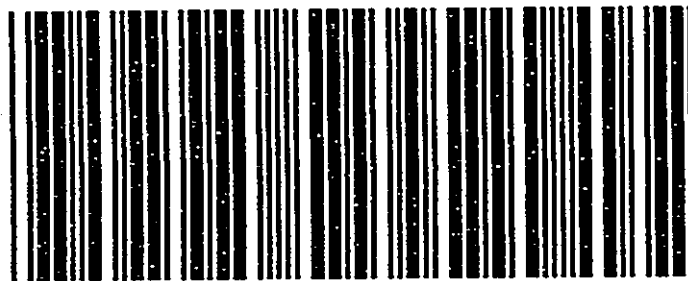


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**3933 Private  
Cyril Ashdown  
Waghorn**

**1st Battalion**



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A.I.F.  
1st. Batta.

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WABHORN,  
C.A. 3933

" Missing 5.10.16."

Reported Killed in Action 5.11.16. previously reported Prisoner  
of War Unofficially,  
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters. 19.5.17.

London.  
23.5.17.

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1st Battn.,  
A.I.F.

WAGHORN,  
Cyril Ashdown.3933.

Missing on 5-11-16.

Missing on 5-11-16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' List I.B.96.

This man's name appeared on German Death List dated 16-12-16.  
Paybook in the hands of the Germans.

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London,  
25-1-17.

A.I.F. 1st Batta

WAGHORN  
C.A. 3933

"Missing 5-10-16"

Missing 5-11-16

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters List - I.E. 96.

London  
29-12-16.

S.

A.I.F. 1st Battn.

WAGHORN.  
Cyril Ashdown 3935

Killed in action 5.11.16

Killed in action 5.11.16 - Buried 450 yards N.N.W. Gendecourt.  
Sheet 57c.S.W. N.20.O.3.7.  
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 2.5.19

London  
3.5.19

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1st Battn.  
A. I. P.

CONSTABLE, W.F. 392.  
FARLEY, T.C.I. 3313.  
HENRY, J.A. 5119.  
KAKE? L.C. 5733.  
McDERMOTT, J.D. 5735.  
MASON, Cpl. A. 3402.  
PARR, P.J. 726.  
RANKINE, W.C. 5205.  
SCHOPFIELD, H.N. 5772.  
~~WAGHORN, C.A. 3933.~~  
BANNAN, Cpl. F.O. 802.

OREGAN, C.A. 5668.  
HANSEN, E. 2240.  
POWELL, L/Cpl. J.W. 2594.  
LEWIS, J.A. 3378.  
McGREGOR, O.D. 5181  
MILLER, R.D. 5168.  
PERKETH, N.D. 3444.  
RUTHERFORD, T. 5027.  
SIMINGTON, J.T. 3480.  
WILLIAMS, A. 5790.

"Missing 5.11.16."

I knew these men. We did not know what happened to them at the time, but two weeks ago we went over the ground and I have picked out the names of the men whose bodies were found. Cpl. F. Bingley, A.Coy.H.Q. now is the pay Corporal for the whole battalion. He has evidence of this. He has records of all the bodies, discs and paybooks found on this occasion.

Informant:- Pte. J.E.Brown.748.

No.7.C.C. Boulogne, 18.5.17.

London. 14.6.17. Note Written Cpl. Bingley 15.6.17.

*1 copy sent Melbourne + Sydney for group 14.6.17*

1st Bttn. C Coy.  
A. I. F.

Waghorn.  
C. A. 3953.

"Missing 5.11.16".

No. 3933 C. A. Waghorn is still posted missing in the Battalion. I knew him well. He was about 5'7" in height, broad shouldered, slightly dark, brown eyes (I think) prominent nose, hair dark and closely cut, took short sharp paces when walking and was of a rather cheerful disposition. He was in a charge that the Battalion made on 5th Nov. 1916. It was raining and very dark at the time, so those conditions make it very hard to bring in wounded or to recognise anyone. It later on turned out to be a case of everyman for himself. But nevertheless the majority of the wounded were brought in and am sorry to say that Waghorn was not included among them. Between the 7th and 12th April 1917, while we were at Beugny, I came across a grave in a German cemetery that bore this name - Englander Waghorn, and the date of death 7.11.16 Englander, as you may know means Englishman. It is quite possible that the Germans have taken the "g" in Waghorn's name for a "c" for the names on identification discs are stamped in block it being easy for a mistake of this kind to occur. The Germans had a dressing station at Beugny (this place fell into our hands about the end of March) and it is quite probable that Waghorn was captured and died of wounds there. I think this is all the light I can throw on the matter.

Letter from:-

London.

25.7.17.

L/Cpl. F. J. Mason

1st Aust. Bde. Headquarters. 30.5.17.

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WAGHORN, C.A. 3933.  
(and 24 others)

M. November 8th, 1916.

He came from Stanmore.

