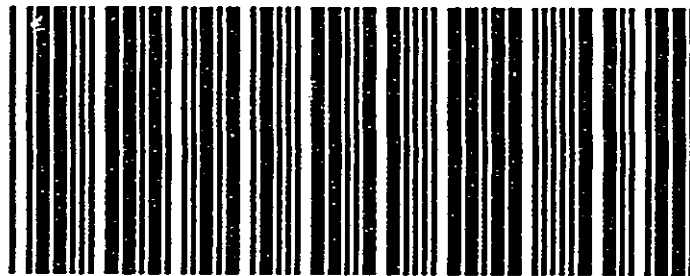


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2906 Private
Arthur Ernest Charles
Baker

42nd Battalion



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A. I. F. 42nd Battn.

BAKER
A.E. 2906

NOTE to SYDNEY

Re letter to Mother of above from Mrs Witcher. Died of wounds - no particulars of wounds received - at 2 Anzac Central Medical Dressing Station - Report by O.C. of Dressing Station 12/10/17.

H/K Father - Arthur B. Baker - Alice St. - Grafton. New South Wales
The 13th Convalescent Depot is at Trosville not Etaples - I can find no trace of above soldier having been there, but 5455 Arthur Peter Alfred Baker 17th Battn. Wounded 6th Fld Ambce train to 2 C.C.S. 20/9/17. 54th Gen. Hosp. shell gas 21/9/17. 1st Co^{ms}. Depot 29/9/17. 10th Command Depot Cayeux 5/10/17. 13th Com. Depot Trosville 4/11/17. 39th Gen. Hosp. N.Y.D. 15/11/17. To Rfts 24/1/18. Leave from France 11.5.18-25.5.18.

H/E Father James Baker Beekom New South Wales.

A.M.L.B. Searcher at Head Quarters 6.4.18.

NOTE:- Written Mrs Witcher,
7.5.18.

London
8.5.18.

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A.I.F.
42nd. BATTALION.
6th. Reinforcements.

A. E. C. Baker. Private
No. 2906.

"Died of Wounds" 12/10/17.

I feel very sorry for poor Arthur as he was not fit enough to come here in the first place and he was so anxious to have a scrap at Fritz. The last time I saw him was on the 8th. October when we were getting ready to advance. We hopped over on the 10th. and I was wounded about ten o'clock that night and the next I heard of Arthur was that he was severely wounded the same night as myself but he must of died later on. One of my mates who is stationed at the Casualty Clearing Station said he either died there or on the way down from the line but he has told me where his grave is. It is at a place called Bailleuil which has recently been captured by the Germans.

Letter from :- Private A. Simmons,
1st. Australian General Hospital,
Rouen. 1/5/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

Time Cancelled.
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NOTE TO SYDNEY

42nd Battn.
A.I.F.

BAKER
A.E.C. 2906

"Died of Wounds 12-10-17"

On receipt of a slip undated, and presumably from your office, giving a copy of a letter from Mrs Witcher, 11, Water Lane, Salisbury, England, to the parents of the above, we wrote to her for confirmation and her authority for the statement that he had been admitted to the 13th Convalescent Depot. The Rev. Cushing, Harcourt Lodge, 46, Rectory Road, Salisbury, replied on her behalf, and we send you a copy of a card from A.I.F.Hqts. which we received, and on the strength of which Mrs Witcher wrote to Pte. Baker's parents, without realising that although the initials are very similar, and the number identical in both cases, yet the unit is quite different. The information on the ^{Baker} card, (we have seen the original) refers to 2907 Pte. Arthur Cecil, 56th Battn. (see attached report) who was in the 13th Convalescent Depot, B.E.F. on 7-11-17. Hqts. have written to the Rev. Cushing explaining their error and we have asked Mrs Witcher to write to the parents of A.E.C. Baker, whose death has again been verified at A.I.F.Hqts.

London
1-6-18

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Havre

6th June 1918.

A.I.F. 42.

Baker A.E.C. 2906.

D/H 12th Octr 1917. Det D/S.

He was B.Co. VII Pltn. I knew him slightly, he was medium height and build, dark, sometimes had a moustache, about 20. On the 12th octr we were in supports near Ypres about 11 a.m. the front line were attacking, we were digging in. Baker was close to us, about a yard away, a shell dropped about 20 yards behind us, a part of it hit Baker in the arm and ripped up his side. I helped to dress him with another fellow called Ito Hicks of the 42nd Battn B.Co. VII Pltn (who I have not seen since the end of Octr) we then carried him to the D/station which was about 50 yards away and left him there. He was very bad. He was conscious part of the time, and was alive when we got to the D/station shortly after. I saw him ~~be~~ taken away from the D/station on a stretcher. I heard nothing more of him.

