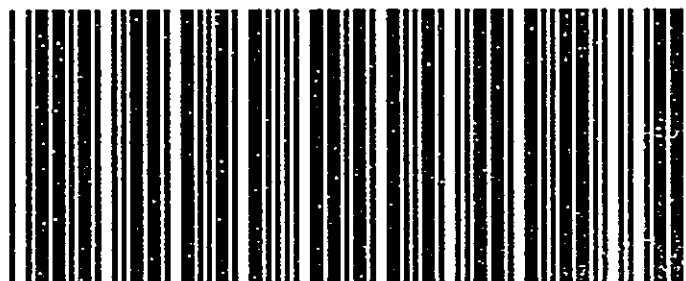


Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**7046 Private
Rupert Harold Langley**

5th Battalion



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5th Batt.
A.I.F.

Langley.
Rupert, Harold, 7046.

"Missing 20.9.17"

Killed in Action 20.9.17 - Previously reported Missing

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters dated 7.11.17

London 12.11.17

P.I. & Off M

5th Battn.
A.I.F.

Langley.
Rupert Harold. 7046

"Missing 20.9.17"

Landed in England February 1917. Late Melbourne with 25 Reinforce-
ments to 5th Battn. Aged about 34 or 35, about 5'9" in height, fair
hair and complexion. Home address- c/o Mrs. Cronan, Maroona, Victoria.

Information given by stepbrother:-

3978 Pte. W.H. King

8th Battn. A.I.F.

(at Verne Citadel
A Group)

London.

5.11.17.

London Office 3.11.17.

Off.M.

Havre

7th Nov. 1917.

53rd AUSTRALIANS

LANGLEY, R.H. 7046

M. 20.7.17.

I knew Pte. R.H. (Bert) Langley of D Co., 13th Pltn., and his number was about as stated. He was about 23 years of age, medium height, and fairly stout, round faced, fair, cleanshaven, single. I was with him when he was killed instantly by a shell at Glencorse Wood on the evening of Sept. 21, 1917 (dusk). I was in the same trench. I left almost immediately with a wound and knew nothing more. I am certain he was dead, and lifted his body off a man who was wounded.

Informant: Pte. T.E. Serrell, 6663
53rd Australians, D Co., 13th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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5th Battn. A. I.F.

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Langley. P.H. 7046. K. Sept. 20. 17.
O'Leary. A.Z. 5414. H. Sept. 20. 17.

"We advanced through Glencorse Wood and had reached our objective at Black Watch Corner Polygon Wood. We were being shelled and I was trying to dig a man out when a high explosive shell fell and partly buried me. When I pushed out I could see three men lying killed and three wounded and Langley and O'Leary whom I had spoken to a few minutes before were never seen again. they must either have been buried or blown to pieces."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Pte H. Burks. 654A,
5th Battn. A.I.F.
Ampton Hospital,
Suffolk.

Home address:
Ashgrove,
Cororooks, Victoria,
Australia.

Nov. 26th. 17.
C.H. Hawkins.

5th A. I. F.

Langley, Pte R.H. 7046,
D. Coy, 13 Pltn

(M. Sept. 20th 1917)

"I was told by Cpl Buckingham of 5th A. I. F., D. Coy, 13th Pltn that he had seen Pte Langley lying dead, badly wounded in the head, and partly buried."

Eya-witness: No, told by Cpl Buckingham, D.Coy, 13 Pltn
A.I.F.

Description: age about 27, well built, clean-shaven,
fair hair, musical

Informant: Pte Stephen Vereker, 6828,
5th A. I. F., D. Coy, 13th Pltn,
Edmonton Hospital,
London.

Home address:
Kyneton,
Victoria,
Australia.

26th Nov. 1917.
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M
24th Nov. P.I.

Havre

1st December. 1917.

5th AUSTRALIANS

LAMBLEY, R.H. 7046

M¹ Sept. 20th. 1917.

