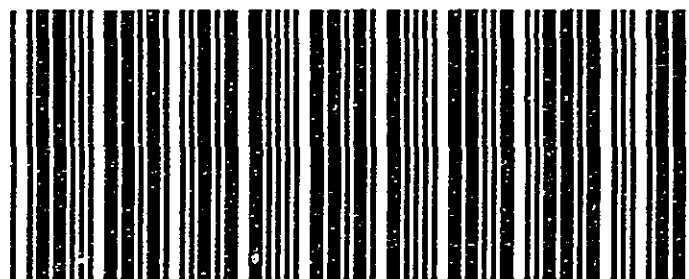


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4664 Private
Charles Attridge

26th Battalion



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26th Batt.
A.I.F.,

AMM REDGE
C. 4864

"Evacuated sick 16.11.16"

In regard to 400. Pte C. Attridge I regret that our records only show him as evacuated on Nov. 16th. But I think he would have gone to either 5th 6th or 7th Field Ambulance, A.I.F.,

^{ad. for}
Cert. by letter from the Officer Commanding,
26th Batt. A.I.F.,
France,
16.2.17.

London
6.3.17.

P. I.

A.I.F. 26th Batta
C.Coy.

ATTRIDGE
Chas 4664
not 4654.

Missing

Missing 16-11-16
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 29-5-17.

London
2-4-17

OFF.M. & P.I.

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

ATTRIDGE
Chas. 4664

Missing 16-11-16"

Killed in Action 16-11-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 6-4-17.

London
12-4-17

OFF.M. &
P.I.

26th A. I. F.,

Attridge, C., 4664,
C. Coy., II Pltn.,

K in a
~~Sick and Uneff:~~ M. Nov. 16th 1916.

Informant states that on Nov. 14th 1916 at Bapaume Attridge was blown to pieces with a shell. Informant was wounded at the same time and was told by friends on his return from Hospital, Attridge was a chum and joined at the same time.

Eye Witness:

Description: Nickname "Charley."

Informant:-- Pte. C. Pask, 4766,
26th A. I. F., C. Coy., II Pltn.,
Southwark Military Hosp:
E. Dulwich Grove, S.E.

Home address:-- Lemnos,
Ravenswood, Queensland.

16.4.17.
F.A. Burland.

*P. I.
W. J. M.*

26th Battr.

A. I. F.

~~6th Aust. Field Amb.~~

ATTRIDGE
Pte C 4664

"Missing 16.11.16"

We have no trace of No 4664 Pte Attridge C. passing through our
books.

Cert. by letter from The Officer Commanding,
6th Aust. Field Amb.
S.E.
9.4.17.

London
17.4.17.

Off. M.
P. I.

26th Batt.
A.I.F.,

ATKINSON
Pte C

4664

"Missing 16.11.16"

Reference to your enquiry of 5th instant respecting No 4664 Pte C
Atkinson of 26th Batt. A.I.F., I regret that as all our records
covering this period have been sent to Base I am unable to give you
any further information regarding this soldier.

Cert. by letter from The Officer Commanding,
5th Austral. Field. Amb.
A.I.F.
8.11.17.

London
17.11.17.

Off.M.
P I.

A.I.F. 20th Letter
Det 702 Inf. Reg. and Div
C. Log.

Atkinson
4664

Admitted from unit 17-11-16 - sick
to "I. I. I."

Admitted Hospital Base 18-11-16 - sick
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 18-1-17

to Hospital - sick leave - 18-11-16
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 18-1-17

to Ill. and from 18-11-16 - present whereabouts
unknown. No admittance to Hospital received
Cert. by letter from Home 3-1-17.

London
7-1-17.

P.I.

A.I.F. 26th Battn.

ATTRIDGE.
PTE. CHAS. 4664.

TO FD.AMB. SICK 16.11.16.

I have to inform you that we have no record in our books of Pte. Attridge passing through this Ambulance.

Cert. By letter from Lt. Col.
C.C. 7th. Australian Field Amb.
24.3.17.

NOTE Written O.C. 5 F.A.)
O.C. 6 F.A.) 28.3.17.

London.
4.4.17.

P.I.

26th Batt.
A.I.F.,

ATTRIDGE
C. 4664

"K. in A. 16.11.16"

Informant states that on Nov. 16th at Elers. Attridge was killed during an attack by a high explosive shell, he was a personal friend of Informant's, he did not see him killed, nor can he give the name of anyone who died, he says Attridge's friends live in London, but he does not know their address or he would have written to them.

