

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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17124 Gunner
Alwyn Adam Thomson
Pringle

5th Field Artillery Brigade



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108th Howtz. Batty
A.F.A.

Pringle.
A.A. T. 17124

"Killed 29.7.17."

I saw him killed at Ypres by a shell fragment which hit him on the head killing him instantly. I did not see his grave but I was told that he was buried at Dickey-Bush cemetery. Refer to Sgt. Thompson 105th Howitzer Batty who is in- now in France and who can give particular of burial. I know him well he was the only man of that name in the Batty.

Witness:-

Gnr. A. Roach 28176
105th Howitz. Batty
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
24.9.17.

Note written Sgt. Thompson 21.9.17. S

105th Howitzer Battery
A.F.A.

PRINGLE
A.A.T. 17124

"Killed 29.7.17"

I saw him killed at Ypres. He was caught by a shell fragment which killed him instantly. I did not see his grave but I heard that he was buried at Dickey Bush Military Cemetery and that his grave was marked by a cross bearing all his particulars. Refer to Cpl T. Hegarty 105 Howitzer Battery who is in France and who can give particulars of burial.

Witness:- Gnr H. Lalor 11809
105 Howitzer Battery
3rd A.A. Hosp. Dartford.

W. Oman Note Written Cpl Hegarty 25.9.17
London 26.9.17

105th Howtz. Batty
A.I.F.

PRINGLE
A A.T. 17124

"Killed 29.7.17."

Buried in a soldiers cemetery.
Grave at Dickebusch.

*Sgt. Thompson,
105 Howtz. Batty.
A.I.F.*

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London.
5.10.17.

105th Aust: F.A.
Howitzer Battery

Howitzer Battery
Pringle A.A.T. 17124.

(K. July 29/17 Det D/B)

"Close to Hill 60, I saw the dead body of A.A.T. Pringle. He was buried in the Military Cemetery at village of Duckbushe. His Sgt. Leslie was buried in the same grave, and there is a large double cross over the grave, with their names engraved. I am not certain of the date, but it was in July. I knew Pringle well as he was in my Battery and was working the gun team next to us".

Eye-witness: Saw dead body

Description:

Informant: Gunner W.H. Thomas 12230,
5th A.I.F., 105th Howitzer Batt.,
2nd Southern General Hosp.,
Bristol.

Home address:
131 Henley Beach Rd., Townsville,

Oct. 5/17, Adelaide, S. Australia.
C.W. Ingram.

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A.I.F. Howitzer Battery. 105. PRINGLE A.T. 17124.

K. July 29/17. Det D/B.

Sgt Goodliffe of the 105th Bty. can give full particulars about Pringle. I did not see him killed myself, but I know that he was killed by a shell, at the same time as Sergt. Leslie and is buried in the cemetery at Dickiebusch. Pringle had only been in the Battery a short time and I can give no description of him.

Informant Bombdr. V.R. Mechie. 12205. Bty 105
2nd Army Rest Camp.
BOULOGNE. 6.10.17.

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Written Sgt. Goodliffe 17.10.17.

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8th October 1917

A.I.F.

105 Howitzer Batt.

PRINGLE, A.A.T. 17124

A. 29th July 1917 det D/S

I know Gunner Pringle of the 10th Howitzer Battery, 5th Brigade.
I saw his grave at Dickebusch in the Military Cemetery. He is
buried alongside a Sgt. Geo. Leslie who was killed with him.
There is a very fine cross and chains round the grave.
His father, a retired Lieut. Colonel, is in the A.I.F.

Informant: Driver R. Darby 1846
105 Howitzer Battery 5th Brig. A.I.F.
Australian Camp Bouelles

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105th Howitzer Bty.
A.F.A. 2nd Div.
5th Brigade.

Pringle Gunner Thos. 17124

(K. July 29th 1917. Dets. D/B)

"I was told by his comrades that Gunner Pringle was killed by
shell instantly on July 29th 1917 behind Lillebeke, and was buried
at a place about 7 miles from Ypres, called Dickebusch."

Eye witness: No. Told by Gnr. B. Bottomley A.F.A., 105
Howitzer Bty., 3rd Div., 5th Bde, B.E.F., France.

Description: Tall, about 6 ft., very thin, fair, clean-shaven
called "Pring" in Battn.

Informant: Gnr. Wm. Fairlie 2176, 105 Howitzer Bty.,
A.F.A., 2nd Div.
No. 11 Pennsylvania Hospital, Anster.

12.10.17.

M. Kestell-Cornish.

Home address: Aus: Base, 130 Horseferry Rd., Ldn.

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AUST. Howitzers. 105.

PRINGLE. A.A.T. 17124.

K. July 29th 1917. Dets. D/B.

Pringle was killed at Spoil Bank on the Ypres Sector sometime in the latter part of July. He was carrying ammunition when a shell came and killed him and a Sergt. and wounded 3 others. He was buried at Dickebusch. There are two cemeteries there, both military. The older one is on the left hand side of the road as you go from Dickebusch to the Church. Pringle is buried in the newer one on the right hand side of the road. Pringle came from Rooty Hill N.S.W. He had been in an estate Office I think.

