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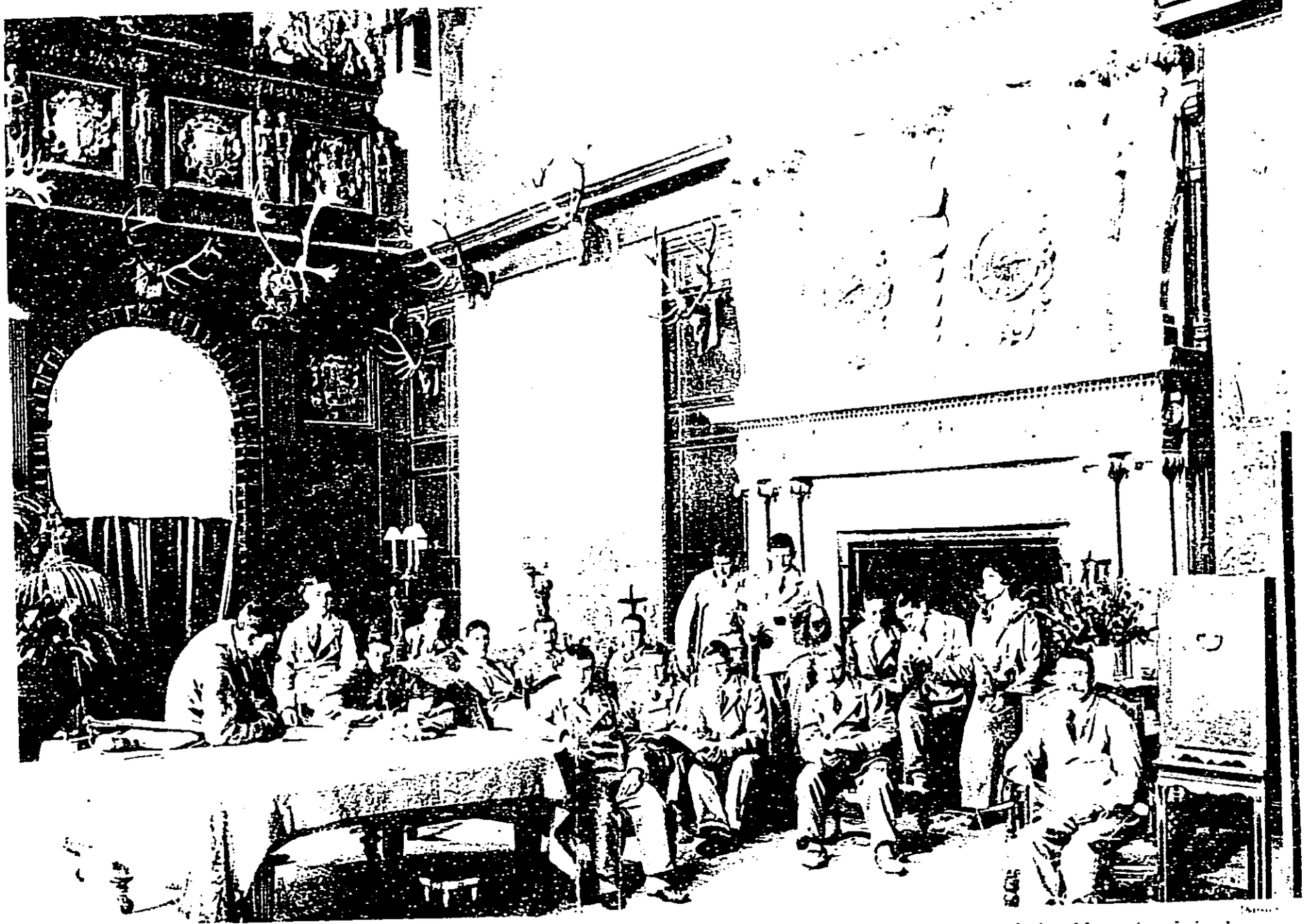
90 Lance Sergeant
Victor Henry Marshall

