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35270 Gunner
John George Bayliff
10th Field Artillery Brigade



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Havre.

7th. January 1918

10th. Australian. F. A.

Bayliff. G. 35270.

K. August 8/1918 Det. D/B.

I know Gunner Bayliff, 39th. Batty. He had not long joined the Batty. I was about 2 chains from the Gun, when he was killed by shell on August 8th. He lived for about 5 minutes. He was unconscious. He is buried in a military cemetery at Aubignie ? and there was a cross put on the grave.

Inf:- Gunner. T. L. McCourt, 33229
10th. Australian F. A. 39th. Batty,
Australian Conv. Depot.
Bouelles.

HDM.

R.B.

AUST. FLD. ARTY. 10 Bgde.

BAYLIFF, G. 35270.

K. Aug. 8/18. Det. D/B.

Bayliff was in the same Sub. Sect. ("A") of 39 Bty. as myself. He joined us about March and came, I think, from N.S.W. His age would be about 19 or 20 and he was slightly deaf.

He was killed instantaneously by shell fire on 8th August as he was helping to pull out a gun near Morcourt in the Corbie District. I was 100 yards off at the time and later went across and helped to carry his body and that of 3 other men killed by the same shell, 100 yards down the line to a bank which protected the bodies from shell fire. Sergt. Simcock, M.M. 39 Bty. who was still with the Unit when I left it on the 4th December last, was only 15 yards away at the time Bayliff was killed and could give fuller particulars of his death, and more information still could be given by Gnr. Bourke, also of 39 Bty. and still with his Unit, who was smothered from head to foot with the blood of his comrades after the shell burst. Bayliff's body was taken down to the waggon lines at Royal Wood for burial the same night. He was a good fellow, very quiet, and much liked by all.

Reference: Gnr. Findley, 1540,
No. 3 General, ROUEN, 2.1.19.

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L. J.

AUST. FLD. ARTY. 10 Bgde.

BAYLIFF, G. 35270.

K. Aug. 8/18. Det. D/B.

Bayliff was a tall chap and young - not more than 21 or 22. He was rather sandy complexioned.

He was killed by a shell during the afternoon and was taken away to the rear where he was buried by the Hdqrs. Staff. He was properly buried and a cross was put up which I saw afterwards.

Reference: Dvr. R.C. Ecskin, 2032, 10 Bde.

No. 10 General, ROUEN, 14.12.18.

GPO.

Received

J. H.

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A.I.F. 10th Bde. F.A.

BAYLIFF
G. 35278 Gnr.

"Killed 8.8.18."

(G. Bayliff) A. man about 22, fair, 5ft. 8ins. He was in 39th Battery. In a big stunt, 8th August in afternoon. Bayliff was hit by shell whilst Stretcher bearing, carrying other men in of same Battery. Bayliff was hit in position on right of Morecourt; this was at our stop for the day. He was about 200 yards away on top of bank. Shell caught him and a man named S.J. Dutton (2310-) saw what was left of Bayliff. Badly blown up. I did not see him buried.

Informant:- Gr. K.D. White, 31702.
39th Battery,
10th Bde. F.A.
A.S. Ward.
3rd Aust. Aux. Hpl.
Dartford.

R.P.T.
London
3.1.19.
J.E.A.

P.I.

Havre

Aust Field Arty. 10.

13th December 1918.

Bayliff G. 35270.

K. 8th August 1918. Det D/B.

- I did not know him as he had only joined us a few days. He had ginger hair, and was about 23. He was killed by a shell when with the gun team at Ker court, and I think he is buried at Leyhorse.

Inf:- Gunner F. Ellis No. 2863.
A.F.A. ID. 39.
Austra. Conv. Depot.

CWGC

PP.

A.I.F. 10th Brigade.

BAYLIFF

G. 35270.

"Killed 6/6/18."

He was in 39th Battery. Refer to Sgt. Symcock, 39th Battery, 10th Brigade, who is now in France, for he was at the guns at the time of casualty, and will be able to give full details.

Informant:- Dvr. E.H. Llewellyn, 1323,
39th Battery 10th Bde.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. G'Man.
London
28.11.18.
J.F.A.

P. I.

Note:- Written Sgt. Symcock 26.11.18.

Havre.

26th. November 1918.

10th. Australian F. A.

Bayliff, G. 35270.
Dutton, S. J. 2340.

K. August 8/1918. Dets. D/B.

Bayliff I knew well. He came from Western Australia with me in the 27th. reinforcements sailing from Melbourne 9th. November 1917. He was about 19 years old, tall and looked delicate. Dutton, I knew him from being in the Battery. I think he came from New South Wales. He was short and thick set and about 24. About August 8th. we were near Chipilly Wood in action. About noon two Gunners were hit and the Bombardier called up two men to get them in. Bayliff ~~xxxx~~ and Dutton both volunteered and they had just got to them when they were both hit themselves by a shell and killed right out. I was there and saw it. The bodies were buried I think at Tincourt.