Attridge's name was Charlie

Reference- Pte McCormick 4762

Home address:
42 George Street,
Blackburn, Lancs.

26th Batt. A.I.F.,
Kitchener's Hospital,
Brighton.

London
3.3.17.
A.M. Day

Informant - intelligent

OFFICER
P.I.

Havre

17th Sept. 1917.

26th AUSTRALIANS

ATTRIDGE, C, 4664 C Co.

X. 16.11.16. Det. D/B.

I knew him well. He was in A Co. We came over in the same Reinforcements. He went to Australia shortly before the war, and I think came from somewhere near London. He was about 20 years of age, tall, medium built, fair. I don't know of any other of the same name in his Company. His christian name is Charles. I don't know the number. We were entrenched at Piers about the 15th Nov. 1916 and Attridge was killed by a shell. I don't know where he was buried. It was too wet and muddy at that time to take him away, and I think the men were buried close to where they fell. I went round last May to see if I could find his grave, but was unable to do so.

Informant: Corpl. C.S. Smors, 4718
26th Australians, B Co., 8th Bn.,
Havre Hospital.

L de D.

26th A.I.F. C. Co.

ATTRIDGE C. No. 4664.

X. 16th November 1916.

He was killed at Piers on the 14th November 1916 by shell fire. There was no chance of burial. I knew him well, his people live in London. He belonged to the same, 12th Reinforcements, as me and some of them told me about it.

Inf:- Gunner Sims No. 4787.
7th M.C.C. A.I.F. (late 6th Bn).
Amb. St. Ville de Diego.
Calais. 11.X.17. RAK.

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20 JAN 1917
CARLTON HOUSE

Sent card
24/1/17

84 Warwick Road
Stratford Ex.

18/1/17

To the British Red Cross So:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I should be very grateful to you, if you could assist me in tracing my son,

4664 Pte Chas Attridge 26th Batt
7th Infantry Brigade 2nd Div: C Company
Australian Imperial Force France.

I have received a letter from his Commanding Officer, to say, that he was evacuated from his unit on the 16th of November 1916: Sick, to the field Ambulance,

I have also made several inquiries at their Headquarters at Horseferry Rd London, and cannot get any news whatever, trusting you will kindly oblige

Yours Truly

W. M. E. Attridge.

8th February

-7.

The Adjutant,
26th Australian Infantry Battalion.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by his mother in England to trace her son No. 4064, Pte. G. Stridge, 26th Bn. A.I.F. who is reported at Head Quarters and 3rd Echelon as having been evacuated to hospital from his unit on Nov. 16th. Rouen reports that he was sent to a Field Ambulance from his unit on Nov. 16th. and they have no record of his admission to hospital.

His mother is naturally greatly worried about her son and we would be most grateful if you will tell us where he was sent.

With apologies for troubling you.

Yours faithfully,

V.B

Secretary.
K.Aw

12th February

-7.

Mrs M. E. Attridge,
84, Warwick Road,
Stratford.

Dear Madam,

We have made inquiries at A.I.F. Head Quarters and in France about your son No. 4664, Pte. C. Attridge, 26th Batta. A.I.F. and we regret to inform you that we can get no further information about him. We learn from Rouen that he was sent to a field Ambulance from his unit on Nov. 16th. and his present whereabouts are unknown. They have had no record of his admission to hospital.

We have written to the Adjutant of the 26th Batta. and hope to hear something more definite from him.

We shall at once advise you of his reply as we fully understand your great anxiety.

With Sincere Sympathy
Yours faithfully,

Geo. Beakins

Secretary. des P.M. for C.A.W.

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Australian Branch
British Red Cross Society

In reply
to your letter of 9 February
1917 in regard to NO 4664 Pte
C. Atteridge, I regret that our
records only show him as
evacuated on Nov 16th. But
I think he would have gone
in either 5th, 5th or 7th Field
Ambulance A.I.F.

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W. J. Morrison Capt
Adjt
26th Bn

4664 C. Atteridge

Evacuated sick 26th Bn A.I.F.

16.11.16

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2nd March

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The Adjutant,
26th Battn. A.I.F.
E. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you for your letter of Feb:
& 16th in answer to our enquiry for 2664 Pte. C.
Attridge 26th Battn. A.I.F.

Yours faithfully,

H.D.
Secretary. *J.H.*

9th March, 1917.

Dear Sir,

We are trying to trace -

No.4664 Pte. Chas. ATTRIDGE 26th Battalion A.I.F.

and the latest information we can get about him is that he was evacuated sick to a Field Ambulance on the 16th November.

