C Coy.

[Signature]
Coy Clerk

30. 11. 17

Lieut. Kohn

W Coy

22nd Batta. A.I.F.

B.T.F.

abt.

S-611 Plt. O. H. Haar

XI Plt. C Coy.

22nd Batta. A.I.F.

M. 4 - 10 - 17

S-12-17.
A.I.F.

HOSPITAL 3rd Southern General Town Hall, Ox

Fill in exactly as List.	INFORMANT		Regtl.No.	Rat
	SURNAME.	Christian Name.		
	Reynolds	F. J	3601	
	Large	Tasman	3559	8

STATEMENT OF
(to be taken)

NOTE.
In all cases state by what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

43 was told by one of the steward
Frank Reynolds (2.B) was won
from earlier Monday morning
Helmis, & day ourselves
I believe Frank Reynolds die
near the Sunken Road. L

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? no
2. If no of
3. Was the ground held or lost? held
4. If I wa the
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? Frank
us about register
6. Was na
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. Sydney. single.
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence quite negligible

Description: Age about 35, height about 5'10", medium build and upright. Dark hair and eyes, pale complexion, clean-shaven, with the exception of a small moustache. No distinctive marks remembered.

Informant: Pte Norman Wm. Egan, 5561,
22nd A. I. F. (Rifle-Bomber), C. XI,
West Dene Red Cross Hospital,
St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Home address:
16, Church St,
South Melbourne,
Victoria,
Australia.

16th May 1918.
Ernest A. Riley.

22nd Battn.
A.I.F.

CH
Haar. O.H. 5611
Bryant. H.E. 6039
Young. B.L. 4572
Erven. C. 4423

"Missing 4-10-17."

About 6039 Pte. H.E. Bryant. I regret to say he was killed in Oct. near Ypres. I was not with him at the time, but one of my pals was who buried him. I enclose his address and he will also be able to supply you with news regarding 5611 O.H. Haar as he told me he saw him blown to pieces. 4512 F.L. Young was killed alongside of me on the 4th October near Ypres by the same shell as I was wounded with. I have confirmed this statement about Young several times. I will also send you the address of a soldier who was with C. Erven 4423 the morning of battle.

Letter from:-

Pte. W.A. Bail 6042
Hurdcott 29.1.18.

London.
8.2.18.

*Address referred to
6054*

*Pte C F. Cumming
22nd Batt A.I.F.*

Off.M.

Home Central

Unit 22nd Batt

*Written Pte Cumming 27-2-18 letter returned marked handled
Patrol Headquarters*

22nd Btn.

HAAR. C. H.
L/Opl. 5611.

K. in act. 4/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was 5 ft. 10 ins. dark, well built, 32 years of age, known as "Charlie". He was a 16th Rfots. and embarked on the "Shropshire". Casualty was advancing at Broodseinde Ridge, Ypres, when a shell landed killing him instantly. I was a few yards away at the time and I saw his body lying in the open. I do not know where Casualty was buried."

Informant:- Pte. C. Slee,
Private address:- Ho. 5671, 22nd Btn.
Hewstead P.O.

S.V.P.
19/9/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

22nd Batta.
A.I.F.

HAAR
O.H. 5611

Missing 4.10.17.

CH

Pte. W.A. Ball 22nd Batta. C. Coy. now at Hurdcott can give information about him.

Informant:- Oxley B.A. 666
22nd Bn. C. Coy.
18th Bat. Westham.

Note:- Written Pte. Ball 23.1.18

W.A. Rend.

London.
28.1.18

Off. M.

22nd A. I. F.

Hear, Etc (now L/Cpl) Charles E.
5611,
C. Coy, II Pltn.

(M. Oct. 4/17)

"I knew L/Cpl Hear very well, we trained together at Royal Park near Melbourne and at Lark Hill, Salisbury Plain, for a few days in December/16 and we went over to France in the same draft on Dec. 11/16. On Oct. 4/17 at Inzac House a little to the south of Zonnebeke, where the front line trench was and where our platoon was going from rest billets to relieve the men in it. The enemy spotted us approaching the trench and began to shell us. I think it is practically certain that L/Cpl Hear was killed by shell burst on this occasion, as he did not come back to the Battalion at rest billets on this side (W) of Poperinghe, about 1½ miles, with the other wounded. L/Cpl C.E. Hear had been in Gallipoli before training at Royal Park near Melbourne, he was married and lived at St. Hilda, Victoria."

Eye-witness: Apparently not.

E. F. O.