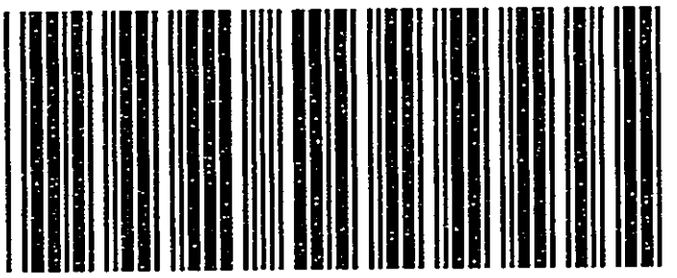
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2635A Private
Francis Ernest Gailey

7th Battalion



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Frank 2553A

"M. 23-26-7-16"

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9 Silvester Rd
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9 Silverdale Road
E Dulwich S.E.
4.9.16.

Sir

I am sorry to trouble
you.
I have heard that
through the R. C. Society
missing soldiers may
soon travel.

I have already had one at the beginning of this cruel war of Slavery, I have heard from the War office of my second Boy missing Pte Frank Bailey 2653 A Coy 4th Battn 2nd Div. 1st Brig 1st Division A. I. F. France.

I would be so grateful for even the slightest little information about him.

Yours truly
(Mrs) E. Bailey

Dr. Hunt Gallery
2653. J. Ball

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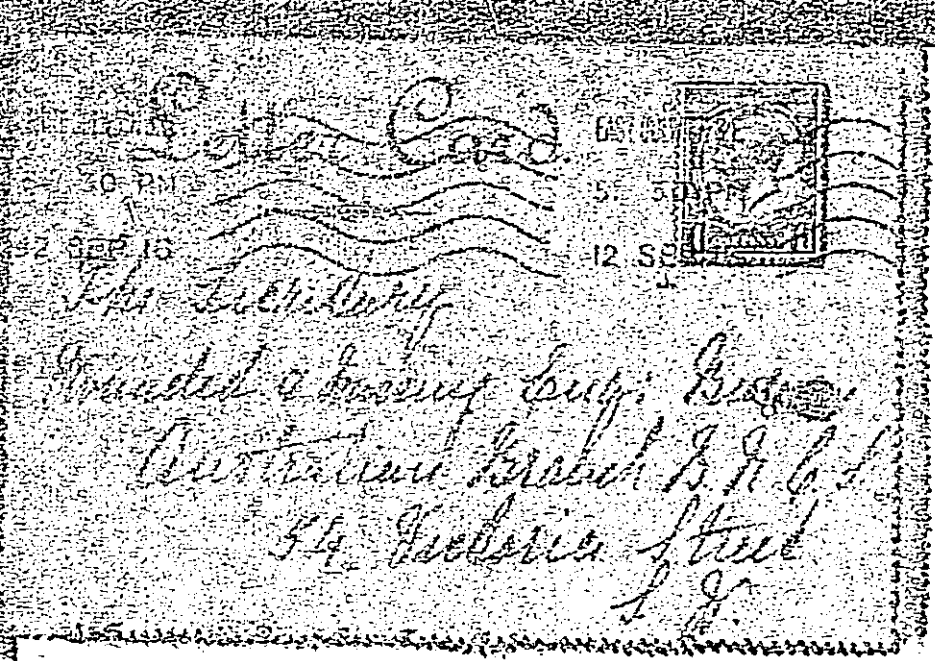
9 Silverdale Road
E. Dulwich S.E.
8. 12. 16.

Dear Madam

I thank you much sincerely for your letter, & proofs that are being taken to discover some clews of my dear son Your description is

fairly accurate, his hair is brown, not fair, but probably to some, it might be taken for such, as he has a pale clear skin & with a hat on it would be taken for fair.
His accent, to some might appear broad as it was not at all foreign, as he was at boarding school in this country.
I have a photo of him taken whilst in Egypt, if you would like one I will send it at once.
Love to the Sgt. Major also the R. C. Chaplain

but have not had
an answer from either.
Tuesday I shall hear
from Abby & may pour
by. Yours truly
E. Bailey



6 Silverdale Road
E. Dulwich. S.E.
12. 9. 16.

Dear Sir

I thank you for your letter
the contents of which concerning
my poor boy, I shall feel
most grateful for as he was
a good boy to me, it makes it
all the harder to bear. Since
I have been a widow for over
seven years & was so proud of my
children being a comfort to me in
my declining years & now two of
them, missing the care the beginning
of the war. Yours truly E. Sailes

7th Battn. A. Coy.
A.I.F.,

Gailey
F. 2653A

"Missing July 23-26th 1916."

On July 25th 1916 at Pozieres. I was with Private Gailey, when we were advancing into machine gun fire. I do not know what happened to Gailey but Sergt. Evans (No. either 167 or 176 of A.Company, now wounded and in hospital at King's Heath, Birmingham, may be able to supply further information. The ground was lost but retaken the same night,

Reference;- Pte.Richard Thomas Kealy, 2841
7th Battn. A.I.F.,
Harborne Hall. V.A.D.
Birmingham,
23-9-16.

