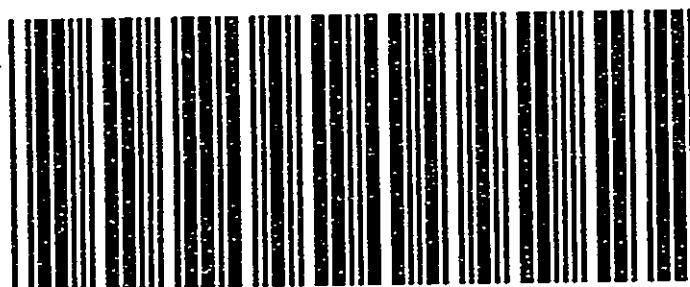


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**1526A Private  
Harry Charlton**

**9th Battalion**



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9th Battn.  
A.I.F.

Charlton.  
H. 1526A

"Killed 28.10.17"

He was killed outright by a shell wound in the ~~forehead~~<sup>head</sup> when we were holding our support line a few days after the attack at Passchendaele (on Oct. 4th). He was returning from taking rations to the medical officer in a pill box when he was killed. Pte. Bailey 9th Battn. (Att. H.Q. Scouts) helped me to bury him in a gully on our side of the Passchendaele Ridge about 200 yards behind our close support lines. He was an old hand, had been transferred from another battalion, and I am doubtful about the A. in his number. We called him Harry. Medium height and colouring. Age about 25. He was the only Charlton attached to the H.Q. scouts. I think he came from Newcastle. He had a brother in 9th Battn. but he was away at the time.

Informant:- Pte. R. Masson 4983  
9th Battn. H.Q. Pioneers  
Dartford.

A.G. Campbell

London.  
20.6.18.

Note Written Pte. Bailey  
19.4.18.

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*Orth returned "address unknown"*

9th Battn.  
A.I.F.

CHARLTON  
H. 1526A

"Killed 8-10-17"

Charlton was killed at our 1st aid post, an old German pill-box. I can't think of name of place, after having delivered rations to the post, and was buried near there. I saw him buried, his grave was marked by a Cross, put up by the Pioneers. I did not see him killed, but saw his body afterwards, only one little wound and he evidently was killed by the concussion of the shell burst, as wound could not have been the cause of his death.

Informant. Cooper H.C. 909  
9th Battn. D.Coy.,  
Hut 17,  
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand  
London  
4-5-18

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Havre.

7th. May. 1918.

9th. Australians.

Charlton, H. 1526A.

K. October. 8/1917. Dets. D/B.

I knew him well having been in the same Company about 8 months. He was short and sturdy, fair, and was a good all round athletic and came from Queensland, about 22 or 23. At Bronsinge Ridge (Ypres Sector) he was Scout and was found dead. I was passing and recognized him. I had to attend to my duties and left him there. I am certain as to his identity.

Inf - Private. H. J. McCosh. 3852.  
9th. Australians. H.Q.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

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CS83.

A.I.F. 9.

CHARLTON, H. 2 1526/A.

K. Oct 8th 1917. Dets.

I knew Charlton when I was attached to Hqrs in Oct. 1917. Early in the morning of Oct 8th Charlton went over with his Battn for an attack on a German position at Broodseinde Wood, Ypres. The account given me after the stunt was that he was killed by a shell but for more exact details than I am able to give I would refer you to COMS Fraser, who would no doubt be able to afford you the information desired.

Inf: L.Crook. 2622/A. 9.Hqrs.  
No. 53 Gen Hosp.  
BOULOGNE. 8.5.1918.

HH

*William Fraser*  
21.5.18

9th Battn.  
late 2nd Battn.  
A.I.F.

CHARLTON,  
H. 1526A

"Killed 8.10.17."

When at Ypres, he was killed at once by a shell in a  
Barrage. I saw him killed. He was very badly knocked about. I did  
not see where he was buried.

Informant:- Gaddrey, 2374,  
W. 28  
Harefield.

D.P. Dickson.

London.  
16.5.18.

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9th Battn  
D.Coyk.  
A.I.F.

CHARLTON,  
H. 1526A

"Killed 8.10.17."

I saw him killed at Westhoek Ridge. He was caught by pieces of shell which hit him about the head and body death being instantaneous. He was showing the Col. and the Adjutant round the positions at the time. The Adjutant was wounded, and has since died, in hospital in England. I knew him (Charlton) very well, he came from N.S.Wales, and he has a brother in the same Battn. I do not know place of burial, and I cannot refer to anyone for details.

Informant:- Pte.N.A.Sweedman, 4629,  
9th Battn, A.Coy, Hqs.  
3.A.A.H.Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.  
16.5.18.

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9th Battn  
A.I.F.

CHARLTON,  
H. 1526A

"Killed 8.10.17."

