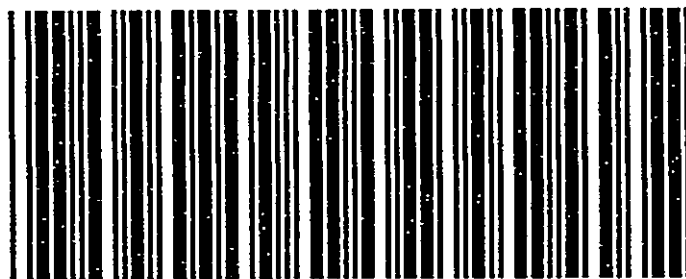


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**2759 Private  
William Schimlick**

**29th Battalion**



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29th Batt,  
A.I.F.

Shimlick,  
W. 2759.

"Missing"  
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Killed in Action 23.3.17

Cert, by A.I.F. Headquarters dated 12.9.17

London 14.9.17

Off M.

29th, Australian Inf.

Shimlick, W. 2759.

M. Mar. 23/17.

" I was away in hospital about Mar. 23rd, & when I came back a week later, the stretcher-bearers went out to look for Pte. Shimlick (39 A.). They only found his respirator with his name on it. They found Jack Lofthouse who was missing at the same time, & buried him. We hope that Shimlick may be a prisoner. This respirator was found in the vicinity of the crater near Beaumetz, by Dick Fox (29 A.) who told me about it. A Co. had been holding the crater on the Suintier Rd., while B Co. were in the village of Beaumetz. The Germans came over on the morning of the 23rd. Mar., & there was a slight retirement for a few hours. Then we counter-attacked & took it back."

Eyewitness:- No. Told by Dick Fox. (29 A.).

Description:- Short, young.

Informant:- Pte. Chas. Tucker, 3365.

29th. A.I.F., A Co., IV Plat.

3rd. Southern Genl. Hosp., Cowley Section, Oxford.

Home address:- WYCHAPROOF, VICTORIA.

29/5/17.

H.M. Pickard-Cambridge.

*Written pte Fox 12.6.17*

29th Battn.  
D. Coy.  
A. I. F.

Shimlick.  
Pte. W. 2759.

"Missing 23.3.17."

I left the line on 18th March (Baumetz) to go to C.C.S. and arrived in England about 4th April. Since being here I have received a letter from the line from Sgt. Cyril Scott of A.Coy 29th Battn. A.I.F. He writes "Amongst others Shimlick was killed by a shell". The reason of Sgt. Scott's letter to me was to inform me of the death of a cousin of mine who was killed at the same time.

Description: Shimlick was medium height, fair, clean shaven. His Christian name was William.

Informant: L/Cpl. Harry Schulze 2992.

A.Coy. 4th Pl.

Home address:

154 Brunswick Road, W. Brunswick.  
Melbourne.

29th Battn. A.I.F.

Henry Constable.

29.5.17.

"I have seen the letter written by Sgt. Scott to informant". H.C.

Note Written Sgt. Scott 7.6.17.

Off.M.

London.

12.6.17.

29th A. I. F.

Shimlick, W. 2759.

(M. March 23rd/17)

"I knew Shimlick well, he was killed on or about March 23rd. The poor fellow lost his head, ran out of the line and was caught by a shell and blown to pieces, in Beaumetz village at the same time and by the same shell as the Captain. They were both killed instantaneously near a big pinetree."

Eye-witness: Practically

Description: "Bill"

Informant: Charles W. MacDougal,  
29th A.I.F.,  
1st Southern General Hospital,  
Dudley Road,  
Birmingham.

*W. J. C. 16*

15th June 1917.  
Arthur V. Blakemore.

29th Battn.  
A. I. F.

Shimlick.  
W. 2759.

"Missing 23.3.17"

I am sorry I cannot help you in your enquiries for Pte. W. Shimlick. I was one of those that went up after them were several missing. But we could not find any trace of Shimlick although we found some who were with him. If I hear anything more I will let you know. His description is height about 5'9" fair, blue eyes.

Letter from:-

Pte. R.F.Fox

A.Coy. 29th Battn.

18.6.17.

London.  
30.7.17.

Off.M.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHOLON.

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Statement made by No.2808 Pte McDougall C.N. 29th Btn

re No.2759 Pte Shimlick W. 29th Btn  
Reported Missing 23.3.17

On or about 23rd March 1917 the Germans made an attack on the village of Bermitz, on the right of Bullecourt, the above named appeared to lose control of himself and ran into where the shell were falling thickest. After the stunt was over, all we could find of him was his haversack with his name on it, which was covered with blood. No trace of anything further could be found of him.

Dated at Codford this 12th day of August 1917.

(Sgd) McDougall. C.N.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) H.R. Weir.

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*GHM*

29th A. I. F..

Shimlick, Pte. W., 2759.

M. March 23rd 1917.

"Shimlick was blown to pieces by a shell near Montauban. I did not see it myself, but Pte. O'Brien, 2nd Section, A.Coy. saw it and could give all details. He is now with the Battalion."

Eye Witness: No, told by Pte. O'Brien, A.Coy.

Description:

Informant:-- Pte. H.H. Llewellyn, 2169,  
29th A.I.F.,  
Duston War Hosp:  
Northampton.

Home address:-- None in England,  
Ward D, Duston.

16.8.17.  
G.MacKinnell.

*Written Re O'Brien 28.8.17* *CH M.*



29th Battery,  
A. Coy,  
A.I.B.

