

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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Lieutenant
George Harold Pugh

4th Battalion



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4th Australian Imperial Force.

Pugh, Lieut. G.H.,
M.G.S.,

K. Sept. 5th. 1916.
Det: D & B.

"In the afternoon of Sept. 5th Lieut. Pugh was inspecting the trenches and happened to be in a dug out with other officers when a "Minnenwerfer" shell exploded in the dug out and killed Lieut. Pugh. He was buried behind the Sector, but Informant does not know the name of the Cemetery, although he saw the grave."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant:-- Pte. Edmund George Lyle, 3155,
4th Australian Imperial Force, D.Coy. 1st Plt:
Summerlea Hospital,
East Finchley,

Home address:-- 2, Waterloo Street,
Royelle, Sydney, N.S.W.

6th feb:
H.M. Henson.

4th A. I. F.

Pugh, Lieut G.H.,
M.G.S.

(K. Sept. 5th/16. Det D & B)

The man to write to for the details required is Sergt. W.T. Watson, 4377, 2 Battery, Australian Field Artillery. He is still with his battery so far as I know. I got a letter from him in which he told me that he had seen Lieut Pugh's grave.

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: L/Cpl William Smith, 85,
4th A. I. F., C. Coy, IX Plat.,
Mont Dore Hospital,
Bournemouth.

15th February 1917.
H.W. Lyle.

France.

A. I. F. 4. M.G.S.

FOGH, Lt.G.H.

K/5th.September 1916.

I saw him killed by a Minenwerfer at Ypres about Sept.4th. There were a number of officers together in the front line holding a conference and several of them were killed. Their bodies were smashed to pieces. I know nothing as to their burial.

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Reference: Pte. F. Schambri 1178.
H.Q. 4th. A.I.F.
No. 1 A.D.H.D.
Etaples. Feb. 2nd. 1917.

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4th A. I. F. MGS.

Lieut. G. H. PUGH

Killed 5.9.16 Details D/B.

Informant said that Lieut. Pugh was killed early in Sept. near Ypres in a dug-out which was struck by a "Minnenwerfer". His body was recovered and Informant thinks, buried, as they were then in a place where it was possible and usual for proper burial to take place.

Reference: Pte. W. Gaisney, 2603, H.Q. Bomber

No. 8 General, Rouen, 5.2.17

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4th Australian I Force (M.G.S).

Pugh, Lieut. G. H.

(K. Sept. 5/16 Dets D & B)

" Lt. G. H. Pugh was in charge of a small party which came up in reserve to the 2nd Batt. and when in the dug out he was killed instantaneously by a trench mortar bomb. I was about 50 yds down in the trench and came up about 5 minutes after, and saw the bodies of 10 men, nearly all officers who had been killed by the same bomb. It happened on left of Hill 60, called Mt. Sorrel at Ypres. "

Informant :- Pte. D. J. Young, 875,
4th Aus. Imp Force
Hyde Park Hospital,
Plymouth.

Home address :-
126, Wilson Stt,
Newtown,
Sydney, Australia.

7/2/17.
E.G.Hunt.

France.

A. I. F. 4.

FUCH, Lt.G.H. (M.G.S.)

X/Sept.5th.1916.

I saw him blown to pieces at Ypres on Sept.5th., by a minnenwerfer, while we were in support trenches. His body was taken away to H.Q. I saw it carried off, but know nothing as to burial.

Referance: Pts.M.Chilton, 4158, H.Q.Bcubers,
No. 1 A.D.B.D.

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4th A. I. F.

Lieut. G. H. PUGH, M.G.S.

Killed 5.9.16. Details D & B.

Lieut. Pugh was killed by a [^]Minnenweifer at Ypres whilst in a dug out. I know that he was buried but cannot say exactly where.

Reference: Sgt. F. E. Davison, 2352.

No.11 Stationary, Ronen. 13.2.17.

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4th A. I. F.

Lieut. G. H. FUGH (L.O.S.)

Killed 8.9.18 Details D/B.

We were in front of Ypres on the 5th Sept. and Lt. Fugh who was in charge of M.G.S. had gone up to reconnoitre the position of the enemy from the front line trench previous to the advance. He was in a dug out when a Minnie-
wever fell in the dug out and killed him and killed and wounded 6 or 7 others. I know he was properly buried but I cannot say where.

Reference: L/Cpl. R. O'Brien^e, 5178, D Coy.

No. 5 General, Houen, 1.2.17

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M.G.S.
4th Batt.
A.I.F.,

PUGH
Lt. G.H.

"Killed 5.9.16"

He was with four other officers in a dugout when when a Minenweiferⁿ bomb blew it in and killed them all. He was buried in the cemetery near Lake Zillabeeke just outside Ypres. I regret answering so briefly but at the moment there are no facilities for correspondence.

Cert. by letter from The Adjutant,
4th Batt. A.I.F.,
B.E.F.

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4th M.G. Co. A.I.F.

Pugh Lt. G.H.

(K. Sept. 5/16)

"I saw Lt. Pugh buried in the cemetery near Redford House nr. the Railway at Ypres. Three other Officer and 5 Ptes. were killed by the same shell. It was on a Sunday morning about 10 o'clock about Sept. 5/16 or a few days after that Lt. Pugh was buried. The Padre, Capt. McKenzie took the service and a cross was put over his grave.

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: None.

Informant: Sapper G.W. Barnett 5193,
1st Division, Sig. Aus. Eng.,
1st London General Hospt.,
Camberwell.

Home address: Stanley St.,
Aubrey, N.S.W. Australia.

Mar. 15/17,
H. Caldwell.

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4th Battalion A.I.F.
Machine Gun Section.

Lieut PUGH G.H.

Killed in Action 5.9.16.

5 officers and some non-coms. were in a captured German dugout within our lines, when a German Minnenwurfier came over and exploded at the entrance of the dugout, and killed them all. I was not there but my Company Commander was responsible for digging out the bodies and I was present at the burial after the bodies had been identified. They were buried in a small cemetery at a place called "The Railway Dugouts". They were buried by Chaplain Captain Mackenzie. They were all killed outright. The others killed were Captain Murray, Captain Chant, Lieutenant Dobbs, Callaway, and two 4th Battalion Officers. One of the latter was, I think, called Pugh.

Informant:-- Lieut. W.L. Waterhouse,
2nd Battalion A.I.F.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

A most reliable witness.

H.S.O.
19.3.17.

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AUSTRALIAN BRANCH B. R. C. S.

54, VICTORIA STREET.

LONDON, S.W.

Feb. 24th. 1917. 1916.

The Adjutant
4th. Battn. A. I. F.
B. E. F.

Lt G. H. PUGH. M. G. S
4 Batt A. I. F

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Dear Sir;

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With apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

Kesa Deakin

SECRETARY.

Per Her

Recd. to Secy. Red X. Society

Lt. G. H. Pugh was with 4th A.I.F. in a wood when a machine gun bullet hit him and killed him on 5.9.16. His burial in the cemetery near LAKE ZILLBACHER just north of VRES.

I report, according to the records of the War Office, that he was buried by the 4th A.I.F. on 5.9.16.

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Feb. 25th. 1917. ---

The Adjutant
4th. Battn. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

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SECRETARY.

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13th March 1917.

The Adjutant,
4th Aust: Inf: Batta:
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you very much for your letter
of March 1st in answer to our enquiry for -

Lt. G. H. Pugh, M. G.S. 4th Batt: A.I.F.,

Yours faithfully,

V.D.
Secretary
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