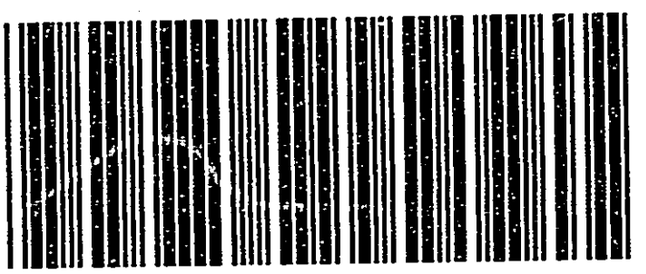
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2534 Private
Leslie Ernest Church

33rd Battalion



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Havre 8th October.1917.

33rd AUSTRALIANS CHURCH, L.E. 2534

K. June 7th.1917. Det. D/B.

I knew Pt. Leslie Church of A. Co. He came from Inverell, N.S.W., and was a Plumber. I lived in the same town. Pt. Percy Veale of the 33rd Batt., B.Co., a Battalion Pioneer, told me that Church was buried in Plugstreet Wood Military Cemetery, and that there was a cross on the grave.

Informant: Pt. E.J. Brown, 1512
33rd Australians, D.Co.,
Stretcher Bearer and Bandsman.
Australian Camp, Houelles.

EDM.

Letter Pte Veale
15-10-17

33. A. I. F. Church, Pte. L.E. 2534

(K. June 7/17)

"I knew Church. Cyril Knepp who is still with the Battalion told me he buried him in the open."

Eye-witness: No.

Description:

Informant:- Pte. A. Supple, 1911
33. A.I.F. A.Co.
Endell Street Hospital, W.C.

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Oct. 31
A. Zuburton

Walter Kemp
8-11-17.

35th Battn.
A.I.F.

Church.
Cpl. L.E. 2534

"Killed in Action 7.6.17"

Re 2534 Pte.L.E.Church,A.Coy.who was killed on Messines. & buried by a few of his comrades including myself between 6th and 9th of June. I cannot remember the exact day. The burial service was conducted by Capt.Chaplain Richmond. I am only too pleased to give any information regarding Pte.L.E.Church as he was a personal friend of mine in Inverell, N.S.Wales, Australia. Pte.L.E.Church was buried with 62 others in a registered cemetery at Dead Horse corner Ploegsteert Wood, a cross has since been erected.

Letter from:-
2405 Pte.P.N.M.Veale
33rd Battn.B.Coy.
25.10.17.

London.
8.11.17.

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33rd Battn.
A.I.F.

Church.
Cpl. L. E. 2534

"Killed 7.6.17"

I did not see the actual casualty and I cannot refer to anyone for particulars but I saw him dead at Ploegsteert Wood. he had been caught by shell fragments. I knew him very well, he left Australia with me by the S.S."Napier" 17.11.16. I saw his grave at the cemetery at Ploegsteert Wood and it was marked with a cross bearing his number name and regiment.

Witness:-
Pte.A.Cameron 2536
33rd Battn.C.Coy.
3rd Aust.Aux.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
16.11.17.

S.

"KILLED IN ACTION 8.6.17"

2/Lieut. [illegible] E. Cheyne was killed by a shell on the [illegible] with June 1917. He was buried, but only a Field burial. I cannot find out where the grave is registered.

Letter from;- Cyril Knapp.
France. 3rd.
11.2.18.

Note:- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

London.
20.2.18.

S.

Ack by p. card
F.M. 5.11.17

2534 Pte L.E. CHURCH
33 Batn.
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25.10.17

R.I.P. 7-6-17
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Dear Sir

I am receipt of your letter of 19 inst
L.E. CHURCH
Re 2534 Pte. L. R. Church A. Coy who was killed on Messines 7th & buried by a few of his comrades including myself between 6th & 9th of June I cannot remember the exact day. The buriel service was conducted by Capt Chaplin Richmond.

I am only too pleased to give any information regarding Pte. L. R. Church as he was a personal friend of mine in Inverell N. S. W. Australia

I am yours faithfully

2405 Pte. P.N.M. Veale 33 Batt.
(Batt Pioneer) B Co

Pte L. R. Church was buried with 62 others in a Regtd Cemetary at Dead Horse corner Ploeg Street wood a cross has since been erected

P.C. 2534
Eng. R. Cpl. L E CHURCH
33 Batt.
10/A 7-6-17 France
5 11/2/18
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The Secretary
Wounded & Missing
Enquiry Bureau

Dear Madam

I received a letter from you which has been some considerable time on the way. I will do my best to give some information concerning Pte L E Church. He was killed by a shell on the 7th June 1917. He was buried, but only a field burial. I cannot find out where the grave is registered.

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Yours faithfully
Cyril Kneifel