

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2330 Private
Reginald Hagan

36th Battalion



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A.I.F. 36th Btn

R. HAGAN
2330

"M. 3-3-18"

Missing 5-3-18

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 22-3-18 ^{Handwritten} & 11-4-18

London
12-4-18

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36th Battn.
A.I.F.

HAGAN
R. 2330

"Missing 5-3-18"

We saw him out in "No Man's Land" at the Warneton Sector, near Armentieres, whilst we were out on a raid. He was wounded very badly about the head, and was unconscious. It was then about midnight. I knelt down beside him and spoke to him, but got no response. He was breathing very faintly, and was expiring quickly. As nothing could be done for him, we continued on our raid, and left him there. I knew him fairly well, and always called him "Reg". I do not know if he was afterwards brought in and buried, and I cannot refer to anyone for further details.

Informant. Webb Pte.H. 3141
36th Battn. C.Coy.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W. Omen
London
14-5-18

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36th Australian I. F.

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Hagan, R. Pte. 2330.

(M. Mar. 5/18)

"I saw Hagan killed by a Machine gun bullet during a raid on the night of March 4th, at Warneton".

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: Short, thick-set, young, about 19-20.
Christian name Reginald.

Informant: Pte. George Winter, 939,
53rd. A. I. F. (late 36th) D. Coy.
Overcliff Hospital,
Westcliff-on-Sea.

Home address:
Renies, Hokitika,
Westland. New Zealand.

3/6/18.

M. Denness Cooper.

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36 A.I.F.

Hagan R 2350
C.Co.

(H. Mar. 5/18.)

Early in March Stretcher Bearers brought in the news that they had seen Hagan's body on Barbed wire (German) with a bullet through his head. This was at Warneton near Messines. It occurred during a raid we made in the daytime. We retired and the Stretcher Bearers had to leave the body. I do not know the names of Stretcher Bearers.

Eye Witness:

Description:

Informant:- Pte. Jas. Isaac Woods 1878
36 A.I.F. C.Coy.
Bata Hospital

John E. George
14.6.18

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A.I.F. 56th Bttn.

HAGAN
Pte R. 2330

Missing 5/3/18

During raid on German lines in front of Messines at 12.30 a.m. on morning of 5th March - I did not see him fall myself though was in the party - some of the men saw him fall into a shell hole, was shot in the head - when they went passed they saw him and noticed bleeding. This was right alongside German wires - we could not find the spot coming back - I do not remember names of any who saw him in shell hole - one of them thought he was killed. Description - thin, dark, height about 5' 8" - age 26/27 years, Christian name Reg - Have heard him talk a lot about Victoria. *Reg in C. Coy.*

Informant:- 843 Pte. E. O'Connor,
33 Battalion, C Coy., XII Bttn.,
Weymouth.

A.D.C.

London
18/6/18

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36th Battn. C.Co,
A.I.F.

HAGAN.
R. 2330.

"Missing" 5-3-18.

Would refer you to Pte West F. C. Coy. 36th Battn, now in
France, who saw him killed in a raid at Warnetog.

Informant:- Orr. Pte. W. 526.

36th Battn. B. Co. 5 Flat.

Note:- Written Pte West. 17-6-18.

3rd A.A.H. DARTFORD

W. Oman.
London.
19-6-18.

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36th Battn.
A.I.F.

HAGAN
Reginald 2330

"Missing 5-3-18"

Re 2330 Pte.R.Hagan, late 36th Battn. All I can tell you is that he was posted as Missing after a raid on the German front lines, and from accounts from the boys that were alongside him during the raid, I have good reason to think that he was shot in the forehead. A pal who was with him, a S/B, tells me there was no doubt about him being killed. I wrote to his Mother, and also his brother-in-law, who is in the 11th F.C.Engrs. A.I.F., and his brother-in-law called round to see me, when I told him all particulars, and he said he would write home and tell them the sad news. Of course there may be just a possible chance that the poor lad was taken prisoner, but our Battn. have never been advised of such a happening. As regards his personal appearance, he was only very young, I think about 19 or 20, medium build, and dark complexion, had a very pleasant appearance, but I don't know that I could give you any other information.

Letter from:- West. Pte.Fred J. 1872
FRANCE. 23-6-18

London
1-7-18
A.M.H.

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CL/HRB.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON.

C O P Y.

Statement made by No. 938 Pte. WINTER G. 36th Bn. A.I.F.
re No. 2330 Pte. HAGAN R. 26th Bn. A.I.F.

Missing 5.3.18.

During a raid on the German trenches at Wameton, on the 5th of March, I saw Reg Hagan lying in No Man's Land outside the German wire. I asked him what he was doing and as I received no answer, I shook him by the arm. He made no response, so I turned him over on his back and discovered that bullet had penetrated his forehead. Death must have been instantaneous.

as there were many wounded lying about we were obliged to leave the dead behind. When a body of men were sent out later to recover the dead, Hagan had disappeared.

Dated at Hurdottle

For Red Cross
(SGD) G. WINTER.

Statement made and signed before me

(SGD) A.O. DUPREZ. Lieut.

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A.I.F. 38th Battrn.

HAGAN
Reginald 2330

MISSING 5/5/18

Killed in action 5/5/18 - Previously reported Missing
Gert. by A.I.F. Bqrs 20/9/18.

Condon
5/9/18.

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C O P YStatement made by No 3141 Pte Webb H. 36th Bn:re No 2330 Pte Hagan R. 36th Bn:Missing 5.3.18.When-

When I last saw No 2330 Pte Hagan R. was the early morning of March 5th, when taking part in a raid on the Bosche lines near Messines. During the raid I saw him lying near the Bosche wire, with a bullet wound near the temple.

He was unconscious though breathing.

Dated at, Hurdcott.

(Sgd) H. Webb.

Statement made and signed before me.

(Sgd) E.A. Robinson
Lieut. 6th M.G. Coy.
A.I.F.

A.I.F.
36th BATTALION.

HAGAN, Private
R. No. 2330

"Killed 5/3/18".

We were in action at Warneton. Hagan was killed by a bullet just after we started to go over. He was the first one killed and was killed outright. I saw him after he had been killed. I cannot speak as to burial. About 20 years of age to 24, height about 5ft.6", dark. He was in "C" Company.

Informant;- 2086, Private H.A. Hynes,
36th Battalion "C" Company.

Private address;- Burfit St., Leichhardt.

G.S.A.
A.I.F. Furlough Bureau,
Sydney. 12/6/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F. 3th Btn.

HAGAN.
Reginald. 2330.

Killed in Action. 8.3.18.

No trace in Germany.
Cert by Captain Mills. 14.10.19.

NAME London.
18.10.19. GIVE

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ANALYTICAL FILE

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(17.6.18)

Pt. F. West

C. Coy.

36th Batta. B.I.F.
abroad.

abt.

2330.

Pt. R. Hagan

C. Coy.

6th Batta. G.I.F.

M. 5.3.18.

17.6.18.
G.I.F.

The Secretary

Australian Red Cross Society,

France

Ack. PC. 1715
Amst.

2330 Reginald Hagan

June 23rd

Dear Madam

56th Inf. Bn

M 5.3.18 S 4 (C)

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Wishing you every success in the
splendid work that you & your
friends are doing for us. I remain

Yours

Yours faithfully
1872. Fred J. West

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