His mother has not heard of since before that date and we were wondering if you would have any record of his having been in your Ambulance. We know it is rather late to be enquiring about him, but we have always expected him to turn up in Hospital.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

P.A. for J. G. H.

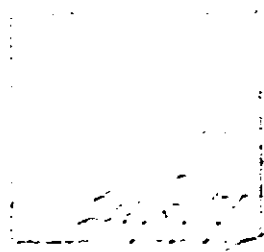
The O.C.,
7th Field Ambulance,
B. E. F.

SECRETARY.

*Write
FM 28.3.17*

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
54 Victoria Street,
LONDON S.W.

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27 MAR 1917



// In reply to your letter of 9th. inst. relative to No.
4664, Pte. ATTRIDGE, 26th. Battalion, A.I.F.,- I have to inform you
that we have no record in our books of Pte. ATTRIDGE passing through
this Ambulance.

James Blair

Lt. Col.
O.C. 7th. Australian Field Ambce.

4664 Pte. ATTRIDGE

To FAmb: Sick 16.11.16

26 Batt^y AIF

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note written O.C. 5 F.A. } 28.3.17
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5rd April 1917.

The Commanding Officer,
7th Australian Field Ambulance.
E. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you very much for your letter of March
24th. in answer to our enquiry for:-

No. 4664. Pte. Chas. Attridge. 26th Battn. A.I.F.

Yours faithfully,

V. D.

Secretary.

per BP

Mrs M. B. ATTRIDGE?
64 Warwick Road.
Stratford.

Dear Madam,

Referring to your inquiry for your son No. 4664.
Pte. C. Attridge, 26th Battalion. A.I.F. we regret to inform
you that we have received a letter from the adjutant of the
Battalion which unfortunately contains no further news.

He knows nothing beyond the fact that Pte. Attridge was
evacuated from the unit on Nov. 19th. He suggests that
he may have gone either to the 5th, 3th or 6th Australian
Field Ambulance.

We have written to the C.C. of the 7th Field Ambulance
hoping to trace your son and will advise you of his reply.

With sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

V. B.

Secretary.
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3rd April 1917.

The Commanding Officer,
6th Australian Field Ambulance.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by his mother to make enquiries for
Co. 4664. Pte. C. Attridge, 26th Battn. A.I.F.
reported evacuated sick 16.11.16. and have been informed by the
Adjutant of the 26th Battn. (to whom we had written after repeated
enquiries at A.I.F. Head Quarters and Rouen had failed to procure
information) that their records only showed his evacuation on that
date, but he would have gone either to the 5th, 6th, or 7th, Field
Ambulance.

We have received word from the O.C. of the 5th Field Amb. that
they have no record in their books of Pte. Attridge having passed
through, and would be very grateful if you could tell us whether you
have any trace of 4664. Pte. C. Attridge, 26th Battn. having passed
through your Amb. since 16.11.16. as we are anxious to obtain some
information for his mother.

With apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipat
ion.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.
Secretary. *per Bk.*

3rd April 1917.

The Commanding Officer,
5th Australian Field Ambulance.
B. E. F.

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Yours faithfully,

V. D. Secretary. M. B. P.

To

4.4.14

Mr. M. E. Attridge
84 Warwick Rd
Stratford
Essex

Dear Madam. In reference to your inquiry for 4664 P/O Charles Attridge 26th Batta. I.F. we are very sorry to say that as yet we have had further information of his than that he is officially certified as missing on 16.11.16 by the C.I.F. Headquarters 29314.

We fully ^{realise} appreciate how undesirable this must be for you and are doing our best to obtain more information.

With deep sympathy for your anxiety
Yrs ff4

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~~Gooding, C.~~

Hayman, G. L. 3.

McClelland, Cpl. H. 23
12th Bn.)

McManus, S. P. 3394. (Late 6 Bn.)

Mason, E. C. 3078.

Massy, J. 1712. (Late 25 Bn.)

Miller, H. A. 2897.

B. Munro, L. Cpl. Geo. 1159.

B. Rymor, 3236.

Sellers, H. 4597. (Late 6 Bn.)

Weir, W. 3451.

Winton, P. 3484.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS.

*Bourke, W. J. 2112.

A.M. †Boxshall, 22576. 2 5 7 6

*Fogarty, S. J. 2625.

Henry, W. 4216.

*Mainfield, A. 2054.

Milliken, J. R. 1971.

*Mitchell, A. 1146.

*O'Donohue, Sapper, N. J. T. 1769.

*Osborn, J. G. 3566.