16th Battalion



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Victor



Welcome guests in a stately home of England: Wounded soldiers at Longleat Hall, the seat of the Marquis of Bath

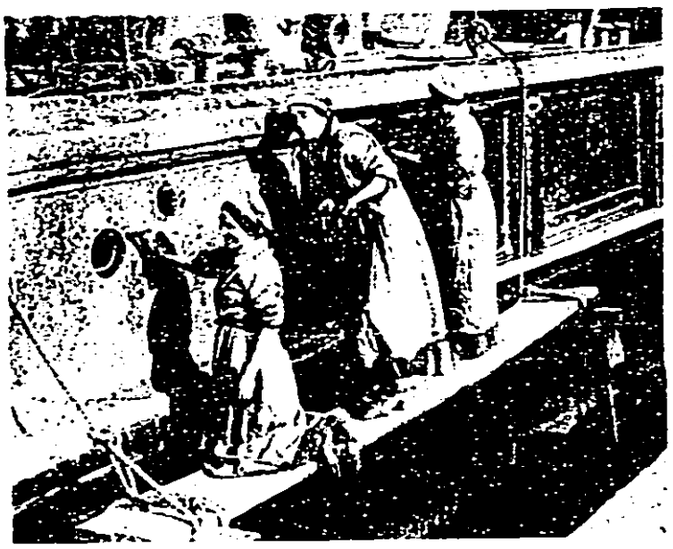
Part 156
Week ending August 11th 1917
1 of IX "The Great War"



Carrying sacks of coke in a London gasworks.



Coal-women on a daily round in Glasgow.



Cleaning and painti- - a trawler salvaged at Rainham.



Lumber-women sawing pit-props near Ludlow.



Bricklayer's labourer in an English village.

women quickly proved their adaptability and endurance, and released men for military service.

16th Battalion. No 90 - Sgt. V.H.Marshall

K/A 11.4.17.

"He was killed by shell fire on the 7th April, 1917 and buried behind the front line on the left of the road running from Morenil to Reincourt about 1000 yards from Morenil."

Informant:- No 2626 - Sgt. Daljiell,
16th Battalion.

H.Jose.

M+P.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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A.I.F. 16th Bttn.

MARSHALL.
Victor Henry
L/Sgt. 90.

Regret to have had your letter so long without a reply. The book admissions had been mislaid.
I have no record of L/Sgt Victor Henry Marshall, 16th Bttn A.I.F. having been in the Hospital here.
Letter from Marquis of Bath.
Longleat.
Warminster.
28.8.19.

London.
2.9.19.

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16th Batn.,
A.I.F.

(Victor Henry)
Sgt. V.S.MARSHALL, 90
Coffey, L. 5890.
Watson, W.H. 6121.

"Killed April, 11th 1917."

"Of A. Coy., 1st Platoon. On night of 9th April, 1917 these 3 men were sleeping in a Dug-out at the railway cutting towards Reincourt, but in front of Hindenburg Line. Shell burst, and buried them.. They were dug out as soon as possible, but all 3 were dead.
I did not see the bodies. Sgt. Shape of A. Coy., told me that he had taken Marshall's wallet, he saw the bodies. The position was such that it was impossible to bury them, at any rate at that time.

Informant:- L/Cpl. D. Baines, 5026,
16th Batn., A. Coy., 1st Platoon,
A.I.F.

A.D.G.
London,
3-1-19.
H.G.

M.

A.I.F.16th Bttn.
A. Ccy.

MARSHALL.
Victcr Henry. 90.

"Repcrted K/A., but thcught tc be reccgnised in a grcup cf wcunded scldiers phctcgraphed in 1917 at Lcngleat Hall."

War Cffice enquiries branch seys Lcngleat Hall is at Suttcn Veny. Is nct a Conv.Hcspital itself but the Hcspital is practically cn the grcund. Many parties cf men have been entertained and phctc-graphed there. It is nct pcssible fcr a mental case tc have been living there.

Cert by 'Phone.9.8.19.

Lcndcn.
6.8.19.

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A.I.F.16th Bttn.

