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3526 Private
Leslie Gordon Castle

32nd Battalion

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32nd Battn:

Castle, L.G. 3528.

K. 20/6/18.

I saw him immediately after he had been killed by M.G. bullets, being hit all over the upper part of his body. Castle was the Battn: H.Q. runner and we were just in front of Moncauban. I saw his grave in a military cemetery not far from where he fell. There was a large white cross on it.

32nd Battn:

Burgess, E.P.L/Cpl.4391.

A 13. Dartford. 26/9/18.

R.D.B.

A.

Havre. 10th. October. 1918.

32nd. Australians. Castle, L. G. 3526.

K. June. 20/1918. Dets. D/B.

Private 'Snowy' Vinehall (?) 32nd. Battalion, Company Runner, told me that he was with Castle when he was killed at Sailly le Sec in June. Castle was buried where he was killed. As far as I know, Vinehall is with his Unit.

Inf:- Private. P. S. Storr. 2495.
32nd. Australians. H.Q.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM. Vinall A

Written Pte. Vinehall or Vinell 23.10.18. CP.

A.I.F. 32. CASTLE L.G. 3526.

K. June 20th, 1918. Det.D/B.

Castle was killed about a kilometre from Morlancourt about June 20th. by m.g. bullets. He was Bn.runner and was caught at 10 p.m. just as he got to C.Coy. HQ. I was told this by Pte. Vinal, who was also a runner at that time attached to Bn.HQ. and was with Castle when he was killed. Vinal now belongs to B.or D.Coy. and was with the Bn. up the line when I left it on September 18th. Castle was buried about 1 kilo. to the right of Morlancourt but the spot was afterwards badly shelled and ploughed up. "Les" Castle came over with the 8th. Reinf. about June, 1916. I knew him first in England in camp at Hurdcott.

GB.

Inf:- Collins, J.W. 3787. C.Coy.
12 Gen.Hp.

A. Rouen
18.10.18.

Written Pte Vinal 23/10/18

32nd Battn.
A.I.F.

CASTLE
L.G. 3526

"Killed 20-6-18"

He was a runner on Hqts. I was told by Pte.A.E.Vinall, 3635 Hqts. 32nd Battn., another runner who was with him at the time he was killed at Morlancourt, shot through the chest, when death was instantaneous. Casualty happened at 10-30 p.m. on 20-6-18. He was my brother and we lived at Blanch Town, S.Australia. Vinall told me he was buried, and that a Cross was erected over his grave.

Informant. Castle. Pte.G.W. 3525
A.Coy. 32nd Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

E.Oman
London
22-10-18
J.E.A.

Note:- Written to Vinall 21-10-18.

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Havre

28th Octr 1918.

Australians. 32.

Castle L.G. 3526.

K. 20th June 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well. He came from S. Australia. He was about 20, short and dark. About the 20th June we were at Morlancourt holding the line. Castle was a runner, and about 3.30 p.m. he was taking up a message to the front line, when a M.G. opened on him, and he was killed instantly. I was near and saw it. I was told that the body was buried in the cemetery at Morlancourt.

Inf:- Pte H.G.Lewis No. 4818.
A.I.F. 32. B. H.Q.
Havre Hospital.

CWSG.

A.

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32nd Batn.,
A.I.F.

CASTLE,
L.N.C., 5526.

"Killed in action - 20-6-18."

"Castle was a Headquarters runner. He had delivered his message and had a 10 yards more to go. Just as we were jumping into the Trench he fell, riddled with bullets. He was just a boy. He was buried about 10 yards from where he fell. A cross was put up. He was a fine felllow. The ground was held.

Eye-witness:- Yes.
Discription:- Fair, quite a boy.

Home address:-
Mary Street,
High Larsh (?),
S. Austalia.

Informant:- Furze, H.W., 498, C.S.M.,
(Very reliable),
32nd Batn., A.I.F.,
Gaylingwell,
Chichester.

John Waylande,
London,
13-11-18..
H.I.S.

A.

A.I.F. 32nd Battn.

CASTLE
L.G. 3526.

"Killed in Action 20.6.18."

Re the death of Leslie G. Castle, No.3526, 32nd Battn. A.I.F. killed in action 20th June 1918. He was killed on the Sailly-le-Sec sector and was buried in the field, about 800 yards right of Bray-Corbie Road on Morlancourt Ridge. Age 29 years. Dark complexion, about 5ft.6ins or 7ins. in height, eyes grey or blue, small scar on chin. He was attached to Battalion Headquarters Runners at time of death. I was the other Runner with him at time of death. I posted his personal effects to his Father, Mr. W.W. Castle, Blanchetown, River Murray, South Australia. Pte. Castle's death was caused by machine gun bullets; he stopped a full burst of machine gun bullets 10 in number in the left side, arm, and shoulder. I think this is about all the information I can supply.

Letter from:- 3655 Pte. A.E. Vinall,
D. Coy, Headquarters,
32nd Battn. A.I.F.
Ramburelles, France.

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3526
L.S. Castle,
32nd Battn.
K. in A. 20.6.18
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Rambucelles, France
November. 25. 1918

Dear Sir.

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I remain
Yours Sincerely
No 3635 Pte. A. E. Vinall
D. Coy H.Q.
32nd Batt. A.I.F.

G.S.D.