Inf:- Ito R. Spreen No. 477.
A.I.F. 42. B. VII.
Australian Camp. Bouelles.

REG.

42nd Battalion. 6 Rfts.
A.I.F.

No. 2906. BAKER. A.E.C. Pte.

"Died of Wounds 12/10/17"

I expect you have had the news through of Arthur being wounded. My husband and all of them had the news of him being killed, but I am very thankful it is not true. Harry wrote and asked me to find out about him, so I have been trying for three weeks and am glad to have had news of him saying that he was at the 13th Convalescent Depot, Etaples, France, suffering from Gas Poisoning, which I sincerely hope he will get over all right.

Extract from letter to above soldier's mother from -

Mrs. Whitcher,
11 Water Lane,
Salisbury, England. December 2nd.....

Sydney Whitcher

42nd Batta.
A.I.F.

BAKER.
A.E.C. 2906.

"Died of Wounds".

Died of Wounds 12-10-17. at End Anzac Corps M.D.Stn.France.

Buried Brandhoek New Military Cemetery.

Cert: by A.I.F.Hqs 17-6-18.

London.
17-6-18.

P I.
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42nd Batt. A.I.F.

Baker, A, E, C. Pte. NO. 2906.

NO. 7. Plat. B, Coy.

D/W. Oct 12th 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw him badly wounded by a shell, he was taken out to the first Aid Post at Abraham Heights, near Passchendaele, where he died. He was buried close by, I could not give any particulars of his burial. I knew him well in camp in Enogra, Queensland. He came from Grafton, N.S.W.

Description. Height. 5-7. Complexion. Dark. Medium Built.

Witness. Pte. O'Sullivan. M. NO. 2934. B, Coy. 42nd Batt.

Taken at
NO. 3. C.D. Hurdcott.
20-6-18.
S.W.

S. Whitmee.
NO. 4. Command Depot
Hurdcott.

Baker 2906

Arthur Ernest Charles 42 Btm

"D/O rep'd in 6 rfts

13 Com: Dep iteples".

T. on S. from 6 rfts 42 Btm to 42 Btm

4-8-17

W1A 12-10-17

Dies of Wounds - no particulars of
hds rec'd - at 2 Anzac Central
Medical Dressing Station. report

by O.C. of Dh. Station 12-10-17

No. 13 Com: is at Trouville.

Baker 5453

Arthur Peter Alfred 17 Btm

Wd. G. F. A. Train to 2. C. C. S. 20-9-17

54 G. H. Shell gas. 21-9-17

P. T. O.

1 Cow. Dep. Bilquin 29-9-17
10 Cow. Dep. Cagney 5-10-17
13 Cow. Dep. Trouville 4-11-17
39 G. H. N.Y.D. 15-11-17
To Rfto 24. 1. 18
Leave from France 11. 3-18 - 25-3-18
For and Y.M.C.A. Glasgow.

MK father James Baker
Beckom .IV.SW.

Amwts. Hq 6-4-18

Baker 735007 Gen. Courses 2906 ✓
A.E.C. (Arthur E. ...) 42 Btu

D/W 12-10-17 (H-Q-10-1-18)
leaves? Verify cas. See attached slip.

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to ...

Ans. 3-5-18.

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Vernon Jack

M. 20.9.17.

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Mrs. Whitcher,
11, Water Lane,
SALISBURY.

8th May, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We are making enquiries on behalf of his parents in Australia about - 2906 Pte. A.F.C. BAKER, 42nd Battalion, A.I.F. - who died of wounds in France on 12th October last.

We understand that on 2nd December, you wrote to his Mother saying that you had heard he was at "13th Convalescent Depot, Etaples, suffering from gas poisoning".

We have carefully investigated this statement but can find no trace of this/soldier having been there. The 13th Convalescent Depot is not situated at Etaples and we believe that the man at that Depot in November, 1917 (with whom your informant has apparently confused 2906 Pte. ARTHUR E.C. BAKER, 42nd Bttn, A.I.F.) was 5453 Pte. Arthur P.A. Baker, 17th Battalion, A.I.F. who was at the 54th General Hospital, 21-9-17 suffering from shell gas poisoning and was admitted to 13th Convalescent Depot 4-11-17.

We would be much obliged therefore, ~~if you could therefore,~~ if you could tell us how you obtained the information which led to your writing to Mrs. Baker - you will realise how important it is that any mistake should be quickly cleared up and her suspense ended.