Inf: Bomb. A.J. Evans. 7577. 5/105.
54 General Hospital.
BOULOGNE. 15.10.17.

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Ed. Saff

105th Howtz. Battery
A. I. F.

PRINGLE
A.A.T. 17124

"Killed July 29th 1917"

Killed at Spoil Bank Dickie Bush Ypres by shell. I saw him killed but I'm not quite sure if we took his body down to the Cemetery at Dickie Bush, but think he is buried beside Sgt. Leslie, there were a lot, so I think we took all there.

Witness:- Sgt. Maj. Stenhouse.
Harefield.

D. P. Dickson.
London.
17.10.17.

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18th Oct. 1917.

HOWITZERS, A.I.F.

PRINCE, A.A.F. 17124;
105th Bty.

K. 29.7.17. Det. D/S.

He was killed by a shell, being hit in the head near his
dugout near Ypres during the daytime, and he was buried ~~some~~ in a
cemetery near Dickebusch Church. He came from Victoria and was
a single man.

Informant: Pto. K. Warren, 2233
104 Howitzer Bty., A.F.A.,
H. S. Grantully Castle.

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105th Howtz. Battery
A.I.F.

PRINGLE
A.A. T. 17124

"Killed 29.7.17."

A shell burst right near him and he was killed instantly at Spoilbank. Their Battery was situated under it and a shell came over the top and dropped on it. I saw his grave at Dickeybush near Ypres. He and the Sgt. were buried together.

Witness:- Davis P.E. 40.
Dartford. 16.10.17.

London.
20.10.17.

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105th Howtz. Battn
A.F.A.

PRINGLE
A.A. J. 17124

"Killed 29.7.17."

I saw him killed at our waggon lines at Spal Bank on the east of Ypres. He was hit in the neck and back by shell fragments and killed instantly. I saw his grave at Dickeybush and it was marked with a cross made by Cpl. W. McAllister bearing all his particulars. I knew him very well he was the only man of that name in the Battery.

Witness:- Cpl. A.R. Hanlon. 14663
105th Howtz. Battery
3rd A.A. Hpl.
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
25.10.17.

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5th.A.F.A.
105 How: Batt:

Pringle. Gr: A.A.S.
17124.

(K. 29/7/17)
Det D/B.

"Gunner: A.A.J. Pringle was killed by shell at Zillibeke. on the 29th July. 17. Death was instantaneous. He was buried in Dickeburgh Cemetery and a cross made by his own Batty: erected."

Eye-witness: No. Told by Pte. G. Thornton. A.A.M.C. of 18 Fernherst Grove. Kew. Melbourne.

Description: Tall - darkish slim built man.

Informant: Gr: Jas: A. McShane. 3201.
5th A.F.A. 105 How: Batt:
Norfolk War Hospital. Norwich.

Home address: Highfield. North St:
Marrickville.
Sydney. N.S.W.

28.10.17.
Edgar Rice.

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105th How. Battery.
A.F.A.

Pringle.
Gunner A.A.T. 17124

"Killed in Action 29.7.17"

Re No.17124 Gunner A.A.T. Pringle. Gunner Pringle was killed in action about the time of the offensive of Pilkem Ridge in the third battle of Ypres. He was buried in a soldier's cemetery with Sgt. Leslie who was killed at the same time as he. The grave would be registered and is also marked by a cross erected by the men of the Battery. The cemetery is at Dickebusch and is situated almost opposite the ruins of the Roman Catholic Church in that town. As for his personal appearance as I remember him he would be about 5'10" or thereabouts in height and if I remember rightly had black hair. I believe from what he told me himself he had been engaged in agricultural pursuits somewhere in New South Wales, but I cannot remember what particular locality. He joined the battery somewhere between January and April of this year whilst I was away from it. I regret I cannot give fuller details but am not at present attached to the same battery, but given the opportunity will try and procure more information for you and send it on.

Letter from:-

Sgt E.W. Hegarty

104th How. Battery. A.F.A.

Belgium. 10.10.17.

London.

29.10.17.

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105th How. Battery
A.I.F.

PRINGLE
A.A.T. 17124

"Killed July 29th 1917"

Was killed by shell right out at Spoil Bank we buried him at Dickie Bush. Military Cross on his grave. He was in Action when killed.

Inf:- E. Raymond 26465 How. Battery 105
5th Bde A.I.F. France. 1917

London.

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105th Howitzer Batt A.I.F.

Pringle A.A.T. 17124,

(K. 29.7.17. Det D/B)

"Pringle was killed at Hill 59 and buried at Dickebusch with Sgt. A.G. Leslie, the two graves being enclosed with chains. I am a draughtsman and made the cross and inscription:- "In memory of Gunner A.A.T. Pringle, killed in action 29.7.17." I knew him personally. The grave has an official registered number".

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Gnr. E. Jennings 11621,
105th Howitzer Batt A.I.F.,
Beaufort War Hospt.,
Bristol.

Home address:
c/o Mrs. G. Ingham,
25 Claremont Rd.,
Forest Gate, Essex.

31.10.17,
W.B. Tonkin.