SHIMLICK.  
W. 2759

"Missing 23.3.17."

Refer to Sgt. J. Brady. A. Coy. 29th Battn, who is still in France and who saw him killed at Beau Metz, and who can give all particulars.

Witness. L/Cpl. Drew,  
3784,

29th Battn, A. Coy. 5th Pln,  
5rd A.A. Hospital,  
Dartford.

W. Owen,  
London,  
18.8.17.

Written, Sgt, Brady,  
20.8.17.

Off. M.

Havre

20th August. 1917.

29th AUSTRALIANS

SHIMLICK, W. 2759

M. Mar. 23rd. 1917.

He comes from Victoria and is a Farmer, and worked with his father. I had known him for about 8 months and had him ever since I enlisted. 2759 is his number. He came with the 5th reinforcement of the 29th Battalion. We were in the same Company in the reinforcement, and I was Corpl. in it. I saw Shimlick about the 20th July, 1917 at Perham Down Camp. He was then quite well.

Informant : Pt. V. Ward, B.E. 2786  
29th Australians, B.Co., V.Flt.  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

CMR.

NOTE. The informant would like to have Shimlick's present address.

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29th Batn  
A.I.F.

Shimlick  
W. 2759

"Missing 29.6.17."

Pte. O'Brien 29th Battn A.I.F. called in when over on leave to answer our enquiry to him concerning the above soldier. He said he was not an eye-witness of any casualty as your informant suggested- being in a different section and platoon at that date but I believe Pte. Herd 2nd Platoon A. Coy., 29th Battn could supply some details as he gave evidence at a Court of Enquiry held lately at the Batn for our missing men. Shimlick was missing after our charge on that date and when the Germans went back a day or two later our stretcher bearers went out to try and find our wounded. They could not find Shimlick but came across his gas helmet and his steel helmet the latter bloodstained as his body could not be discovered in any direction, it was believed he had been taken away wounded by the Germans and might be listed later as a Prisoner of War or might have died of wounds in their hands. So far we have heard nothing more in the battn of him. Shimlick was tall fair and cleanshaven I did not know him previously and could not say what was his occupation in civil life."

Informant:-- 2496 Pte. O'Brien.

2 section (Bombers)  
29th Battn A.I.F.

London.  
21.9.17.

Off. H.

7th Batn  
A.I.F.

SHIMLICK  
W. 2759

"Killed in Action 25.3.17."

Re No 2759 Pte. W. Shimlick whom I knew ~~all~~ since when he joined  
out Battn and was in my Platoon when we were attacked near  
Beaumont on 25.3.17. and I am very sorry that I can give you no  
information nothing further than he is among the missing,  
although a few days after the attack we found his gas helmet and steel  
hat both much blood stained. I was with the burial party a week  
afterwards but could find no further trace of him only the belongings  
above stated and sorry I can give no further information.  
He was a lad age 20 to 25 yrs. Fair complexion, and came from  
Bairnsdale District, Victoria.

Letter from:-

Sgt. J. Brady.  
France. 27.8.17.

London.  
8.10.17.

Off. M.

(C) (17-8-47)  
Sgt J BRADY

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29 Batt AIF  
BEF

for

2759 W. SHIMLICK

29 Batt AIF

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2 Section

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W. SHIMLICK

29 Balto AIF

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25.8.17

Sgt Cyril Scott

7.6.17

A Co

29 Battalion

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For

2759. Re W. SHIMLICK

D. Co

29 Battalion

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Ra Dick Fox

A Co

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W. SHIMLICK

29 Balto AIF

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W. R. D.



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P.L.

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27.3.17

To Her

Dear Dad's Editing Enquiry Bureau

I reply to your enquiry of  
No 2759 Re W. Shimlick whom I have since  
learned was Ball & was in my Platoon  
when we were attacked near Remembrance on  
23.3.17 & I am very sorry that I can give  
you no information nothing further than he is  
among the missing although a few days after  
the attack we found his gun & belt  
but lost much blood & still.

I was with the burial party & most unfortunate  
but could find no further trace of him only  
the belongings above stated & sorry I can  
give no further information.

He was a lad age 20 to 25 yrs. fair complexion  
& came from Pointe St Charles, Victoria.

Yours faithfully  
Sgt J. Bradley

CP  
FM 9-7-17  
18.6.17

A Company  
29 Battalion

I am sorry I cannot back you  
in your inquiries for the and  
Chumlick. I was one of those  
who went out after them  
were several missing. But we  
could not find any trace of  
Chumlick although we found  
some who were with them.

If I hear anything more  
will let you know.

After discussion is thought also  
to get a gun in the air when eyes

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W. SHIM LICK

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W. Simon

R. T. Fox

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10th July 1917.

Pte R.F.Fox,  
A.Coy.  
29th Btn, A.I.F..  
B.E.F.

Dear Pte Fox,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our  
enquiry concerning - 2759 W. Shimlick, 29th Btn, A.I.F. and  
for your promise to inform us should you later hear anything  
definite.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary

J.L.



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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

54, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

28.8.17.

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Pte O'Brien  
2 Section  
A. Co  
29 Balth A.I.F. B.E.F.  
Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit  
2759 W. Shumlick 29 Balth A.I.F. missing 23.3.17  
and have been told that you may be able to help us by  
supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you  
could send us concerning W. Shumlick and  
would also be glad if you could add a short description  
of his personal appearance, or any points that would help  
us to prove his identity.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY.