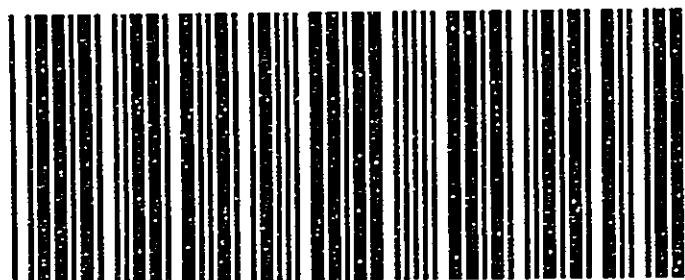


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**5061 Lance Corporal
John Norman Leech**

18th Battalion



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"K. Oct: 3/18"

I saw I/Cpl. Leech of C. Coy killed instantly by H.G. bullet just after we reached our objective near Estrees near a farm we called Swiss Cottage about 7 a.m. in support line of trenches. I was speaking to him at the time - he was shot in the mouth through the head, buried at Joncourt. Leech - Medium height, darkish, dark brown hair, about 35 years. "M.I." was awarded to him after death.

Informant - Sgt. I. J. Rochester 981
18th Bn C. Coy

Leech 5061 Horse Trainer, 38 yrs from Gilgandra N.S.W.
E.3-10-18 - buried sheet G.B. 4.4 a.m. 9.

Belgium
23-1-19
J.E.A.
London
31-1-19.

Havre

9th December 1918.

Australians. 18.

Leech L/Cpl J. 5061.

K. 3rd Octr 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him but not too well. He was a M.Gunner, about 23, medium build, and fair. About the 3rd Octr we were at Mont Behains, and attacked in the early morning. 'bout 9 o'clock we had got to our objective. We were resting afterwards when Leech was hit by a bullet, and died within a few minutes. I know nothing about burial.

Inf:- Sig. "A.H. Holden" No. 2869.
A.I.F. 18. C.
Australian Camp.

CWSG.

PP.

A.I.F. 18th Battn.

LEECH
RC61 J.W.

"Killed in Action 3.10.18"

5061 L/Cpl. Leech, J.W., (M.M.) was killed in action on the 3rd October 1918, and was buried at (Sheet 62B) H.4.a.2.9. A cross was erected and his body was identified by Sgt. L.J. Rochester of this Coy.

Informant:- O.C.
C. Coy.
18th Battn.
France.

London
7.1.19.

S.

A.I.F. 18th Btn

LEECH
L/Cpl J. 5061

"WOUNDED"

() G.S.W.L. Shoulder - adm. Royal Victoria Hpl Metley 29-9-17

Trans - Dartford 8-10-17 - discharged furlough and report
Sutton Vary 11-10-17
Cert. by Hpl Index

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London
20-11-17

8.1.19

5061

Prof. J. N. Leech M.M.

18 Bll.

See under

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R. W. M. Miller

18 Bll.

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