MARSHALL.
L/Sgt.Victcr Henry, 90.

"Thcught tc have been reccgnised amcngst grcup cf scldiers phctcgraphed at Longleat Hall".

"In reply tc ycur favcur cf 10th inst,tc the Editcr cf the"GREAT WAR" I am scrry tc say that we curselves have nc detailed infcrmaticn regarding the phctcgraph tc which ycu refer, but it was supplied tc us by :- Bassanc's Studics Ltd.
25, Old Bcnd Street W.1.

and perhaps by writing tc them, ycu might be able tc get the infcr-maticn ycu require. It might be as well tc qucte the number cf the"Great War" in which the phctcgraph appeared,as they dcubtless have a number cf cthers taken at Lcngleat Hall.

Cert by letter frcm M.G.Murray,
The Amalgamated Press, Ltd,.
The Fleetway Hcuse,
Farringdcn Street , Lcndcn.E.C.
11th July.1919.

Lcndcn.
6.8.19.

A.I.F.16th Bttn.

MARSHALL.
Victor Henry,90

"Thought to have been recognised in a photograph taken at Longleat Hall."

"We are in receipt of your letter,and regret very much that we are unable to give you the names of any of the soldiers included in the group taken at Longleat Hall.

Letter from Bassano Ltd. Photographers.
25, Old Bond Street.
London.W.1.

London.
7.8.19.

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28.8.19.

Telegraph Office
Birmingham

Madam,

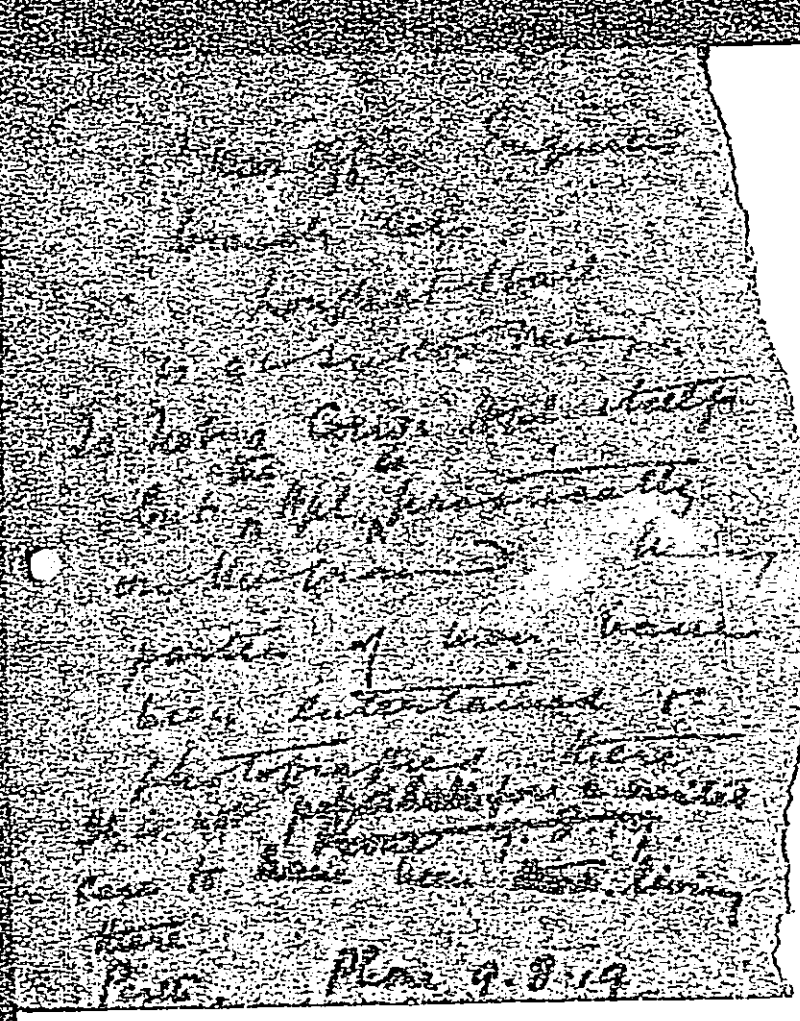
I regret that I have been so long either a reply; the book of admission had been mislaid.-

I have no record of L/Cpl. Victor Henry Marshall 16th Batt A.I.F having been in the Hospital here.

