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1173 Sapper
Albert Emanuel Lee

2nd Division Signal Company
Engineers



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2. Div. Sig. Coy. A.I.F. Lee Spr. A.E. 1173.

D/W. 21/9/17.

"Lee died at the clearing station near Poperinghe, on the date mentioned above. He was buried in the adjacent Cemetery, which was alongside the main Poperinghe Road. I and some other friends of his, who wanted to put a Cross up over his grave, enquired at the clearing station the number of the grave. They gave it us, but I have forgotten it now, I will write out at once and try to obtain the number."

Eyewitness: No.

Description:

Informant: Spr. F. Evans. 387.
2 Div. Sig. Co. A.I.F.
Napsbury Hospital, St. Albans.

Home address:
384 Crown Street,
Surrey Hills, Sydney N.S.W.

12/1/18.
J. E. Norman.

Sig. Corps
2nd Bn. Signallers.
A.I.F.

LMH
A.B. 1173

Died of Wounds 21.9.17 D/B.

He wasknocked by a shell at Ypres on Septr. 21st. It was the third time he had been wounded. I did not see him knocked but was told by Cpl. Geo. Watson, 2nd Bn, Sigiers. Co. (Dispatch River Section) France, who was with him at the time, and can give full details regarding death and burial.

Informant:- Allen Sergt. J.D., 987
4th Div. Sig.
31.12.17

W.G.J.

London.
14.1.18

NOTE
written Watson
26.1.18

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A.I.F. 2nd Sig:Div: Coy.

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Albert Emanuel 1173

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Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 28-11-17

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London
29-11-17

Australian Imperial Force
Engineers.

Lee, Sapper, A. E 1173
2nd Signalling Coy.

(D of W.Sept. 21 17.
Dets D & B).

" During a counter attack on Sept. 16th, at Ypres, Lee and I were in a little dug-cut with a telephone and were being heavily shelled. Lee was lying on the ground trying to sleep while I was on duty. A shell burst at the opening of the dug-out, a piece entered his leg and he complained of pains in the stomach. I bandaged him, but he could not be taken to a dressing station for an hour or more We then took him to one. After that, I heard he died and he would probably be buried at or nearPoperinghe. He was unconscious most of the time. We were both attached 5th Infantry Brigade, Headquarters under Lt. Lucas. "

Eye Witness - Of wounds.

Description - From Sidney. Very dark, about 5ft 9. Well built, about 30. quite bald. 2 wound stripes. Father in Victoria Barracks-Sidney.

Informant :- Sapper W.J.Davies, 612, 2nd Sig.g Engineers, Australian Imperial Force/Coy 5th Southern General Hospt, Milton Section, Portsmouth.

Home address :-
Ford Street,
Hurstville,
Sydney.

28. 1. 18.
E.C.Hughes.

End Div.Sig.Opy.
A.I.F.

Lee.
A.E. 1173

"Died of Wounds 21.9.17"

Re Sap.A.G.Lee. I am sorry to inform you this man died of wounds on the 22.1.18 at No.10 C.C.Stn. and was buried at the Soldiers' Cemetery at Nippenhoek near Poperinghe. The grave would be registered by the above Casualty Clearing Station. The soldier in question was sturdily built and a dark complexion and about 5'9" in height. Sap.A.G.Lee left Australia with me on the "Ajana" I have been in close touch with him ever since. If further news is required I shall be only too pleased to obtain same. Several of his pals visited his grave a few weeks back and erected a cross bearing all particulars. His grave is being kept in the best of order by the Graves Registration Unit.

Letter from:-
1023 Cpl.Geo.Watson.
Sig.Section
10.2.18.

London.
14.2.18.

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2nd Sig.Coy,
A.I.F.

LEE,
A.E. 1173

"Died of Wounds 21.9.17."

Lee was driver of the water cart and was blown up on the way, while filling his cart with water. This was at Ypres just behind the brewery near the river. This was about 7 weeks ago from now, so date given must be wrong. I saw his body and that of his horse lying there dead, but I knew nothing of his burial.

Informant:- Benarie, M. 4886.
2nd Sig.Coy,
Westham.

W.A.Rand.

London.
26.2.18.

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2nd Div.Sig.Coy.
A.I.F.

LEE,
A.E. 1173

"Died of Wounds 21.9.17."

He was in a "pill box" with Spr.Sanderson and Rooney of 2 Div.Sig.Coy on Sept. 20 near Anzac House after we had captured the position and were holding it, and was hit by a piece of shell which came through the opening and caught him on the spine. He died at the C.C.S. at Popperinghe. The boys of the section erected a special cross over his grave which is in the cemetery at the C.C.S. at Popperinghe. Spr. Rooney is now in England, wounded. I was in charge of the section. Lee's number was 1173. He was about 30, dark complexion and slightly bald.

Informant:- Sgt.J.W.Hoad, 1063,
2 Div.Sig.Coy, 2 Sect.
Dartford.

A.G.Campbell.

London.
2.3.18.

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About 1173.
Pte Albert Emmanuel.
Lee.
2nd Reg: Div: Coy:
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Died 21. 9. 17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

54, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you could send us concerning and would also

Pte A. E. Lee. 1173.
25th Bn. Bde.
See under
Pte. E. Alfred Brock 57.
25th Bn.
17/12/17.

(typ) GEO WATSON
A Sig: Sw. Coy:
C. I. F.
Edward

Edwd

A. E. LEE

1173

A. Sig: Sw. Coy:
C. I. F.
D. Wdr. 9.15.

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26.1.08

1023. Cpl. Geo. Watson
Signal Section.
5. A. I. Bde
Aust Imperial Force
10/2/18.

1173
A. E. LEE
2 Sig. Dwj Coy
2 S/W 21-9-17
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To Sec.
Australian

In regard to your letter of the 21-1-18 concerning Sap. A. J. Lee 1173. 2 Div Sig Coy I am sorry to inform you this man died of wounds on the 22/1/18. at No 10 Cas Clearing Stn and was buried at the Soldiers Cemetary at Lijssenthoek Near Poperinghe. The grave would be registered by the above Casualty Clearing Station. The soldier in question was slightly built & a dark complexion. And about 5ft 8 ins in height. Sap. A. J. Lee left Australia with me on the "AJANA" & I have been in close touch with him ever since.

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Yours Faithfully

(1023) Cpl. Lea Watson