Inf:- Driver G. Jacobs, 36169,
10th. Australian F. A. 39th. Batty.
Australian Conv. Camp. Reuelles.

The Inf.- would like the address of Bayliff's people in Australia so that he might call on them, his return there. RRB

A.I.F. 10th P.A.B.
4th Div. A.F.A.

BAYLIF
G. 35270(HQ)
37270

"Any casualty?"

Killed in action 8-8-18 N.F.R.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 10-10-18.

P.I.

London
11-10-18

October 15th, 1918.

57611 Pte. A.G. Baldwin.
S.A.A. Sec.
2nd Divisional Ammunition Column,
Australian Field Artillery.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry for - 35270 not 37270 Pte.
G. BAYLIFF, 10th Field Artillery Brigade, A.I.F. We much
regret to inform you that he was killed in action on 8-8-18.
Should you wish it we should be very pleased to make enquiries
as to the details of his death and burial?

With sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

U. W. T.
Secretary.

30/10/18

37611 Gnr

S. A. A Section

2nd D. A. C.

St. 1 F

France

35270

G. Bayliff

10th F. A. B.

Dear Miss Deakin

Many thanks
for your letter, enquiry after
my best friend, while I was
in Hospital. I had heard
he had been killed, but could
not believe it, but will have
to now. Suppose his time had
come. So will be very pleased
if you could let me know
how he was killed & where
he was buried, so I can
see if he has got a proper
cross over his grave, its the
best I can do for him & his
people, so will close, thanking
you for your trouble

I remain

Your Faithfully

A. G. Baldwin

To

Sgt Symcock

39 Btlr -

107. a. Bgde

a. i. f.

about

35270 Pte G. Bayliff

107. a. Bgde

a. i. f.

K 8. 8. 18

Written 26. 11. 18

MRS

January 3rd, 1918.

A.G. Baldwin,
S.A.I. Sec.
2nd D.A.C.,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for further particulars to the death in action of your friend - Gnr. G. BAYLIFF. 35270 10th F.A.B., 4th Div. A.F.A. We have received the following information from Dvr. Jacobs 36169, 10th F.A.B. "Bayliff I knew

well. He came from Western Australia with me in the 27th Reinforcements sailing from Melbourne 9th November 1917. He was about 19 years old, tall and looked delicate. ~~Dutton, I knew him from being in the Battery. I think he came from New South Wales. He was short and thick set and about 24. About August 8th, we were near Chipilly Wood in Action. About noon two Gunners were hit and the Bombardier called up two men to get them in. Bayliff and Dutton both volunteered and they had just got to them when they were both hit themselves by a shell and ~~right~~ killed sight out. I was there and saw it. The bodies were buried I think at Fincourt."~~

Gnr. F. Ellis, 2863, 10th F.A.B. stated "I did not know him as he had only joined us a few days. He had ginger hair and was about 23. He was killed by a shell when with the gun team at Morcourt and I think he is buried at Dayhorse."

We regret that these reports should be so contradictory but hope soon to have further news to send you.

Yours faithfully,

(Kiss)

M. G.
Secretary.

17th January 1919.

37611 Gnr. A.G. Baldwin,
S.A.A. Section
2nd Div: Ammunition Column
Aust. Imp. Forces,
E.E.F.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for - 35270 Gnr. G. Bayliff, 10th Aust. Field Art. Brigade, we beg to inform you of the following unofficial reports which we have received about him from men in his unit.

1540 Gnr. Findley, stated that he was killed instantly by shell fire on Aug. 8th, as he was helping to pull out a gun near Morcourt in the Corbie District. Our informant helped to carry his body to a bank and later he was taken down to the waggon lines at Royal Wood for burial the same night. Gnr. Findley added - "He was a good fellow, very quiet and much liked by all".

31702 Gnr. K.D. White stated that Gnr. Bayliff was killed by a shell at Morcourt whilst carrying in wounded men of the same battery.

These reports are confirmed by two other men, 33229 Gnr. T.L. McCourt, who stated that he was buried in a military cemetery at Aubignie (?) a cross being erected over his grave and 2302 Dvr. Hoskin who stated that he was buried by the headquarters staff and a cross was erected which he saw later.

We trust the above reports may be of value to you and will advise you should further particulars reach us,

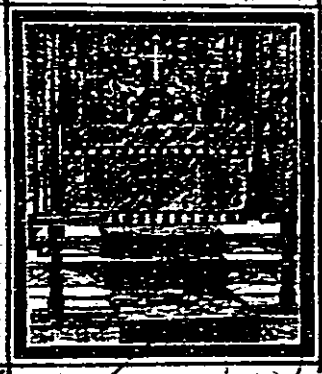
Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

J. S.

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FOR SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY CHURCH

(C. OF E.)

A.I.F. BASE DEPOTS.

6/10/18

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Sir.

could you let me know
if Gnr G. Bayliff 37270 of the
4th Division AFA of the AIF
has been killed or wounded

37611 Gnr A. G. Baldwin
S. A. C. Section
2nd D. B. C.
A. I. F.
France.