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**4552 Private
Arnold Ernest Jones
(A E St Leon)**

22nd Battalion



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Aust. Y.M.C.A. Aust. Religious
Work, Director, Aldwych Theatre
Buildings, W.C. 2.

8th May.

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Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry for -4552 Pte. A.E.St.Leon, 22nd
Battalion, A.I.F. who was reported Killed in Action on 22/23-9-17.
We regret to say we have received no further information but we
are making enquiries and will advise you of any details that we
receive.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Jim Baker*
SECRETARY.

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Secretary Engineering Bureau

Dear Sir

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In answer to your letter
of P. E. ST Leon 4552 you were
wanting to know where he is
buried, he is buried at West-
muck ridge & had a very decent
burial, as he is in the enemy's
hands at present after the ground
has been run on the grave may
be found by a little tin nailed
to the cross with his name &
number inside of it. You can be
pretty certain about the identity
of P. E. ST Leon as I have known him
in the last 12 months before he
was killed & I buried him myself
& took all of his personal belongings
& handed them in to Capt Burnham

late of the 25th Batt was attached
to the Indian Army. He was not
buried in a cemetery he was buried
on the battlefield ~~along~~ there were
several others buried just about him.
I think that is all of the information
I can supply you with. I wish you
to convey my heartfelt sympathy
to his Relatives & let them know
he died a soldier fighting for his
country.

Remain

Yours Respectfully

Pte J Podmore

3904

25th Battalion

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enquiries re

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Pte Arnold St Leon

A Coy 2 Platoon

25th Batt

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A.J. Hoyle, Esq.,
A.Y.M.C.A.
Aust. Religious Work Director,
Aldwych Theatre Buildings,
W.D.2.

July 11th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry concerning -

4552 Pte. A.E. St. LEON, 22nd Battalion, A.I.F.

We beg to inform you that we have received the following unofficial report from 3785 Sgt. A.H. Butterworth, 22nd Bttn, A.I.F., No 1 Command Depot, Sutton Vony, who states:- "I saw Arnold St. Leon

killed instantly by a 5-9- shell at Ypres in front of Lonnebeke Lake early in the morning. We were in supports and the shell lobbed over and only killed St Leon. The man on either side of him was not hit. I helped to dig him out and we put him into a waterproof sheet and buried him, where he was killed. His personal belongings we handed into the battalion office. We put up an improvised cross and I afterwards took up a new one with the btn colours.

St Leon was a man about 5'10", dark, very pleasant disposition. He was in my platoon."

We are continuing our enquiries and hope to send you further particulars at a later date.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

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LONDON, 15th July, 1918.
W.C. 2.

Miss. Vera Deakin,
Australian Red Cross Society,
36, Grosvenor Place,
LONDON. S.W.1.

Dear Miss. Deakin,

Thank you very much for your further letter
in respect to the enquiries I made concerning the death of
Pte.A.E.St.Leon, No.4552, 22nd Battn.

I have at once communicated this information
to Mrs. Storm, the mother of the lad who was killed, and
trust it may bring her some comfort.

I have told her that should any further
particulars be available later, we will pass same on to her
the moment we receive from you.

Again thanking you ,

I am,
Yours faithfully,

A. J. Mayle

Australian Religious Work Director.

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July 23rd, 1918.

A.J. Hoyle, Esq
Australian Y.M.C.A.
Aust. Religious Work Director,
Aldwych Theatre Buildings,
W.C. 2.

Dear Sir,

In further answer to your enquiry for -

4852 Pte. A.E. St. Leon 22nd Battalion, A.I.F.

We beg to inform you of an unofficial report given by No 3755
Pte. H.H. Adcock of the same unit, when in the 1st Australian
Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield.

He stated that when they were in supports at Monneboke
early on the morning of Sept 22nd-23rd 1917. Pte. St. Leon was
killed outright by a shell and was buried on the spot by
himself and stretcher bearer. Podmore, a rough cross being
erected over his grave and his name marked on it in indelible
pencil. He was about 15-20 yards from Pte. St. Leon when the
casualty occurred and says that he was badly wounded in the
head.

Should we obtain further details of Pte. St. Leon's death
we shall advise you and trust that these reports have been
of some assistance to the enquirers.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *L.A.S.*

Secretary.

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LONDON, 30th July, 1918
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R. O. CLACK, Field Secretary.

Miss. V. Deakin,
36, Grosvenor Place,
LONDON. S.W.1.

Dear Miss. Deakin,

Your letter to hand with additional information in regard to Pte. A. St. Leon - No.4552 - 22nd Battn. A.I.F.

We thank you very much for these further details, and for the trouble you have taken in the matter of supplying us with the fullest record in the case of the late Pte. A.E.St.Leon.

Yours faithfully,

Organizing Secretary Religious Work.

"H/R"

TO - A.J. Moyle Esq., *A.Y.M.C.A.*
Australian Religious Work Director 30th September 1918.
Aldwych Theatre Buildings,
W.C.2.

Dear Sir,

In reference to the death and burial of 4552 Pte. A.E. St. Leon 22nd Battalion, A.I.F., we have just received the following unofficial report from 3904 Pte. J. Podmore of the same Unit who writes that he had known St. Leon for 12 months and buried him himself on the battlefield at Westhoek Ridge. The ground is at present in German hands, but when it is rewon the grave may be found by a little tin nailed to the Cross with his name and number inside. He had a very decent burial, and although not in a cemetery there were several others buried near by. Pte. Podmore states that he took all St. Leon's personal belongings to Capt. Bunning, late of 22nd Battalion, A.I.F., now attached to the Indian Army. He wishes his heartfelt sympathy sent to the relatives and asks that they should know that St. Leon died a soldier fighting for his country.

Should any further report come in we will advise you of it and trust that this is of some assistance.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

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32, Alfred Place, Store Street,

Tottenham Court Road, LONDON, 1st October, 1918.
W.C. 2.

Miss. Vera Deakin,
Secretary - A. Red Cross Society,
36, Grosvenor Place,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Miss. Deakin,

Your letter to hand this morning concerning
the death and burial of No. 4552. Pte. A.E. St. Leon, for which I
thank you.

I have despatched this further report to the
Mother of the late Pte. A.E. St. Leon.

Again thanking you for your interest in this
connection,

I am,
Yours faithfully,

Australian Religious Work Director.

"H/R".