I remain,

Yours faithfully

Matron.



16 Btn.
A-Coy.

Marshall
Victor Henry
90.

" Reported K/A. but thought to be wounded.
" recognised in a group of Soldiers
" photographed in 1917 at
" Longpeat Hall."

A.I.F.
13th Btn.
D.Co.

CURLEY. T/Sgt.
E.G. 2140

Killed in Action 8.8.18.

I saw him killed near Vaire-Sur-Corbie. on the day of the bug advance the Battalion had obtained their objective and were digging in at the time. Fancy wounds were caused by machine guns. his wounds being in the Thighs. He was bandaged by comrade near him. Stretcher bearers being busy at the time attending to wounded earlier in the day did not get to him in time and he died about ½ hr afterwards. He was conscious and spoke to his pals talkin telling them he was gone. Eventually he was taken away and buried by Stretcher bearers but cannot say where he was buried. Time he was wounded would be about 9 a.m. 8.8.18. Was known as Ted. I understand he came from Newcastle N.S.W. He was short and very thick set, good soldier and good swimmer, took part in Battalion sports a few weekds before attack at a place called Querrieu. Deceased was a personal friend of Informant and were both in same company. Eyewitness:- Yes.

Informant:- 927 A/Sgt. Geddes C.M.
13th Bttn. Originally 3rd Btn.
T.S. "Mahia" 26.3.19.

Home address:-
Cyrene, Railway Street.
Chatswood. Sydney. N.S.W.

J.E.
London.
21.7.19.

S.



Ans'd 30.8.19

Railway Parade
East Fremington
West Australia.
28th May 1919.

Dear Sir or Madam

I am anxious for some information about my son Sergeant Victor Marshall No 90 "A" company 16th Battalion A.I.F. who has been reported from the Base Records Melbourne being killed in action at Bullecourt on April 11th 1917. up to date no personal belongings have I received. & from information received from the Kit Store 110 Greyhound Rd Hammersmith. his kit bag has not been deposited there. Now his Mother & I are under the impression that he is not killed but an inmate of some asylum or hospital to confirm our belief we are taking (The "Great War" published in Farringdon St London E.C.) & in Part 156 Vol 6 week ending August 11th 1917 is a group of wounded Soldiers at Longleat Hall, the seat of the Marquis of Bath. a copy enclosed & the one at the back marked with a cross is the very likeness of our son Victor, We have heard of the great good your Society has accomplished in tracing missing &c so we would be very thankful if your society

would take this care in hand for his sorrowing parents, The, Photo was taken on the 17th May 1917. & we are under the impression that the vacant stare shows that he may be demented or does not know who he is, you may wonder why I have not made inquiry before, but the fact is we have been waiting & longing to see his name in the missing lists that are published from time to time, hoping to hear some good news from you

I am

Yours faithfully

Edwin S Mansell

July. 10th.1919

To.
The Editor
Offices of "The Great War"
Farringdon Street.E.C.

Dear Sir,

We have received an enquiry from his parents in Australia for 90. L/Sgt. Victor Henry Marshall, 16th Battalion A.I.F.
This soldier is reported killed in action on 11.4.17. but his parents think they recognize him as one of the soldiers in a group of wounded men photographed at Longleat Hall, the seat of the Marquis of Bath on May 17th 1917.
This photograph appeared in Vol.IX part 156 of your paper, (Week Ending August 11th.1917)

We should be very grateful if you would let us know if by any possible chance you hold the names of the men appearing in this photograph, or if not, whether you could put us in touch with anyone who could assist us in the matter, as we are most anxious to do our utmost to help L/Sgt. Marshall's parents in their distress.

With apologies for troubling you, and thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

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90 L/Sgh. Victor Henry Marshall
16 Bltn. A.I.F.