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105 Howitzer Battery.
A.Fld.Art.

Pringle.
A. A. T. 17124

"Killed 29.7.17"

I do not think anyone actually saw A. Pringle (5th Bgde, 105th How, Bty) killed while we were holding the line at Spoil Bank about July 29th. He and Sgt. Leslie were both killed together by a shell. Death must have been instantaneous. I was up a tunnel close by and heard the shell burst and saw them afterwards. Sgt. Reg. Goodliff (105 H.B.) was with them at the Gun Pits but he was not an eye-witness, and cannot say more than I can. A Pringle was buried in the cemetery at Dicklebusch. I have seen his grave and attended the funeral. The chaplain was there and a cross was put up. I believe a photograph of it has been sent to his people, but I shall be glad if the Red Cross will let them have this account as so many letters are lost on the sea now. Ground was held.

Eye-witness; Inf. saw him after he was killed and attended funeral.

Description: From Victoria. Single. joined last March 117th Battery first. "Pringle" (nick name).

Informant:- Gnr. Arthur Hancock 13158

105th How. Bty. Fld. Art.

3rd Sthn. Gen. Hospital. Oxford.

H.M. Pickard-Cambridge.

30.10.17.

London.

6.11.17.

No other man of same name in the Bty.

Witness very intelligent & correct
as usual

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Howitzer Battery.
A. F. A.

Pringle.
A. A. T. 17124

"Killed 29.7.17"

I saw him just after he was killed by a shell at Spoil Bank near Zillebeke. I was at his funeral at Dickebusch in Mil. Cemetery, he was buried by the 5th Brigade Padre.

Witness:-

Dvr. G. Taylor 11633

105th How. Battery.

No. 3 Command Depot.

Hurdcott.

G.W. Griffith.

London.

8.11.17.

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Atchd 03
11/10/17

at the Front
in Belgium
10/10/17

To the Secretary

Red Cross Wounded & missing
Inquiry Bureau
London

With reference to your note of
29/9/17 asking for particulars of No 17124
Gunner St. J. Pringle, I shall be pleased
to give you what information is at my
command.

Gunner Pringle was killed in action
about the time of the offensive over Pilken
Ridge in the third battle of Ypres.

He was buried in a soldiers cemetery
with Sgt Leslie who was killed at the same
time as he, the grave would be registered
& is also marked by a cross erected by
the men of the battery; the cemetery is
at ^{DICKENBUSH} Michelbusch & is situated almost
opposite the ruins of the Roman Cath-
olic Church in that town.

As for his personal appearance, as I
remember him he would be about five
feet ten or thereabouts in height & I
remember rightly had black hair.
I believe from what he told me himself
he had been engaged in agricultural
pursuits somewhere in New South Wales
but cannot remember what par-
ticular locality.

He joined the battery sometime between
January & April of this year while
I was away from it.

Regret that I cannot give fuller details
and am not at present attached to the
same battery, but given the opportunity
will try & procure more information for
you & send it on.

Trusting I have been able to have
helped you in your inquiries
I remain

Yrs faithfully

Sgt. J. H. Hegarty
104th Battery
A.F.A.

17124 Gunner A A T PRINGLE

105th How. Battery A.F.A.

K/A 29-7-17

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Sgt. Goodliffe

105 Howitzer Battery

G. R. F. A.

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A. A. T. Pringle

105 Howitzer Battery

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Cpt T. HEGARTY (24.9.17)

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Sgt THOMPSON

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G. P. file under 17124 A.A. PRINGLE.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU)

55, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

Sgt Thompson

105 Howitzer Battery

A.I.F.

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Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit

17124 A.A.T. Pringle - 105 How: Bat: - K. 29.7.17.

and have been told that you may be able to help us by
supplying some information.

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We should be most grateful for any details you
can send us concerning A.A.T. Pringle but our enquirers
wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so,
whether it was on the Field or in a Soldier's Cemetery,
where the grave would be registered. We should also be
glad if you could add a short description of his personal
appearance or any points that might help to prove his
identity.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY.

- 1) Buried in a Soldiers Cemetery
- 2) Grave at Hockley

Rec: 22.10.17 G.C.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

54, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

Cpl. T. Hegarty

105 Howitzer Battery

A.F.A.

29.9.17

Dear Sir,

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17124 A.A.T. Pringle 105 Howitzer Bty. K.29.7.17

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Yours faithfully,

W. F. Johnson
for Vera Beakin
SECRETARY.

Sgt. G. W. HEGARTY,
104th Battery,
Aust. Field Art.,
B.E.F.

Oct. 23rd, 1917.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for your reply in answer to our enquiry concerning -

17124 Gunner A. A. T. PRINGLE - 105th Howitzer Battery. A. F. A.

The information and details you have supplied will be of much assistance to us, and of value to our enquirers.

It is very kind of you to offer to send us any further ~~particulars or~~ personal details of the late Gunner Pringle, and we shall be very grateful ^{h. 7^m} if you are able to secure them, and forward them to us.

We shall now apply to the Graves Registration and Enquiries and ask them to forward a photograph of the grave to the next of kin.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

J. J.