We fear that as there is an official report on this case from the Officer Commanding the Dressing Station where 2906 Pte. A. E. C. Baker died filed at A. I. F. Headquarters there can be no hope of his proving to be alive.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

M. S.

Primitive Methodist Church,

◁ SALISBURY CIRCUIT. ▷

Superintendent Minister:—

REV. J. G. CUSHING.

HARCOURT LODGE,

46. RECTORY ROAD,

SALISBURY.

30/5/18
Secretary Wounded Missing Enquiry Bureau

Madam 2906. A.E.C. Baker 42nd B.Li. 13th May/18

re your letter to Mrs. Whitcher, Salisbury
8th May/18

I have assisted Mrs. Whitcher to the best
of my ability & obtained a reply p.c. as follows:—
" A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters
Westminster, London, S.W. 1.

Replying quote

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Latest information concerning
2906 A.E.C. Baker 56th Battalion

A.I.F. is:— Admitted
13th Convalescent Depot
Etaples France 7-11-17

(Gas poisoning)

27-11-17

for officer i/c Records "

Needless to say confusion & compounding is here.
We shall be glad to learn the real truth if possible.
Many thanks for your interest & help

Yours sincerely,
John G. Cushing

Rev. J.G. Cushing,
Harcourt Lodge,
46, Rectory Road,
Salisbury.

16th May, 1918.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter of 13th inst., referring to
2906 Pte. A.C. BAKER, ^{42nd} 56th Battalion, A.I.F.

We beg to inform you that we are unable to find any record
of correspondence between Mrs. Witcher and ourselves and
think that the letter to which you refer must have come
through some other organisation.

Should you wish us to make enquiries concerning Pte.
Baker we will be very glad to do so if you will advise us
to this effect.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *W.D.*

SECRETARY.

Miss Ryan

File under

2906. A.E.C. Baker, 42nd Bth.

Primitive Methodist Church,

◁ SALISBURY CIRCUIT. ▷

Superintendent Minister:—

REV. J. G. CUSHING.

HARCOURT LODGE,

46, RECTORY ROAD,

SALISBURY.

17th May 1918

Dear Madam

I am much puzzled by your reply to my letter. This reply is signed
" (Miss) Vera Deakin

(S.S.) "
It claims to know nothing of your letter sent to Mrs. Whitcher, 11 Water Lane, Salisbury. This letter is before me now (two paged letter) & signed
" (Miss) V. Deakin

Dated 8th May

per M.W.S."
Will you be good enough to hunt up this correspondence & favour me with reliable reply?

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours respectfully,

John G. Cushing

2406 A.E.C. Baker 42nd St.

18th May 1918

Rev. J.G. Cushing
Harcourt Lodge
46 Rectory Road,
SALISBURY

Dear Sir,

I am more than sorry at the mistake, which has occurred, regarding Mrs. Witcher's correspondence about -

"2906 A.C. Baker, 56th Btn, A.I.F."

It arose from the letters not being filed, owing to our searcher at Headquarters holding them for further investigation at Headquarters. It would be of great assistance, if Mrs. Witcher would be kind enough to send us the card she received from Headquarters, stating that Pte. Baker was at the Convalescent Camp in November, so that we may trace the writer at Headquarters.

We hope eventually to be able to relieve the anxiety of Pte Baker's parents and trust you will therefore, forgive us for troubling you so greatly.

With apologies for our unforgivable error,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) V. D.

Secretary.

File under.
2906 A.E.C. Baker 42nd Bn.

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2906 A.E.C. Baker.  4 Bk:

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Ward A. 11.

No 3. A.A. Hosp.

Dartford
Kent.

24-5-19

Dear Miss Seakin.

Could you supply me with the particulars of death or otherwise ²⁹⁰⁶ ~~of No 2096~~ of the Arthur ^{E.C.} Baker. 42nd West A.I.F. who was officially reported ~~of~~ ^{to} have died last October. Some ladies in England who know him wrote to his people stating that he was not dead for after three weeks search ~~to~~ ^{they} found that he was in 13th Con Hosp Etaples suffering from Gas poisoning. We do not give much credence to his story & I should be pleased if you would give me exact particulars, for his people do not know what to believe.

P.S. Thanking you in anticipation
I am

^{might stimulate}
2906. ^{your number} Yrs. fully
^{to} No 3186 Bk to J.G.iffen

Primitive Methodist Church,

◁ SALISBURY CIRCUIT. ▷

Superintendent Minister:—

REV. J. G. CUSHING.