11th Julym 1919

THE GREAT WAR.
THE WAR ILLUSTRATED.

Miss L. A. Whybrow
Australian Red Cross Society
35, Grosvenor Place. S.W. 1.

"Thought to have been recognised amongst group of Soldiers photographed at Longleat Hall"

Dear Madam,

In reply to your favour of 10th inst., to the Editor of THE GREAT WAR, I am sorry to say that we ourselves have no detailed information regarding the photograph to which you refer, but it was supplied to us by :

Bassano's Studios Ltd.,
25, Old Bond Street. W.1

and perhaps by writing to them, you might be able to get the information you require. It might be as well to quote the number of THE GREAT WAR in which the photograph appeared, as they doubtless have a number of others taken at Longleat Hall.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Murray.

Pte

July 16th, 1919.

Bassano's Studios Ltd,
25 Old Bond Street,
W.1.

Dear Sir,

We have received an enquiry from his parents in Australia for 90 B/Sgt VICTOR HENRY MARSHALL, 16th Battn. A.I.F. This soldier is officially reported Killed in Action on 11.4.17. but his parents think they recognise him as one of the soldiers in a group of wounded men photographed at Longleat Hall the seat of the Marquess of Bath on May 17th,1917 A reproduction of this photograph, which was taken by you, appeared in Vol.IX part 156 of the "Great War" (week ending August 11th,1917) We should be very grateful if you would let us know if by any possible chance you hold the names of the men appearing in this photograph, or if not, if you could put us in touch with anyone who could assist us in the matter, as we are most anxious to do our utmost to help L/Sgt.Marshall's parents in their distress.

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Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

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25, Old Bond Street,
LONDON, W.1.

July 31st. 1919.

"Thought to have been recognised in a photograph taken at Longleat Hall"

Miss L.A. Whybrow,
Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
36, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

re. 90. Pte Victor Henry Wheeldon 16th 13th.

Dear Madam,

We are in receipt of your letter, and regret very much that we are unable to give you the names of any of the soldiers included in the group taken at Longleat Hall.

Yours faithfully,
BASSANO LTD.

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August 11th,1919.

Marquis of Bath,
Longleat Hall,
Sutton Veny.

My Lord,

We have received an enquiry from his parents in Australia for No.90.Lt.Victor Henry Marshall, 16th Bn.A.I.F.

This soldier is officially reported"Killed in Action" on 11.4.17., but his parents think they recognise him in a group od wounded soldiers photographed at Longleat Hall on May 17th,1917.

We have enquired of the Editor of "The Great War", and Bassano the Photographer, in the hope that the list of names of soldiers in the photograph of Longleat Hall might be in their hands, but without success.

We are informed by the War Office that soldiers were frequently entertained by you.

May we ask you if a list of your soldier guests was kept at any time, or if any member of your household might possibly identify the photograph of the soldier in question if it were forwarded, also in view of the Father's belief that his son was in this hall as a Hospital patient, mentally affected, may we ask was it at any time about date of sons's death - 11-4-17 - and later used as a convalescent home for such cases.

With apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation,

We are, my Lord,

Yours faithfully,

L.a.W

(Miss) Secretary. LA

September 2nd 1919.

Edwin S.Marshall Esq.
Railway Parade.
East Cannington.
West Australia.

Dear Sir,

In answer to yours of 28th May making enquiries about your son 90.Sgt.Victor Marshall,16th Bttn.A.I.F.,who was reported Killed in Action 11.4.17.

I beg to inform you we have made exhaustive enquiries from the Editor of"The Great War" Bassano, the photographer,and from the Maquis of Bath Longleat Hall and neither have any record of your son's name being among the soldier guests at Longleat Hall on the date you mention or at any other time, and it is not probable for a mental case to have been living at that Hospital. Any further news we may obtain relating to your son is at once sent to our Perth Office so we would advise you to keep in touch with it.

We regret having kept your letter so long unanswered but have been waiting for answers to our enquiries,

With our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully.

(Miss.)

SECRETARY.