He was killed in the first Polygon Wood stunt during the advance, we had gained the first objective when he was killed instantly by a shell. I saw his dead body, but the advance continued and I do not know what happened to his body. His brother, who is now acting as Cook to A.Coy men, 9th Battn, would probably know if he was buried. He was of medium height, but very strongly built. His Christian name was Harry. He was Hqrs Scout.

Informant:- Cpl. E. Hanlon, 2707,  
Battn Hqrs Staff,  
No. 1 Command Depot,  
Sutton Veny.

B.F. German

London.  
15.5.18.

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9th batt. A.I.F.

Charlton.H. Pte. NO.I524 A.

D.Coy.

Killed Oct 8th 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw him killed instantly by a shell whilst we were coming out of the lines ,to the right of Polygon Wood. His body was left where he fell. I think most likely he would be buried later on. I knew him in the coy, He came over with the 3rd reinf of the batt. He came from Walsend,N,S,W.

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

Witness. Pte. Martin.E.C. NO.I595. C.Coy. 9th Batt.

Taken at  
NO.4.C.D.Hurdcott.  
27-5-18.  
S.W.

S.Whitmee.  
NO.4.Command depot  
Hurdcott.

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only

9th Battn. late  
2nd " "  
A.I.F.

CHARLTON  
H. 1526

"Killed in Action 8-10-17"

Re 1526 Pte.H.Charlton, of A.Coy. 9th Battn., killed in action 8-10-17. At present his brother 930 Pte.Charlton T. is a member of this Coy. and informs me that he has sent home all available information. He was away in Hpl. wounded at the time his brother met his death. He has asked me to give you the following information. He was killed by H.E. shell whilst taking rations to the Regimental Aid Post, and was buried near the Aid Post.

Letter from:- D.C.Fraser,  
A.Coy. 9th Battn.,  
B.E.F. 13-6-18

London  
27-6-18  
A.M.H.

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9th BATTALION.

Australian Imperial Forces,  
late 2nd Battalion.

CHARLTON.

Private H. No. 1526.

KILLED 8/10/17.

Informant described Charlton as about 5ft. 8 inches high, thick set, dark complexion, aged between 23/30. Christian name Harry. Came from Newcastle. Had a brother named Tom. Was a good boxer.

Informant states that they both belonged to "D" Company No. 16 Platoon. On 8/10/17 the Battalion was holding the line at Zonnebeke Ypres Sector. Charlton was acting as scout to Battalion Headquarters but at the time of his death was engaged in carrying rations. While so engaged a shell came over and killed him instantly. Informant was with him and saw the whole occurrence. Informant had no doubt that he had been killed by concussion. He was left with the Aid Post to be buried somewhere about Zonnebeke.

Informant added that Charlton was splendidly thought of. He was one of the bravest and earned high praise for his courage at Lagnicourt.

INFORMANT:- Private S.J. Devitt,  
No. 920, "D" Company, 9th Battalion,

W.E.G.

Sydney Railway Station while  
Informant en route to Brisbane.

Home address:

Department of Public Lands,  
BRISBANE (Queensland)

28/5/18.

A.I.F.  
9th Battalion A.I.F.  
(late 2nd Battalion)

CHARLTON H. Pte. 1526

Killed 8/10/17.

Informant described Charlton as about 5 ft. 7 inches high medium build, dark complexion, aged about 22 years. Came from Newcastle.

Informant states that they both belonged to "D" Co., Charlton being in No. 16 Platoon. On 8/10/17, the Battalion was at Passchendaele, holding the line. Charlton, who was a runner, offered to take rations back to the Aid Post and did not return. A couple of hours afterwards he was dead and Informant saw his body. He had no wound sufficient to cause death and it is Informant's opinion that he was killed by the concussion of the explosion of the shell.

Informant added that Charlton was "one of the whitest of men" and a favourite with his mates. He was a good athlete.

Informant:-- Pte. H. Cooper 909

"D" Co., 9th Battalion

Home address:-- G.P.O., Brisbane, Queensland.

W.E.G.  
Rose Hall,  
Sydney  
5/7/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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Ack PC 27/6/18  
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1526 H. Charlton, En  
9th Bn late 2nd

The Field  
13.6.18

To

Secretary  
Enquiry Bureau  
26 Regent St

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Re: your enquiry of No 1526 H. Charlton of the 9th Bn  
killed in action 8.10.17

At present his  
Brother No 930 Pte Charlton is a member  
of this Company and informs me that  
he has sent home all available  
information. He was away in Hospital  
wounded at the time his brother met  
his death. He has asked me to give  
you the following information. He was  
killed by High Explosive shell while  
taking position in the Trenches  
and was killed near the  
line of the

Note -

Yours faithfully  
D. C. Thacker

Amitt

A Company AIF  
9th Battalion