

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**377 Sergeant
Godfrey David Albert
Gallagher**

22nd Battalion



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22nd Bn
A.I.F.

Gallagher
G.D. 577

"Died of Wounds 11.8.16."

The above named soldier received decoration for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations at POISSIES. Up to the time he was wounded he displayed the utmost disregard for his personal safety.

Letter from:--

Lieut. Adj. G.

22nd Bn Hdqrs

1.8.17.

Note We have a Melbourne enquiry for 577 Godfrey David Gallagher 22nd Bn to whom this letter may refer. He died of wounds on 11.8.16.

London.

21.9.17.

P. I. H.

22nd Battn., *B. Coy*
A. I. F.

GALLAGHER,
Sgt. Godfrey David. 377.

wounded July-Aug.

Wounded 5-8-16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 8-9-16.

Died of Wounds 11-8-16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 21-9-16.

London,
30-9-16.

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France.

A.I.P. 22.

GALLAGHER Sgt. G.D. 377.

D/H. 11.8.16.

I knew Sgt. Gallagher of the 22nd. Bn. in Mildura, Victoria. I knew him as Goff Gallagher and I saw him lying on the bottom of the support line trench at Pozieres on 5.8.16. He came over to where we, the 24th. Bn, were, with a party. He was hit in the stomach and seemed very bad though quite conscious. I spoke to him and he recognised me. I helped carry him to the 1st. Aid Post and left him with 2 other men in the 22nd. Bn. who said they would take him to the next station.

He was about 5 ft. 6 or 7. fair, slim; he worked in the National Bank. I did not know he had died of wounds.

HBO.

Reference: Pto. H.C. Dickenson. 3804. 24 Bn. D. Co.
2 A.D.B.D.

Steplos. 7.10.16.

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P.I.

22nd Battn.
A.I.F.,

Gallagher
Sgt.G.D. 377

"Died of wounds Aug. 11th 1916."

He was in the German trenches on Ridge past Pozieres,
and was hit by a bomb in the stomach, very badly hit, he was
taken to Second Dressing Station, Boiszen Court(?) in an ambulance
but he was sinking fast.

Reference;- D.O'Brien, 1067
Ward 3.

18-10-16.

London
25-10-16.
D.P.Dickson.

M. &
P.I.

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Nov. 13th 1916

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GALLAGHER Sgt. U.S. 377

D/W Aug. 13th/16 Details

I know Gallagher well and I am not being deceived near on
a captured man. I know on the 13th day. With some bullets
in his pocket. I had a chance to see him last night in Ireland
and that's all.

Infantry Co. 1st Regt
22nd U.S. Infantry
M. P. I.
M. P. I.
M. P. I.

not in our hospital

Dudley 16.11.16.

Cpl Godfrey Gallagher.

B. Coy.

22nd Battⁿ

wounded 5.8.16.

Inquirer: - 6.9.16

Sister Bessie Gallagher

Mrs Laughlin

~~Mont Garlin~~

○ Margaret

Wine St Johnson

London derry.

~~Wine Street~~

377 G.D. Gallagher
22 Bata

D/W 11.8.16.

M.
P.I.
H.

22nd Battalion,
Headquarters.

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
54 Victoria Street,
L O N D O N, S. W.

No. 397 Sgt. G.D.A. GALLAGHER.

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22ND AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN.
1.8.17.
No.
Date

Harvey
Lieut. & A/Adjt.

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377 Godfrey David Gallagher - 22 Batta
to whom this letter may refer.
He died of wounds on 11.8.16.

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22nd Septr., 1916.

Miss B. Gallagher,
c/o Mrs. Loughlin,
Mongarlin,
St. Johnson,
Londonderry.

Dear Madam,

We regret to say that we have some very bad news to give you about your brother, No. 377 Sgt. Godfrey David Gallagher, 22nd Batta. A.I.F. Headquarters that that he died of wounds on August 11th, 1916, and we have, at present, nothing further than this to tell you. We are making all possible enquiries for further details as to the nature of his wounds and the place of his death and burial, and shall hasten to communicate the result to you, as we know that you will derive some comfort from even the scantiest definite information.

Assuring you of our very deep sympathy with you in your loss.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

23rd July 1917.

The Adjutant,
22nd Aust. Inf. Btn:
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by his sister to help her in learning the reason why the Military Medal was conferred on her brother - Sgt Godfrey Gallagher of your unit, who died of wounds on 11-8-16; she ~~knows~~ ^{knows} none of his friends to whom she can apply so we applied to you in last resort.

She will greatly value any information on the subject. With many apologies for troubling you, .

Do please let me hear of your reply to the earliest convenience

Yours faithfully,

GD

Secretary

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Mrs. Bessie Gallagher

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Monaghan

St. Johnson

Londonderry

Nov 18th 18
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Relief Copy

Dear Madam

We have received an unsolicited report about your brother 377 Sgt Godfrey David Gallagher 2nd Bn in which informant states that he knew him well and saw him being carried away on a stretcher near Pozieres on August 5th with several bullet wounds - He had heard that he had been sent to England and died of wounds there -

With deep sympathy in your sorrow and assuring you that we shall let you know at once if we hear anything further.

Yours faithfully,

A.I.F. 54th Battn

HANLEY
Pte L. 4538

Prisoner of War

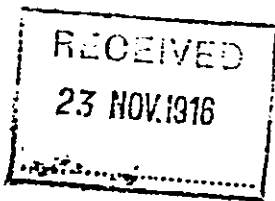
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Cert. by letter from man dated 29-9-16

London
16-11-16

[Faint handwritten notes and signatures, including a large signature at the bottom left and various illegible scribbles.]

Re. Sgt. G. J. Gallagher
844. 5th Batt

address "Hospital Ship"
Grantully Castle
G. P. O.
London



Matta No 16th 1916

The Secretary
Australian Branch. B. P. C. S.

Dear Sir

On arriving at The above address
on Nov 15th I received two letters from you
with reference to my brother's death

The information given by
Informant of The 24th Battalion is quite correct
he worked in The National Bank &
we live in Mildura Victoria

I thank you for the inquiries
made hoping you will be able to find
out the Hospital he died in & where
he is buried if this can be done I am
hoping to be allowed a passport to visit
his grave which will be a great comfort
to my Mother.

Thanking you for sincere sympathy
Yours faithfully
Elizabeth Gallagher

13th October,

Miss Bessie Gallagher,
C/o Mrs. Loughlin,
Mongarlin. St. Johnson,
Londonderry.

Dear Madam,

We have received the following unofficial report about your brother No.377, Sgt. G. D. Gallagher, 22nd Battn. A.I.F. and hasten to send it to you.

Informant/^{who} ~~was~~ in the 24th Battn. said that he knew Sgt. Gallagher as Goff. Gallagher in Mildara, Victoria. He describes him as 5ft. 6 or 7ins., fair and slim and said that he worked in the National Bank. Does this description fit your brother?

Informant says that on August 5th, Sgt. Gallagher came over with a party to where the 24th Battn. were at Pozieres. He was hit in the stomach and seemed very bad and informant helped to carry him to the first Aid Station and left him with two other men in the 22nd Battn. who said they would take him to the next Station. He did not know that your brother had died of wounds.

We regret that we have not more news to send you, but are still making inquiries and shall let you know as soon as we hear the result.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy,
Yours faithfully,

M. S. A.

Secretary.