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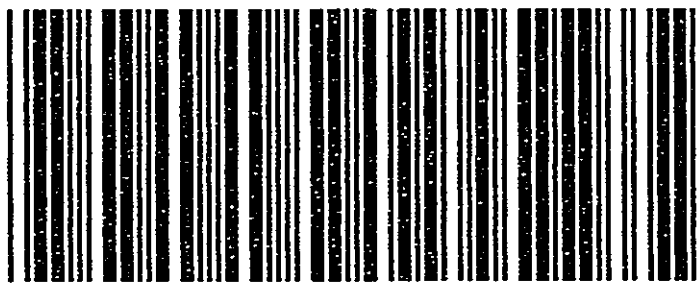
9867 Private
John Mitchell Buzza

11th Battalion



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11th Btm.
late A.S.C.

q BUZZA
John Mitchell 9867

"Milledin Action 7.10.17"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London
21.10.19.

11th.Battalion. A.I.F.

Buza.J.M.No.9867.

K.Oct.7/17.Det.D./B.

He was attached to H.Quarters as a runner,and was in a dug out with six signallers when a shell landed on the dug out blowing it right in,killing everyone inside.We clearad the dug out out and recovered the six bodies and buried them in a grave close by. I did not see a cross erected,but I think there was a temporary mark erecteden the grave. I only knew him in the company.

Description. Height. 5-7.Comp.Dark.Medium Build.

Witness. Evans.D.T.Pte, No.6506. 11th.Battalion Pioneers.
S.Whitmee,
No.4.C.D.
Hurdcott.

Taken at
No.4.C.D.
7-2-18.
S.W.

A.I.F. 11.

BUZA, J.M. 9867.

K. Oct 7th 1917. Dets.

I believe Buza was blown to pieces at Broonseinde. I saw nothing of this but I have seen a cross with his name on it erected on the field, near two others for Major Steel and Lieut Cook, Battn Signalling officer. Buza joined us last May and was in A.II.

Inf: Pte W.James. 6779. A.I.
No. 2 Aust Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE? 6.2.18.

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11th Battn.
A.Coy,
A.I.F.

BUZZA,
J.M. 9867

"Killed 7.10.17."

I did not see the casualty, but refer to Sgt.W.Beck, 11th Htr who is now in France, he can give full details, I believe, from what I heard, that he was in a pill box at Broodseinde, which was struck by a shell, and which killed him instantly. He and several others were killed by the same shell, including Lt.Cook from Kalgoorlie, signalling officer, 11th Battn Hd Qrs, and also Major Steele. I knew Buzza very well, he was a runner at the time of casualty, and was attached to Hd Qrs. Sgt.Beck will be able to give details of burial also.

Informant:- Pte.R.MaKinnon, 6701,
11th Battn,A.Coy, 2 pltn,
3.A.A.H.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
27.2.18. Written Sgt Beck 26.2.18 P.
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11th Battn.
A.Coy. 2nd Pltn.
A.I.F.

Buzza
J.M. 9867

"Killed 7.10.17"

Refer to Pte.T.James 7010 A.Coy. 11th Battn. who is now in France, he saw him killed at Broodseinde and can give full details of casualty. Refer also to Cpl.W.Williamson 1st Pltn - A.Coy. 11th Battn who is now in France, and who was in charge of the party at the time of casualty and can too give full details.

Informant:- Pte.W.James6779.
11th Battn.A.Coy. 1st Pltn.
3rd A.A.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
4.3.18. P.

11th Battn.
A.I.F.

Buzza
J.M. 9867

"Killed 7.10.17"

We were both Battn. runners. I was at H.Qrs. on duty about 20 yards away when he with 7 others was blown up in a dug out. It was at Broodseinde Ridge. I helped to get them out. Lieut.Leonard Cook was among them. The Pioneers buried all the privates in one grave with their crosses on it, near by.Lieut.Cook and Major Steel's graves are close by. I have seen themall.

Informant:- J.G.McInery 6545
11th Battn.
Southall.

L.P.J.

London.
4.3.18.

