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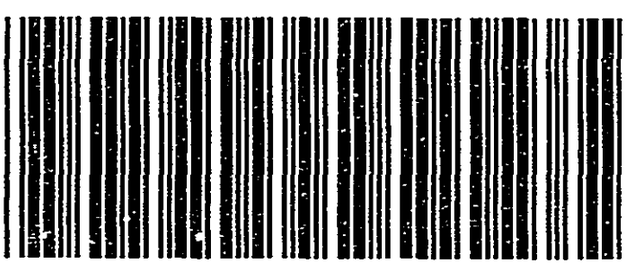
2nd Lieutenant Clifford Bowen Atkinson

21st Battalion



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21st Battn.
A.I.F.

Atkinson.
Lieut.C.B.

"Killed 5.5.17"

Pte.Lee Readman H.Q.Signaller told me he saw him killed while on his way to the Dressing Station. He can give details. I knew Lieut. Atkinson well. He had only just got his commission.

Witness:-
W.C.S.Rice 2704
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L.P.J.

London.
19.1.17.

Note written Pte.Readman 11.12.17. H.

21st Bn.
A.I.F.

ATKINSON
2nd Lt. C. B.

Killed in Action 5.5.17.

Re my late friend 2nd Lt. C.B.Atkinson of 21st Bn. late of 24th Bn. A.I.F. I am sorry to say I cannot tell you very much.. On the morning of the 5th inst I was coming from the front line when we (I and 2nd Lt. Graham) found Cliff laying on the side of the sunken road leading to the Hindenburgh line. He appearedto have been wounded in the leg and whilst being helped out by two men of his unit another shell must have caught the party (of three) as they were all lying dead together. He (Lt. Atkinson) was badly hit in the left hip as we found out when taking his private belongings from him (which Lt. Graham took charge of) I did not see him buried but I think I can safely say his grave would be in the field as is usual in a case like his

Witness:- Signaller J.L. Readman, [illegible]
24th Battn. A.I.F.

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Pte. Leo Readman
H.Q. Signallers
21st Batn. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Capt.
Lieut. C.B. Atkinson
21st Batn. A.I.F.
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Dear Madam

With regards your enquiries of my late friend 2/Lt C.B. Atkinson of 21st Bn late of 24 Bn A.I.F. I am sorry to say I can not tell you very much. On the morning of the 5th inst I was coming from the front line when we (I and 2/Lt Graham) found Cliff laying on the side of the sunken road leading to the Hindenburg line, he appeared to of been wounded in the leg and whilst been helped out by two men of his unit another shell must of caught the party of three as they were all laying dead together. He (Lt Atkinson) was badly hit in the left hip as we found

out when taking his private belonging from him which St Graham took charge of I did not see him buried but which I can safely say his grave would be in the field as is usual in a case like his.

Hoping this will help you in your endeavours and I will be only to willing to give any further help if it so lays in my power.

Sincerely Yours

No 2763

Signaller J L Readman

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2763 Sig. J.P.Readman,
24th Infantry Battn,
Aust. Imp. Forces,
B. E. F.

January 8th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning

2/Lt. C.B. ATKINSON, 21st Battalion, A.I.F.

The information and details you have supplied will be of much assistance to us and of value to our enquirers.

It is very good of you to offer us any further help if we need it.

Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

V. D

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