HARCOURT LODGE,

46, RECTORY ROAD,

SALISBURY.

May 24/18

Madam

⁴⁶
2906 A.E. Baker

Your letter 18th May

Card desired enclosed, & your reply
awaited, with thanks in anticipation

Yours faithfully,

John G. Cushing

2906 A.E.C. Baker 42nd Bk.

3186 Cpl. G. Griffin,
Ward A 11,
No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
Dartford.

May 28th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry for -

2906 Pte. A. E. C. BAKER, 42nd Battalion, A. I. F.

We regret to inform you that there is no reason to doubt the official report of his death from wounds on 12-10-17. His people were informed in error by a friend in England that Pte. Baker had been in the 15th Convalescent Depot, B. E. F. a report which arose owing to a confusion of identity at A. I. F. Headquarters.

We are already making full enquiries on behalf of his relatives in New South Wales and will send you also any details that we receive.

With good wishes for your own recovery.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *W.*

SECRETARY.

C. H. W.

Baker Fire Insurance Co 2906

A. E. C.

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The rough notes given
to 2906 Baker, A. C. 56 Bldg
through the Commission
taken care of verified as 2907

Submitted case to W. J. O'Brien
who is writing a connecting
statement to the Cashier.
The expense for this work
to the date of the present
when they have published the
proceedings of the
W. J. O'Brien.

10430-5-18

Rev. J.G. Cushing,
Harcourt Lodge,
46, Rectory Road,
Salisbury.

31st May, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 27th about:-

2906 Pte. A.E.C. BAKER, 42nd Battalion, A.I.F.

enclosing the card which you received from A.I.F. Headquarters and which we now return to you.

You will note that this card refers to 2905 Pte. A.C. Baker 56th Battalion, A.I.F. Yet Mrs. Whitcher wrote on Dec. 2nd 1917 to the parents of 2905 Pte. A.E.C. Baker, 42nd Bttn, telling them that he was admitted to the 15th Convalescent Depot, R.E.F. on 7-11-17, information which according to that card obviously referred to a man of the 56th Bttn and not to the man of the 42nd Battalion about whom she was writing and to whom she unfortunately applied it.

We learn from Headquarters that there has been a confusion of identities at A.I.F. Headquarters and that the information Mrs Whitcher applied to the 42nd Battalion man really refers to 2907 Pte. A.C. Baker, 56th Battalion, whose ^{number} ~~name~~ was erroneously

stated as 2906.

The death from wounds of A.E.C. Baker, 42nd Bn, on 12-10-17, has again been verified at A.I.F. Headquarters who we understand have already written to you explaining their error which they ascribe to extra pressure of work at the time when they were answering thousands of enquiries weekly.

We should be glad if Mrs. Whitcher would write to the parents of No 2906 Pte. A.E.C. Baker, 42nd Battalion explaining her mistake.

We are also sending the full facts of the case to our Sydney Bureau from whom this enquiry has come.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Law.*

SECRETARY.

3186 Cpl. C.J. Griffin,
49th Battalion, A.I.F.
Ward A 11,
3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
HAREFIELD.

June 14th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

In further answer to your enquiry for -

2906 Pte. A.D.C. BAKER, 42nd Battalion, A.I.F.

We regret to inform you of an unofficial report given by a man of his unit who was interviewed recently in an Australian Camp in France.

He stated that they were waiting in supports near Ypres about 11 a.m. on October 12th digging in, while the front line were attacking and a shell fell about 20 yards behind them, part of it wounding Pte. Baker in the arm and side. He was about a yard from informant who helped to dress his wounds and with the assistance of a man named Hicks, carried him to the dressing station about fifty yards distant where he left him. He was very badly wounded and was conscious only part of the time and alive when they reached the dressing station. Informant saw him removed on a stretcher but heard nothing more of him. He describes Pte. Baker as dark and about 20 years of age and adds that he knew him slightly.

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We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you of any further information that we receive if you will let us know when you leave Dartford.

With good wishes for your own recovery.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

Law

SECRETARY.

42nd Battn.
A.I.F.

BAKER.
A.E.C. 2906.

"Died of Wounds".

Died of Wounds 12-1st-17. at 2nd Azac Corps M.D.Stn. France.

Buried at Brandhoek New Military Cemetery.

Cert: by A.I.F. Hqs 17-6-18.

London.
18-6-18.

P I.
S.

O. C. Draft

20. 6. 18

O. C.

12th General Hospital

~~Revised~~

3305 A. S. Hill

33rd Ave A. S. Hill

~~33rd Ave A. S. Hill~~

Def D 5-4-18

O.C. Draft.