Home address;-
2, Mackenzie Street
West Brunswick,
Victoria.

Informant is intelligent.

S.C.Parish
London
23-10-16

Note. Written to Evans 18-10-16.

Off. M. &
P.I.

7th A.I.F.

Gailey Pte. F. 2653A.,
A. Company.

(M. July 23-26 1916)

Informant states that on July 25th 1916 at Pozieres, Pte. Gailey F.2653A was killed by a shell. Informant was not an eye-witness but was told by Pte. Skipper, N.B. 7th A.I.F., A. Coy.

Reference: Pte. W. Herfernan 227,
A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hospt.,
Wandsworth.

Home address:
H.Q. A.I.F.,
130 Horseferry Rd.,
S.W.

Written Skipper 10.11.16 P.1

Nov. 3rd 1916,
L. Walker.

7th. Batt. late 24th. Batt.
A.I.F.

GAILEY 2653A.
Pte. Frank

"Missing 23/26-7-16"

I was not with the Company when they went ~~out of~~ into action in July, but as both were my mates I made enquiries from everyone that came out alive of F. GAILEY. Nothing at all is known what happened to him, but J.I. Hayes was last seen and spoken to ina shell hole wounded in the leg, nothing more is known of him. F.GAILEY was about five foot four in height, fair hair, middle built, round face, shoulders slightly round. Speaks slightly broad. Jack Hayes was about five foot eight. fair hair, broad shoulders, clean shaven shoulders also round. Blue eyes. This description is as far as I can remember of them. If there is any more you want to know of them I will always be glad to answer; The way the trenches were, there was a great chance of J. I. Hayes being taken Prisoner of War.

Cert. by letter:-
NORMAN B.SKIPPER.
A.Coy. 7th. Batt.
A.I.F.

P. I.
Offr. K.

London
5-12-16

Name.	Unit.	Casualty.	Cause of Casualty
C	7th Bn. A.I.F. A.Coy		GALLIE Frank 2653A.
		"Killed in Action 23/26.7.16"	
	No trace Germany	Cert.by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.	

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY FILE

London. 14.10.19.

Pte T Gailey no 2653 a
find under
Pte W. E. Dobbs no 2629.

20.10.16.

Sailey. Pte. F. 26530. Q. Coy
4th Batn.

See under

Pte. J. T. Hayes 2662. a. R. Coy.
4th Batn.

22.11.16.
4.12.16.

29.9.19.

Final Draft to
Th. E. Bailey
9 Silverston Rd.
S. Dulwich
S.E.

about
26539 T. Bailey
7 : 3a

The Australian Red Cross Society
(B.R.C.S.)
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No. 7161

Date June 12-1918

Regimental Details of Soldier enquired about.

No. 171
L/Cpl W. F. Roocol
3rd Field Ambulance.

Details of Casualty.

Wounded ✓

Information wanted.

Location & Condition

Mrs E. Gailey

replied 9.9.16.

9 Silvester Road
East Dulwich
S.E

Dear Madam

We are in receipt of your letter dated August 9th ~~concerning your son No 2653~~ and ~~we regret to say that we have~~ concerning your son No 2653 Pte Frank Gailey 7th Bttn A.I.F. We regret to say that we have no further information than the official cable of August 21st that he was Missing on 23-28 July.

We shall gladly send you at once any further information that we may receive as we know you must be very anxious about him.

Yours truly.

6th December,

Dear Madam,

We have received an unofficial report from the man to whom we had written for information about your son -

No. 2653. Pte. FRANK GAILEY 7th Battalion. A.I.F.

Informant, Pte. Norman B.Skipper, A. Coy. 7th Battn. states that he made inquiries about Pte. Gailey and could learn nothing at all. He describes him as being about 5 ft.4 in. in height, of medium build, with fair hair, a round face, slightly rounded shoulders and he spoke with a broad accent. Does this description fit your son?

We are still making inquiries and shll let you know if we hear anything further as we know how anxious you must be.

With sincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. E. Gailey,
9 Silvester Rd.,
East Bulwich.

U.D
Sec.
L.AW.

November 13th.

Pte.E.B.Skipper.
A.Coy.7th.Battn.A.I.F.
B. E. F.

Dear Pte.Skipper.

We are making enquiries about two men of your Coy. 2653A.Pte.F.Gailey A.Coy.7th.Battn.and 2662A.Pte.J.T.Hayes. A.Coy.7th.Battn. reported missing 23-26.July 1916.and have been told that you may be able to help us by giving us some information.

We should be very grateful for any details you could send us concerning these men, and would also be glad if you could add a short personal description of them in order that we may satisfy the relatives that no error has been made.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.