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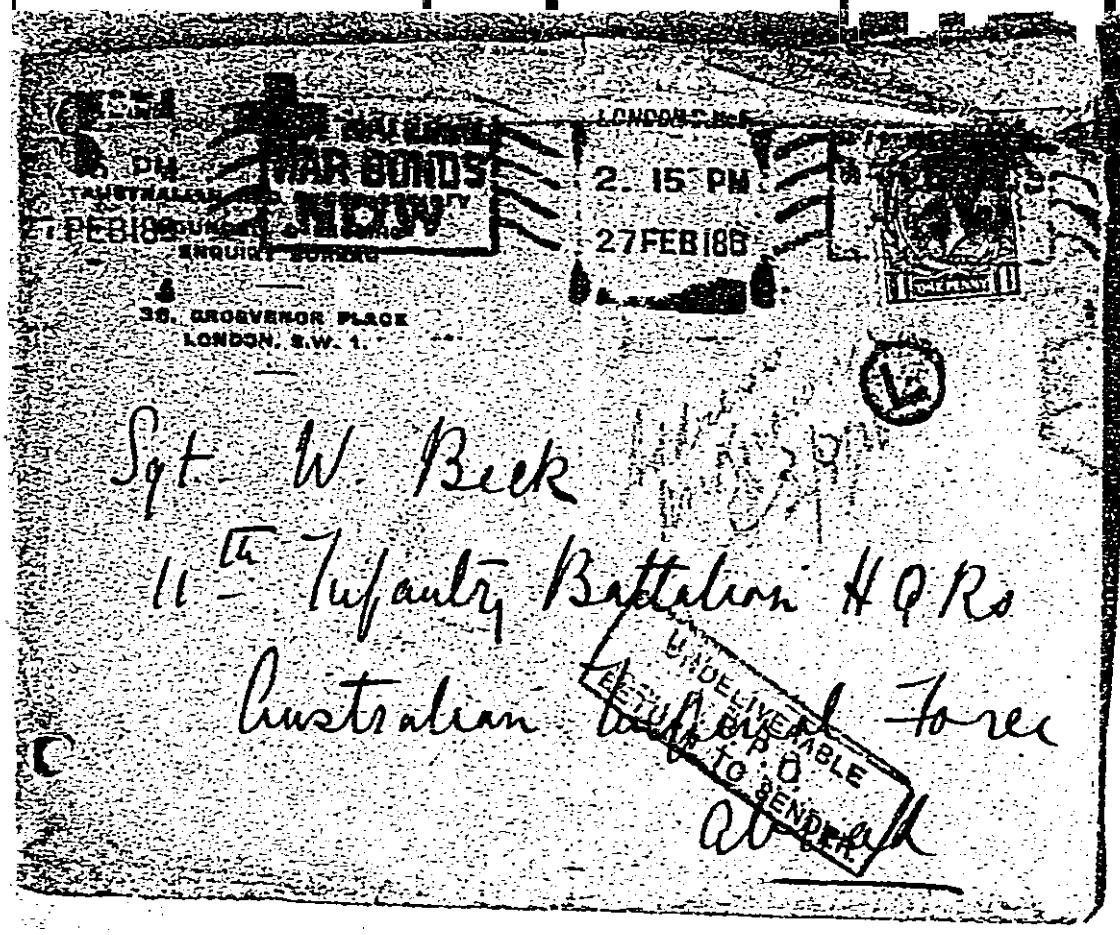

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11th Infantry Battalion HQRs
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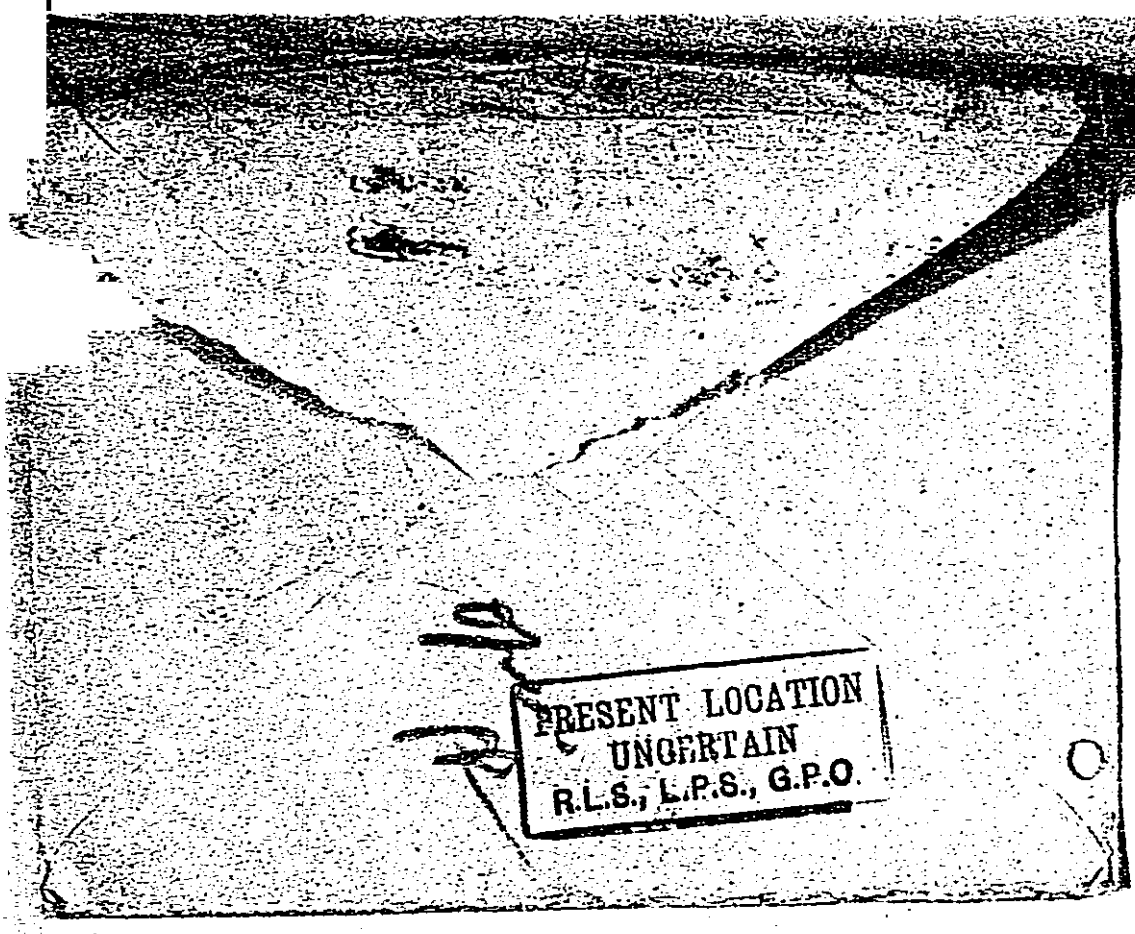
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Sgt. W. Beck
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Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit

9867 Pte. J. M. Buzza A Coy. 11th Batln.
K. 7-10-17 a.1.7.

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 can send us concerning Pte. J. M. Buzza 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 would 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.

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identificationof the soldier about whom you are writing.