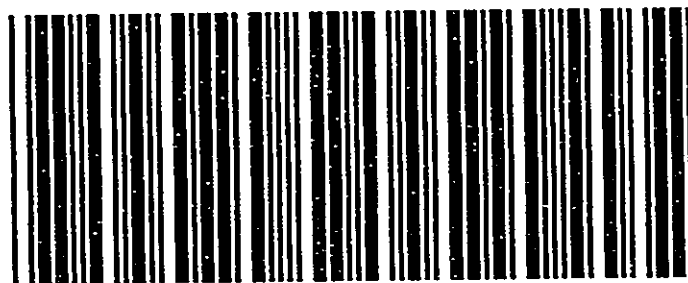


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**3951 Private
Spencer Roy Searle**

50th Battalion



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A.I.F. 50th Btn
A.Coy.

SEARLE
Spencer Roy 3951

"Waed & Missing"

Killed in Action 6-8-16 - previously reported Waed & Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 6-7-17.

A & P.I.

LONDON
19-7-17

A.I.F. 50th Battn
"A.Coy"

Spencer Ray

SEARLE
3951

Wounded

Wounded 16-8-16 No further report
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 7-11-16.

Wounded & Missing 16-8-16 - previously reported Wounded
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters I.E. 84

Wounded & Missing 16-8-16
Cert. by letter from 3rd Echelon 13-11-16.

London
6-12-16.

A. T.P.I.
14/11/16 P.I.

Havre

26th January 1917

50th AUSTRALIANS
A.Co.

SEARLE, S.R. 3951

W & M. 16th Aug. 1916

There were two brothers in A. Co. 3rd Pltn. This one was reported missing in August. In September his brother received a letter from him to say he was wounded in Hospital in England.

Informant: H. J. Eekersley 3807
50th Australians A.Co. 3rd Pltn
H.S. "Lanfranc"
Havre

GRB

Written Ltr Searle 5217.

Not sent on -

France.

A. I. F. 50. A.

SEARLE, S. R. 3951.

W. & M/August 16th.1916.

He was killed at Pozieres on Aug.14th., in the charge, by a shell. He was marked missing because of the desire to keep the news of his death from his brother, who was also in the batt. I did not see the casualty, but Pte.J.Anderson, IV pl, A.Coy, did, and gave me the facts.

Reference: Pts. T. Atkinson, 1114, A.Coy.,
No. 4 A.D.B.D.

Staples.
30.1.17.
SA.

Written Pte Anderson 13.3.17

50th Batt.
A.Co.,
A.I.F.,

SEARLE
3951 S.R..

"W. & M. 16/8/16"

Yours of the 7th inst to hand re the enquiries of Pte S.R. Searle 3951 A.Coy 50th Batt. I regret to have to inform you that I have had no communication with him nor heard of him since 14.8.16. I last saw him on the night of the 14th prior to making a charge. I have since made inquiries through all Bureau etc. but to no avail. Thanking you for your trouble.

Cert. by letter from 3894 C.E. Searle, L/Cpl
50th Batt. A.I.F.,
Hut B 18
Wongret Camp,
Wareham.
Dorset.
8.2.17.

London
(3.2.17
6.2.17

A.
P.I.

50th A.I.F.

Searle Pte. S.R. 3951,
A. Coy., III Plt.

(W. & M. Aug. 16/16)

"I was at Tattingham nr. St. Omer in Oct. /16 and I met Searle's brother, he told me his brother S.R. Searle had been wounded but was in a Canadian Hospital. I forgot to ask whether in France or England."

Eye-witness: No

Description:

Informant: L/Cpl. A.H. Blaser 1642,
50th A.I.F., A. Coy., III Plt.,
Graylingwell Hospt.,

Home address: Chichester.

Mylor,

S. Australia.

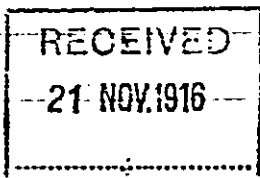
*In brother's letter
not sent to*

May 7th 1917,
V. Beaumont.

*A.
P.I.*

Oct. 23. 11. 16.

Oct. 23. 11. 16 M.B.



Clandon Park Hospital
Near Guildford
Surrey
Nov 19th 16

TO

The British Red Cross Society
54 Victoria Street
Westminster.

Sir,

I have been informed that by
mistake you may be able to get information
as to the whereabouts of my brother-in-law
I R. Seale A Co. 50th Bn. A. I. F.
He was reported wounded on the 16.8.16
but further than that I cannot ascertain
I have made enquiries at Horseferry Road
but they can do no more for further information.