19.6.18.

The O.C.

2nd Anzac ^{Med Dressing} ~~Station~~ B.E.F.

2906. Pte A. E. C. Baker. 42nd ^{Batt} ~~Batt~~ A.I.F.

D. of W. Oct. 12. 1917.

3186. Corporal C. J. Griffen. 49th ^{Batt} ~~Batt~~ A.I.F.
3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford.

19.6.18.

Friend

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that we are certified by A.I.F. Head Quarters that 2906. Private A. E. C. Baker, 42nd ^{Batt} ~~Batt~~ A.I.F. died of wounds on Oct. 12, 1917. at the 2nd ^{Anzac} ~~Anzac~~ Medical Dressing Station. B.E.F. and was buried at Branhock New Military ^{Station} ~~Station~~. We are writing to the O.C. for particulars of death & burial, and will advise you of the result. With good wishes

Yrs faithfully

TWENTY-FOUR

M. April 12/18.
K. Oct. 12/17 Det.D./B.
K. Oct. 12/17. Det.D./B.
K. July 21/17. Det.D./B.
M. Oct. 12/17.
K. Oct. 12/17. Det.D./B.
M. Oct. 12/17.
D/W. Oct. 6/17. Det.D./B.
K. July 21/17. Det.D./B.
D/W. Oct. 15/17. Det.D./B.
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M. April 12/18.
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D/W. Oct. 13/17. Det.D./B.
D/W. Feb. 11/18, Det.D./B.
M. Feb. 10/18.
K. Oct. 10/17. Det.D./B.
D/W. Oct. 9/17. Det.D./B.
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K. Oct. 12/17. Det.D./B.
K. Oct. 4/17. Det.D./B.
K. Oct. 12/17. Det.D./B. R/Enq.
M. Feb. 10/18.
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M. Feb. 10/18.

AUSTRALIAN SECTION.

20th Battalion A.I.F.—contd.
Co.

Mollatt, R. 3437.
Muir, J. 1981.
Nancarrow, C. E. 236.
Paul, L. R. 2645.
Pearson, C. A. 153.
Ritchie, W. P. 7317.
Robinson, W. H. 7362.
Smith, A. J. 2878.
Smith, D. 2410.
Smith, E. 87.
Stalling, W. A. 185.
Taylor, G. D. 2917.
Thompson, W. J. 186.
Walker, W. H. 2412.
Williams, S. E. 1260.
Wolfenden, K. L. 2937.

27th BATTALION A.

Armstrong, P. 724.
Balfour, R. R. 1791.
Bainbrick, J. 15.
Barnwell, J. 2281.
Beswick, E. E. 6725.
Betts, M. A. 2170.
Botts, R. W. 2780.
Broadway, H. G. 278.
Bryen, F. E. 6287.
Campbell, C. R. 2292.
Cox, C. 554.
Crabbe, H. I.
Crawe, Lieut.
Dixon, Lieut. N. E.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Ward H 11

3rd A. H. Hoop

Sartford

21. 6. 18

Dear Miss Beakin

Your communication
of June 20th to hand today. I am deeply
grateful for the trouble you have taken
in supplying particulars regarding 2906
Pte Baker of 42nd Battalion whose
death occurred in October 1917.

Please do not go to any further trouble
for I am quite satisfied with the inform-
ation received.

Again thanking you
I am

Yours gratefully
E. Griffin (Cpl).

XXII CORPS.

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
----- 36 Grosvenor Place,
London. S.W.1.

D.D.M.S.	
XXII CORPS.	
No.	F 21118
Date	22.6.18

It is regretted that all the records dealing with the Casualties referred to in the attached have been sent to the Base Record Office , to whom application should be made.

22..6..1918.

Colonel,
D.D.M.S.
XXII Corps.

Tel. VICTORIA (8576
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
"THE SECRETARY."
WOUNDED AND MISSING
— ENQUIRY BUREAU —
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36. GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

No 12.10.17. 53.
2906. Private A.E.C. Baker. 42nd Batta A.I.F.

The Officer Commanding

19.6.18.

3rd Anzac Medical Dressing Station.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on *12.10.17.* and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Vera Deakin*

Secretary.

F. J. G.

Tel: VICTORIA (8576
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36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

C.O.
2nd Army Corps
M.D. Station, France

X 1959. J.E. Glanville
35 Bldg
D/W. 19.10.17.
Pl. 2 19.6.18

1959. Pl. John Essery Glanville
35 Bldg. A.J.F.

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Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

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Secretary.

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