Peart, E. L. 2112.

Rau, E. J. 2012.

*Sim, Sapper A. 2802.

A. Thomas, E. 3660.

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5th. Aust. Field Amblice.

From O/c 5th. Aust. Field Amblice.,

To Secretary,
Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau,
Australian Red Cross Society,
54, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.,

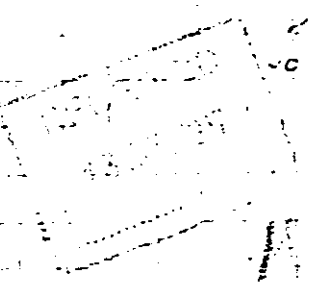
Dear Madam,

Reference to your enquiry of 3rd instant.
respecting No. 4664 Pte. C. ATTRIDGE of 26th Bn.
A.I.F., I regret that as all our records covering
this period have been sent to Base I am unable
to give you any further information regarding
this soldier.

5th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE
No.
DATE 8/4/17.

J. Phillips Lt. Col.
O/c 5th Aust. Field Amblice.

Comd. Q.C. 6th Aust Field Ambulance



Secretary
United Red Cross Society
London

Personnel attached en route

We have no trace of Mr. H. W.

P. H. TRIDGE C. passing through
our hands

W. H. [unclear] [unclear]
Q.C. 6th Aust Field Amb.

6TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.	
No.	1121
Date	6. 4. 1918

6/4/18

14th April 1917.

No. 4664, Pte. Charles Attridge, 26th Battn.

Prev. Rep. Missing on 16.11.16.

now killed in action

Madam,

draft 2.

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Mrs M. E. Attridge,
84 Warwick Rd.
Stratford.
Essex.

18/4/17.

St. Marciest Hill
Pomford Hill
Stratford. E

To The Secretary

Dear Madam

Just a line to thank
you very much for all you
have done for me, in trying to
trace my late dear son, 4664
The Attridge, 26th Dist. A.I.F. also for
your kind words of sympathy.

Yours Very Gratefully

Mrs M. E. Attridge

19th April 1917.

Mrs M.E. Attridge,
84 Warwick Road,
Stratford,
Essex.

Dear Madam,

We beg to forward the replies we have received from the Officers Commanding 5th & 6th Australian Field Ambulances, respectively, in answer to our enquiries for details concerning the death of your son.

O.C. 5th. Austrn. Field Amb. states:-

" We have no trace of 4664. Pte. C. Attridge passing through
" our books."

O.C. 5th Austrn. Field Amb. writes:-

" Reference to your enquiry ~~of~~ 3rd inst., respecting 4664.
" Pte. C. Attridge, 26th Batta. A.I.F. I regret that as all
" our records covering this period have been sent to the
" Base I am unable to give you any further information
" regarding this soldier."

We are continuing our enquiries and hope to obtain particulars of your son's death. When information comes to hand we shall at once advise you.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

V. D.

Secretary

MR per G.C.

21st April

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Mrs H.E. Attridge,
84 Warwick Road,
Stratford,
Essex.

Dear Madam,

We beg to state that an unofficial report has just come to hand concerning the death of your son: 4664 Pte C Attridge, 26th Battalion A.I.F. One of his comrades 4766 Pte C Pask, who is now in Southwark Military Hospital, Dulwich Grove, S.E. states that on Nov. 14th 1916 at Bapaume Pte Attridge was killed instantly by a shell; witness was wounded at the same time and was told by friends on his return from hospital. Attridge was a friend of his who joined at the same time. He adds that Attridge was known as "Charley"

We trust that it will be some comfort to you to know that your son was killed outright.

If we receive any further news we shall advise you.

Yours faithfully,

J. D.

Secretary.

R. J. D.

Stan Craig

25th April 1917.

Mrs Attridge.
84 Warwick Road.
Stratford.
Essex.

Dear Madam,

We have to-day received a letter from a friend of your sons 4661. Pte. G. Attridge, 56th Batta. and he asks us to let you know his address "As Charlie will have told them all about me". It is:-

No. 4429. Pte. W. R. Waterdon, 6th Field Ambulance A.I.F.
B.E.F.

He says he and Charlie were the best of friends in Australia and he wants to do what he can to help you.

Yours faithfully,

MR per W.J.

Secretary.

26th April 1917.