Their bodies were found all in a heap to the left of Guudecourt just in front of Bayonet trench on March 3rd, 1917. They had been killed by M.G. fire on November 5th in the Fiers charge. They were buried in shell holes all about where they were lying. I saw all the bodies and remember the names. Lt. H.A. A'Beckett, C. Coy. was present and kept a record. A big cross was put up with their names on it. I saw the cross and am certain that their names were on it. About 50 men were found altogether. Sgt. W. Pearce, D. Coy. was in charge of the burial party and also kept a record. The paybooks, discs, &c. were taken from all the bodies and handed in to the battn. SA.

Reference:- Pte. James Harr, 585. H.Q.  
No. 1 A.D.B.D.

N.B. Facts checked from diary entry. SA.

*Written W. A'Beckett  
Sp. Para 17.5.17*

*German L.S. 16.12.16  
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*Etaples. 28.1.17.*

1st Australian Imperial Force

Waghorn, Pte. C.A. 3933  
B Coy.

( Missing Nov. 5, 1916 )

" I was told by Signaller Frank Mason, 1st Brigade, Signaller, that he had noticed Pte. C. A. Waghorn's grave in the German Cemetery at Beugny, and I think he could give further particulars.

Pte. F. Mason,  
Signaller 1st Brigade,  
Headquarters,  
France.

Eye Witness - No. See above

*Written Pte Mason 16.5.17*

Description

Informant :-

L/Cpl. Daniel Latimer John, 6031.  
C Coy. 9th Pltn. 1st Aus. I Force

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Gould Street,

East Sussex Hospital,  
Hastings.

Bondi, Sydney, N.S.W. Wales.

Address in England - C/O Mrs. A.J. Phillips, 6, Gwendoline St, Aberavon.

3.5.17. Ernest A. Riley.

Glamorganshire.

*acting etc  
1st Bde  
H.R.*



1st Battn.  
A. I. F.

Waghorn.  
C. A. 3933

"Killed 5.11.16"

I saw a grave bearing this name belonging to A.I.F. on the German Cemetery at Beugny, three miles east of Bapaume. It was marked by a cross on which was written "Waghorn" Australia. Died of Wounds 6th Nov.1916.

Witness:-

L/Cpl.L.A.John 6031

Brigade Hqrs.

3rd Aust.Aux.Hospital.

Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.

20.9.17.

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Mr. C. A. Waghorn

3933

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Pt. T. C. Bannan

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1Balt.

23-5-17.

Plt F. MASON

Signaller

1st Bgds

HQRs

AIF

BEF

for

3933

C. A. WAGHORN

B. Co.

1 Batta AIF

M. 25. 11. 16.

26.5.17

~~16.5.17~~

FM

7th. June, 1917.

L/Cpl. P.H. Mason,  
(1st. Batta. A.I.F.)  
1st. Australian Bde. Headquarters, A.I.F.,  
B. E. F

Dear Corporal Mason,

Very many thanks for your letter of May 30th  
in answer to our enquiry concerning :-

3933 C.A. WAGHORN, C. Coy. 1st. Batta, A.I.F.

The information you have sent is especially valuable as we had  
so far, been able to obtain practically no information to send  
on to his relatives, save the fact that his name came to us on  
a Death List sent by the Germans 16.12.16.

We were not aware <sup>until</sup> you told us that there  
was a German Dressing Station at Bengay, and we think that this  
fact taken in conjunction with his name appearing on the Death  
List and the grave which you saw in Bengay <sup>graveyard</sup> proves that  
Pte. Waghorn died and was buried at Bengay <sup>graveyard</sup>. We shall probably  
be able to obtain a photograph of the grave for the relatives  
through the Graves Registration Units and feel sure his people

be very grateful to you for sending these details.

Far from wearying, your letter was a source of pleasure to us, as it is seldom that we receive such clear and exact details in answer to our enquiries, and we should feel grateful if you would allow us to apply to you for assistance should we in the future, need to make enquiries concerning other men of your Unit.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary.

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France,  
31<sup>st</sup> May 1916

The Secy,  
A. R. C. S.

Dear Miss Jackson,

I received the letter (dated 26.5.16) from you and last week, asking me to look up any papers at the War Office of 3938 Lt. Thomas C. Day (not B. J. Day) I have done so, and being able to find no missing in the Battalion. I know him well. He was about 5'10" in height, broad-shouldered, slightly dark, brown eyes (I think) prominent nose, hair black and closely cut, thin mustache sharp faced when walking, and was of a rather cheerful disposition. He was in a charge that the Am. med. co. took. It was raining and very dark at the time, so these conditions made it very hard to bring in the wounded, or to recognise anyone. It later on turned out to be a case of over-exposure.

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cemetery that bore this name -  
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of death 7.11.16. Engländer, a name  
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it will give me genuine pleasure  
if it believes any of your  
and the chance of being of some  
small assistance to the  
Australian Red Cross. Hoping  
this does not weary you in the  
morning

I remain,  
Yours sincerely,  
A. J. F. J. J. J.  
A. J. F. J. J. J.  
A. J. F. J. J. J.

3933. C. A. WAGHORN

C. G.

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