Thanking you in anticipation
Yours faithfully
C. H. Seale, Lt. 3894
Clandon Park Hospital
Near Guildford
Surrey

24th November / 16

3894 L/C C E. Searle,
Clandon Park Hospital,
Nr. Guildford, Surrey.

Dear Sir,

We have received your letter of the 21st November about your Brother S.R. Searle, A.Coy, 50th Battalion, A.I.F.. We very much regret that he is reported Wounded & Missing. He is not in our Hospital lists, and his name has not come through as a Prisoner of War, but we are making all possible enquiries on your behalf, and directly we have any news we will send it on to you.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

Feb.7th.1917. ---

L/Cpl.C.E.or.R.Searle;
50th Battn./I.F.
Worgret Camp
Wareham.
Dorset.

Dear Col.Searle;

We are making enquiries for our Adelaide Bureau re 3951.S.R.
Searle; ~~A.Coy.58th.Battn.A.I.F.~~ ^{to} reported Wounded & Missing
16.8.16, and have been told that you are his brother, and if we
applied to you, we should find that you had received a letter from him
to say that he was wounded and in Hospital in England.

We should be very grateful if you would write and let us know
if our informant was correct and you know your brother to be in Hospital
as his name has never come through in our Hospital Index, and we are anx-
-ious to trace him and get into communication with him, in order to
relieve the anxiety of Adelaide enquirers.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully, *BD*

Secretary. *FL*

ack
Thu. 10.2.17

Hut B 18

Worquet Camp
Warrham
Dorset

Feb 8th 17

The Secretary

Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau

Australian Branch

B. R. C. S.

// Yours of the 7th inst
to hand re the enquiries of Mr J. R. Seale 3957
A Coy. 50th Battr.

I regret to have to inform you that I have
had no communication with him nor heard of
him since 14th 8.16. I last saw him on

the night of the 14th prior to making a charge
I have since made enquiries through all
Bureaus but to no avail

Thanking you for your trouble

Yours faithfully
3894 E. E. Seale Capt
50th B. Coy.

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S. R. Searle

50 Ball's BC

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S. R. Searle
50 Ball's BC
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14th February. /7.

Dear Cpl. Searle,

Very many thanks for your letter of 8th February in answer to our enquiry re.-

No.3951. Pto. S. R. SEARLE 50th Battalion A.I.F.

We regret that we had troubled you unnecessarily, but our informants seemed so positive that you had received a letter from your brother that we hoped to be able to find through this letter some means of tracing him.

We are still continuing our enquiries and if we receive any definite news, we will at once send you word.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

P.D.

No.3894,
L/Cpl. C.E.Searle,
50th Aust.Inf.Battn.
Hut.B.18. Worgret Camp.

SECRETARY.

Flu.

15th March 1917.

- 3951 S. R. Searle, A.Coy, 50th Battalion, A.I.F.

Missing 25/25-7-16. -

- S.R. Searle, -

Sgt. J. Anderson,

A.Coy.

50th Battalion, A.I.F.

B.E.F.

20th March 1917.

No. 3894. P. Opl. C. M. Searle.
Pte. B. 18.
Margate Camp.
Wareham. Dorset.

Dear Sir,

In the course of our inquiries for your brother
No. 3931. Pte. Spencer Ray Searle, 50th Battr. A.I.F. we
regret to inform you that we have received an unofficial
report from No. 1114. Pte. E. Atkinson, who was in the 4th
Australian Divisional Base Details when he gave it.

He reports that your brother was killed by a shell on
August 14th. During a charge at Pozieres and that Pte.
J. Anderson, who gave him this information, witnessed the
Casualty. We are continuing our inquiries and will
advise you of any further information that we receive.

With sincere sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. L. A. W.
Secretary.

Wareham Camp
Dorset
March 23rd 17

To Secretary
The A. R. C. I.
54 Victoria St
London S.W.

Your letter of the 20th inst. duly
to hand w the information of my brother.
To 3951 Pde Leake S. R.

I have seen both the soldiers you made
mention of since Aug. 14th & neither of
them could give me any information
as to what happened to brother.
I may state Pde J. Anderson was in my
section & spent fourteen days with him
from the time of the casualty & his leaving
the battalion & he was as ignorant as my
self then of my brother's disappearance.
Consequently I am inclined to think that
the information is not reliable.

Thanking you again for your trouble

Yours faithfully,
R/3894 Lpl C. C. Leake
70th Battr
A Long
Wareham.