

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
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3061 Private
Harry Bean
Hargreaves

26th Battalion



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6th March. 1917.

26th Batt. AUSTRALIANS.

MARGREAVES, A. B. 3061

8. Aug. 5th. 1916.

Sgt. Arthur, A.I.F. of A. Co. was with Margreaves in the charge at Pozieres, and is positive he saw him bayoneted when they got near the German trenches, he would not swear to it, as he was so excited at the moment, but he feels no doubt of it in his own mind. The attack was the second one of the 2nd Division at Pozieres.

Informant: Sgt. Major V. Mansley, 3060

26th Batt., A. Co.

A.I.F.

H.Q. "GRANTLEY CASTLE"

RGF.

P. I.
13.3.17

Written Sgt Arthur 13.3.17

A.I.F.
26th. Battn.

HARGREAVES.
Pte. H.B. 3061.

Missing 5.8.16.

About 3061 Private H.B. Hargreaves, 26th. Battalion, A.I.F. He was a member of my platoon and on the morning of the 5th. August 1916 our Battalion made a charge at Pozieres and the last I saw of the poor chap was in (No Man's Land) we were on the move and I was very close him when a shell burst and he got hit, I dont know for sure whether he was only wounded or killed, heard of him since, I am almost sure it was impossible for him to be taken prisoner in that charge. As far as I can make out Pte. Hargreaves was a man about 10 stone in weight, height about 5ft. 5", sharp features, eyes blue, hair dark brown. I think this is all the information I can give you at present.

Cert by letter from.

Pte. Sgt. P.A. Arthur, 5,
26th. Battalion.
15th. April. 1917.

London.
24.4.17.

Off. H.
P. 1.

A.I.F. 26th Btn A.Coy.

HARGREAVES
Harry Bean 3061

"MISSING"

Killed in Action 5-8-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 31-7-17.

London
7-8-17

OFF. M. &
P. I.

26th Battn.

HARGREAVES,
H.B. No. 3061

K. 5th August 1916

I knew H.B. HARGREAVES well. I was in camp with him in Australia and came away with him in the 7th Rein. of the 26th Battn. A lot of that reinforcement never joined the 26th Battn. but were sent to the 48th Battn? and Hargreaves was amongst them. I heard that he was killed with the 48th battn. I am positive that he never joined the 26th Battn.

Informant:- L/Cpl. Wallace,
26th Battn.

Private Address:- Herbert Rivers,
Ingham, Queensland

P. OHSIF,
H.E.A.T. "Yoiranga"
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A.I.F.
25th. Battalion.

A Coy

HARGREAVES, 3061.
Harry Bean.

"Killed in Action 6.8.16".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
20.10.19.

Off. R. P.I.

21st February

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Lieut. Rowe.
Enquiry Dept. for Wounded & Missing.
2nd Northern General Hospital.
Leeds.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your inquiry on behalf of Mrs Hargreaves. There was some confusion about the name at first as from your card we understood the inquiry was for Pte. Harry Bean.

The name and address however, read as follows we find:-

No. 3061. Pte. Harry Bean Hargreaves, A. Company. 26th
Battalion. A.I.F.

Up to the present we have been unable to obtain any further news than the official report of "Missing 5.8.16."

We are continuing our enquiries and shall advise you immediately any information comes to hand.

Yours faithfully,

Juss Cain

Secretary.

21st March 1917.

Lieut. Rowe,
Enquiry Department for Wounded & Missing.
2nd Northern General Hospital.
Leeds.

Dear Sir,

In the course of our inquiries for No1 5061. Pte. H. B. Hargreaves, 26th Battalion A.I.F. we have received an unofficial report from 5060. Sgt. Major Bensley, 26th Battn. who was on a hospital ship when he gave it.

He was told by Sgt. P.A. Arthur of A. Company that he ~~saw~~ thinks that he saw Pte. Hargreaves killed near the German trenches at Pozieres. during the second attack of the Second Division.

We have written to Sgt. Arthur for confirmation of this report and will advise you of his reply.

Yours faithfully,

V. W.

P. C. A. W.
Secretary.

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3061 H.B. HARGREAVES, Word 5 St.
M. 5.8.16.

13 April 1917

26 Bde AF 2nd War Hospital.
Northfield.
Birmingham.

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P. 14

"The Secretary"
Wounded & Missing,
Inquiry Bureau,
Australian Red Cross Society.

I have just received your
letter of the 15 March making inquiries about
3061 Pte H. B. Hargreaves 26th Battalion A.I.F.

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height about 5 feet 6 ins, sharp features, eyes blue,
hair dark Brown. I think this is all the
information I can give at present. your faithfully,
With the best of luck.

J. D. Arthur.
No 5 Coy 26th Battalion

1st May 1917.

Lieut. Rowe.
Enquiry Bureau for Wounded & Missing.
2nd Northern General Hospital.
Leeds.

Dear Sir,

We regret to advise you of the receipt of further unofficial information from a man of his unit about No. 5061. Pte. E.B. Hargreaves, 26th Batta. A.I.F.

Informant - No. 5 Sgt. P.A. Arthur, 26th Batta. A.I.F. who on April 17th. was in Ward 5A. 2nd War Hospital, Birmingham, says that he last saw Pte. Hargreaves in No Man's Land when he was hit by a shell explosion during the charge. He fears that he was killed as it was impossible for him to be taken prisoner.

He describes him as about 5ft. 6" in height and 10 stone in weight, with sharp features, blue eyes and dark brown hair.

We are pursuing further inquiries and will advise you of any other information that we receive.

Hoping that these details will be of some use.

Yours faithfully,

V.B.

Secretary.

K.A.W.

A.I.F. 26th Gen A. Coy.

HARGREAVES
Harry Bean 3061

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London
7-8-17

T.C.D.

OFF. H. &
P.I.

Lt. Rowe

Eng. Dept. W. M.

11.8.17. 2nd N. Sec. Hpl
Leeds