

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

1761 Private
George Benjamin
Francis

49th Battalion



11006019

A.I.F. 49th Battn.

FRANCIS
George Benjamin 1761

K/A. 5/9/18

1716

No trace in Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10/10/19

London
21/10/19

OFF.H.

49th Batta

C. Coy.

A.I.F.

FRANCIS.
G.B. George Benjamin. 1716

"Missing 5.9.16."

Killed in Action 5.9.17. previously reported Missing believed
Killed. (Court of Enquiry).
Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqrs. 61.8.17.

16

Off. M.
P.I.

London.
23.8.17.

24.8.17. Letter Cancel Draft
To Robert Francis, Red Barn Farm
Kings Lynn
Norfolk.

49th Aus. Imp. Force.

Francis G. B. 1716.

M. Sept. 5th 1916.

Informant states that on Sept. 5th 1916, at Mouquet Farm, we made an attack at 6 a.m. We were successful, but we had a hard time. The Germans bombarded so heavily. Any of our wounded left out must have been killed; it was too hot for the stretcher-bearers to go out to the wounded but as soon as possible they made a complete search of the ground but found all killed. In many cases the bombardment had been so heavy they were blown to pieces and buried in. It was not possible for Francis to have been taken prisoner.

Reference:- Lieut. W.M. Divine,
49th Aus. Imp. Force,
1 Moreton Gardens, S.W.

Home address: C/o The Cemetery Lodge,
Toowoomba,
Qland,
Australia.

21.11.16.
H. Burford-Hancock.

CH/M

49th Battn
O. Coy.
A.I.F.

FRANCIS.
G.B. George Benjamin. 1716

"Missing 5.9.16."

⁶
Killed in Action 5.9.17. previously reported Missing believed
Killed. (Court of Enquiry).
Cert. by A.I.F. HdQrs. 6.8.17.
₁₆

Off. M.
P.I.

London.
23.8.17.

RECEIVED

29 DEC 1916

CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE.

Red Barn Farm

Ingold's Thorpe

~~Ingold's Thorpe~~

King's Lynn

Norfolk

28 Dec 1916

Secretary

Red Cross Society

Sir,

I have had news from
the War office that my
son, whose name is appended
at foot, is missing.

I am writing back of

You could kindly find out
any particulars concerning
him - He is reported as
missing whilst serving with
the British Expeditionary Force
on the 6th September 1916

I need hardly say how
deeply grateful I shall
be if you can kindly find
out anything about him

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

Robert Francis

Particulars of missing man

1st G. B. Francis

No 1761 2nd Company

1716

HQth Battth 13th Brigade A. I. S.

France.

3rd January 1917

Mr. Robert Francis
Red Barn Farm,
Kings Lynn
Norfolk.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry re No. 1761 Pte G.H. Francis, 49th Battalion, A.I.F., forwarded to us by the B. R. C. S., as we do all Australian enquiries. We have one unofficial report about No. 1716 Pte G. B. Francis, 49th Battalion, A.I.F. from Lieut W. M. Divine, 49th Battalion, A.I.F., who states that "on Sept. 5th 1916 at Mouquet Farm, we made an attack at 6 a.m. We were successful, but we had a hard time, the Germans bombarded so heavily. Any of our Wounded left out, must have been Killed. It was too hot for the Stretcher Bearer to go out, but as soon as possible, they made a complete search of the ground and found all Killed or Buried by the heavy bombardment. It was not possible for Francis to have been taken Prisoner. Do you know whether there was another Francis in the Battalion, as the No. is slightly different.

We shall send you any further particulars that come to hand, and trust that this may not prove to be your Son.

Yours faithfully,

V.D. m. 3/1/17

Re G.B. Francis 1761 & Brig
C. Coy 49. B. Batt 13. Brig

5 Jan 1917.

The Secretary

Inquiry Bureau

Australian Branch B.R.C.F.

Madam Yours of 3rd inst

I write by request of Mrs
Robert Francis of Red Bank Farm
King Lynn today. That she knows
of no other Francis in the
Battalion to which her son,
G. B. Francis, belonged.

Assuring you of her gratitude
for the trouble you are taking in
the matter

I am, Madam
faithfully yours
(Rev) Alex. J. Jones

Fuel draft. 16-9.

Robert Francis Page.

Red Barn Farm.

Kings Lynn
Norfolk.

u.

1761 Francis G.B. 49 Bu.

Enquiry (if any) or from letters.

Enquiry included in W.S.M. Cable

Enquiry included in Referred Cable

Name and Address of Enquirer

Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree.

State if Next-of-Kin.

No. 147 of June 20-1916

No. of

Mr. G. P. Lane,
Woodmenhall,
via Mr. Barker,
mother.

Yes

C. Duward
me

Henry G. G. Secretary.

No further
details required

11.10.19

Victoria
Burnham Market
Norfolk England.
Oct. 8th 1919.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your letter of 1.10.19.
Which I received today concerning my
Cali Sm. Pte. G. B. Francis 1761.
H 9 Batt. A. I. F. if you could make
any inquiry in Australia for any
information about my Cali Sm. byre
he joined the Army. I should be very
glad. as I am under the impression
he had some money in some Bank.
in Australia Thanking you.

Yours. Faithfully
Robert Francis

Victoria
Burnham Market
Norfolk. England.

Please note I
have changed
my address.

ORIGINAL

TELETYPE

Cause of Complaint	Symptoms	Date	Name
Mr. Robert Francis, Victoria, Burham Market, Norfolk. Dear Sir, In reply to your letter of 8th inst, concerning <u>1761 Pte. G.B.FRANCIS. 49th Battalion, A.I.F.</u> We would advise you to apply for information concerning his money to Pay Corps. A.I.F. Headquarters, 130, Horseferry Road. S.W.1. Yours faithfully, (Miss) MR. SECRETARY.		October 11th, 1919.	