No. 4429. Pte. W.R. Waterston,
6th Field Ambulance.
A.E.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have much pleasure in giving you the address of
Mrs Attridge, it is:-

84 Warwick Rd.
Stratford.
Essex.

We should be glad if you will help us to trace her son 4664.
Pte. Charles Attridge, 26th Batta. for her. He is now
unfortunately reported "Killed in Action 16.11.16." We have
never been able to trace him as passing through the 5th, 6th or
7th Field Ambulances. The only unofficial evidence we have
obtained is from 4766. Pte. C. Pask, 26th Batta. and he states
that Attridge was blown to pieces by a shell. So you see she is
still in suspense about her son's fate.

With best wishes for your own safety.

Yours faithfully,

MR PER W.J.

Secretary.

5th May 1917.

Mrs H. E. Attridge,
81 Warwick Road,
Stratford. E.

Dear Madam,

Unofficial details are now to hand of the death of your son No. 4664. Pte. C. Attridge, 26th Battn. A.I.F. and we hasten to forward them to you.

No. 4752. Pte. Mc Cornick, 26th Battn. A.I.F. who was in the Kitchener's Hospital, Brighton, reports that on Nov. 16th your son who was called Charlie, was killed by a high explosive shell during an attack at Flers. Unfortunately he can find no trace of any one who saw Pte. Attridge killed, although he has made all possible inquiries .

They were personal friends and he would have written to you had he known your address.

We are sending you the latest address that we have for him so that you may yourself communicate with him. He gives as his home address, 42 George St. Blackburn, Lancashire.

Further inquiries are being made and we shall forward to you any details that we receive as we fully realise your great anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

V.O.
Secretary.
A.B.W.

October 9th, 1917.

Mrs. M.E. Attridge,
64, Warwick Rd.,
Stratford, Essex.

Dear Madam,

In further answer to your inquiry for

No 4564 Pte. C. Attridge,
25th Battalion,
A.I.F.

We regret to tell you that we have received another unofficial report about him from a man of the same unit who was in hospital in France.

Informant - No. 4718 Cpl. C.S. Moore, who knew your son well stated that when they entrenched at Fiers about Nov. 13th, 1916, your son was killed instantly by a shell and he is not certain where he was buried although he thinks that it was close to where he fell. He endeavored to find his grave a few months ago but was not successful."

Cpl. Moore who describes your son as tall, fair and 20 years of age says that he went to Australia shortly before war broke out.

We very much regret that we have obtained so little

definite information about your son and trust that we shall still be successful. As soon as we hear further news you may rest assured that we shall advise you immediately.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

L. W.

SECRETARY.

November 16th. 1917.

Mrs. H. B. Attridge,
84, Warwick Road,
Sturford,
Essex.

Dear Madam,

We beg to forward a further unofficial report that has come to hand concerning the death of your son 4664, Pte. C. Attridge 26th. Batta. A.I.F.

4727, Gunner Sims says he knew your son well. He was killed at Fleurbaey on Nov. 14th. 1916 by shell fire.

Informant does not think that there was any chance that he was buried.

If any further details should come to hand we shall advise you.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Craig.

Secretary.

LETTER



CARD

8 OCT 1914



Secretary of Australian Red Cross.
36 Grosvenor Place
S. W. I

10:10:19
St. Oswalds Rd
Stratford 615.
Oct 8th 19.
Secretary of Australian
Red Cross Society
36 Grosvenor Place
S. W. I.

Dear Miss Whyfrow

I thank you for your
letter received this morning. I
referring to my late son "4664" Capt
Arriage 26th Battalion A. I. F. I
should be glad if you could give me
the fullest details of how my son
met his end, when & where, also
should be glad to have any of his
personal belongings that may have
been recovered.

Further
details
please
Thanking you for same
yours truly
Mrs Arriage

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(B.R.C.S.)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No. 6908

Date

May 21 1918

Regimental Details of
Soldier enquired about.

No. 4587
Pte. G. E. Jones,
11th Battalion.

Details of Casualty.

Wounded

Information wanted.

Location & Condition

7/15/19.

Final Draft to

The H. E. Armitage

84 Warwick Rd.

Stratford

Conn.

about

4664 C. Armitage

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Mrs. Attridge,
84, Warwick Rd.
Stratford E.15.

October 10th. 1919.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter of 3th. October concerning 4664
Pte. Charles Attridge, 26th. Battalion, A.I.F., we beg to inform you
that we are forwarding your address to our office in 325, Collins St
Melbourne, Australia, and if any further information is received
(which we fear is unlikely) you will be advised.

For information concerning personal effects applications
should be made to the A.I.F. Kit Stores, 112, Greyhound Rd. Fulham.

Assuring you of our sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)
SECRETARY.

MR.