He came with me in the 23rd to 5th reinforcement, on the "Hororata". He was a big tall chap, age about 25 years. I saw him lying dead with about 10 others - all killed by one shell, near Glensorse Wood, on 21st September - early morning. He was ~~knocked~~ knocked about a good deal, but quite recognisable. He must have been killed outright; his neck was injured. They were not buried at the time. The bodies were all put on the parapet.

Informant: Waldron, W. 7097

5th Australians, B.Co., VII.Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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5th Bn. R. Coy.
C.I.F.

LAMLEY
R.M. 7045

Killed - 20. 9. 17

Refer to Pte. Travers, 5th Bn. R. Coy. 5th Bn. who is now in France, and who saw him killed at Ypres, and could give full particulars.

Witness:- Sharp, Col. J. H. 7026
5th Bn. R. Coy. 5th Bn.
S. A. A. Hosp.
Bathford.

W. Gans

London
7.1.18

Note:- Written Travers 1.1.18

Off. M.

5th Battn. D.Coy.
Lewis Gun Sec. A.I.F.

LANGLEY.
Pte. R.H. 7046.

"Killed 20.9.17."

I saw him killed he was sitting in a trench with five others who were all killed by a shell had just finished advancing in the 2nd objective of the Polygon Wood stunt and had dug themselves in. I was slightly wounded by the same shell. I then left that sector. I do not know if they were taken up and buried but they were most likely left there as the ground was cut up by shell fire and they were all covered over. He was about 5ft. 8in. solid build dark, age 22, called Bert.

E.T. Carter
London,
14.8.18.

Inf:-

L/Cpl. Buckingham R, 3239.
5th Battn. D.Coy. 1 Comm. Dept.
SUTTON VENY.

M.

5th Btn.

Pte. LANGLEY, R. H.
7046.

Killed in action 20/9/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, well built, medium complexion, about 26 years of age, known as "Bert". He was a 23rd Pte. man of the 5th Battalion and he embarked in the transport "Horatio". Casualty was in the front line trench at Passchendaele. I was 5 yds. away from him when an H.E. shell exploded on the parapet burying Casualty and killing him instantly. He was most severely wounded all over. He was buried just outside the trench near where he fell and I helped to bury him. I was an eye-witness."

Private address:-
15 Murray Street,
Pahran.

Informant:- Pte. J. M. Stephen,
No. 7079, 5th Btn.

T.C.F.
23/8/18.

Time cancelled
14.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

5th Btn.

LARLEY, R.H.
Pte. No. 7046

Killed in action 30/9/17.

"I saw him blown to pieces in the Ypres Stunt. He got too far ahead and got into our own barrage. He was of medium height about 30 years of age."

Informant:- S. McKay
No. 7062, 5th Btn.

M. Thériault

W.F.J.
6/2/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

Inquiry for

1046 Rupert Harold LANGLEY

5 Batt AIF

M. 20.9.17 - HQ

Yellow card

Inquirer N/K. brother

3978 Pte W. L. KING

8 Batt AIF

for a week at

A. Group
Verne Citadel
Portland

discharged

then to

141 Gralton St

Carlton Melb.

Vic.

noted.

If brother is ktd as P.W. - a
cable to Melb. Bureau will reach
his brother as N.Kin. Can we
visit him at Verne if P.W. within a
week.

FM 3.11.17

HOSPITAL 3rd General Hospital Building

Full in exactly as List.	SURNAME Faerber	Christian Name. A W.	Regtl. No. 29077
	SURNAME Patterson	Christian Name. William	Regtl. No. 849

NOTE: In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

STATEMENT (to be taken by)

"I was quite close to Gunner Faerber. Intentionally of a shell" also when he was in bed in a night in a cemetery at Bulga. I was just up. One of the men wrote I think this people. * at our Battery position"

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness?	yes	2. If	
3. Was the ground held or lost?	held	4. If	
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	only surname	6. Was	
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.	not our boy. only cl		
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence	quite intelligent		

PG TRAVERS
W. H. p. m. D. Aug.

5 A. I. F.
B. S. 7.

about

R. H. LANGLEY

D. Aug. 7046

5 A. I. F.

Killed 20.9.14.

Dr.
1.1.18

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