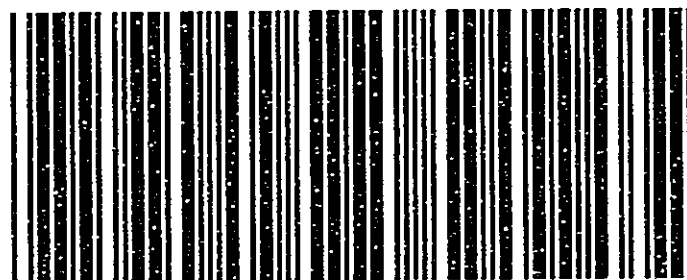


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**8937 Sergeant  
Arthur George Leslie**

**5th Field Artillery Brigade**



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AUSE. F.A. -5th BDE.

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LESLIE. Sgt A.G. 8937.

K. July 29th. 1917. Det.

He came from N.S. Wales, near the border by the river Murray. His father I think, owned a big station. He was going to his dug-out from the gun-pits, Spoil Bank, when a shell dropped and burst near him, killing him and another man and wounding some more. His body was brought to the waggon line where I was at the time and we buried him at Dickebusch Cemetery, just near the church.

WSI

Ref --- Sumner G.H. Pines. 9010.  
No 3 Gen. Hospital.

Re report. Nov 10th. 1917

AUST. FLD. ARTILLERY. 5.Bgde.

LESLIE, Sgt. A.G. 8937.

K. July 29th, 1917.

I knew Sgt Leslie for 15 months up to time he was killed, which was on July 29th at Spoil Bank. I was told soon after by the men of his battery that he had first of all been wounded by high explosive, after which while making his way to dugout, about 40 yards off, to take cover from the shelling and to get his wound dressed, he was caught by a shell and killed instantaneously. He was buried at Dicklebusch in same grave as Gnr Pringle, with a cross with their names on, and a chain kept in place by 4 pegs round the grave, in the military cemetery.

FJ.

Reference:- Dvr McCauley. 10191.  
Mv. Hosp.

Staples  
15.11.17.

Fld. Artillery.  
5th. Bgde. A.I.F.

Leslie Sgt.  
A.G. 8937.

Killed 29/7/17

C I saw his body just after he was killed close to Hill 60 at Spoil Bank Mpres. He was killed by a shell, death instantaneous. I was at his burial in Military Cemetery, Dickiebush, by Church of England Chaplain and a cross was erected on his grave. He was a farmer in Victoria. I was in the Batty with him for 18 months in Egypt and France. He had dancing blue eyes, dark complexion and very lively. always smiling.

Inf: Thomas W.H. 12230.  
105th. Howitz. Batty.  
Field Artillery,  
No. 3 Command Depot.  
Hurdcott.  
12.11.17.

Note. Written Chaplain 19.11.17.

C G.W.Griffiths.  
London.  
21.11.17.

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A.F.A. 5 Brigade.

Leslie. Sgt: A.G. 8937.  
105 Batty:

(K. 29/7/17)  
Det D/B.

"Sergt: A.G. Leslie was killed by a shell at Spoil bank,  
near Zillebecke on 29th July.17."

Eye-witness: I saw his dead body and helped to bury him.

Description: Short, darkish, medium build, a top-set of  
false teeth.

Informant: Gnr: Albert Langford. 8938.  
A.F.A. 5 Brigade; 105 Batty:  
Norfolk War Hospital.

Home address: Mrs. Langford.  
Pyramids.  
Victoria. Australia.

23.11.17.  
Edgar Rice.

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5 (13942?)  
5th Battery *Field Artly.*  
A.F.A.

Leslie.  
Sgt. A. G. 8937

"Killed 29.7.17"

Sgt. Leslie was killed on 28th July by shell fire and lived about 1½ hours only. This was at Snailbeck Ypres. I was present at his burial at Dickebusch Cemetery. I did not see a cross erected but it was intended that one should be.

Witness:-

Gnr. V. McKane 8970

105th How. Battery.

Hq. 10. Weatham.

W.A. Rand.

London.

26.11.17.

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Australian Field Artillery.  
5th Brigade, 15th Batty

Leslie, Sgt. A.G. 9937

( K. July 29, 1917 ).

" Mr. Zillebeke, I was back with the wagon lines - on July 29, 1917 and we were in direct communication with our battery, our duty being to keep it supplied with ammunition, etc. They were being heavily shelled and the men ran for shelter and while running, Sgt. Leslie was killed by shrapnel. Sgt. Heritage put up a beautiful cross to his memory in Dickbusch Cemetery, carved by a Battery Corporal, with the Australian rising sun and a brass medallion. I attended Leslie's funeral, he lies next to Prindle. "

Eye Witness - Of body after death. A runner reported the casualties of shelled battery.

Description Came from Sydney way. His father owned a cattle ranch. Short. Thick-set.

Informant :- Gunner Horace Goitz, 11981,  
5th Bde. 15 Bty A.F.A.  
5th Southern General Hospt.

Home address :-  
49, Chetwynd Street.  
N. Melbourne.

Milton Sect. Portsmouth. 29.11.17.

E. Hughes.

LESLIE

Sgt. A G. 8937

"Killed in Action 29.7.17."

Sgt. Leslie was killed in action on 29.7.17. at Dickebusch Belgium in Plot 1. G.5.

For your guidance his next of kin was his father Mr. H.G. Leslie of Prill Park Station Euston. N.S.W.

The following is a description of the deceased.

Height about 5'9" Age 29, complexion -fair, eyes blue, hair brown clean shaven, build, strongly built, legs, slight bow.

Letter from:-

O.C 105th How. Battery

*I enclose a photo on which deceased* A.I.F. 9.12.17.  
*is marked with a cross & excavation line.*

London.  
7.1.18.

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5th Batta. Fld. Artlly.  
A.I.F.

LESLIE  
Sgt. A.C. 8937

"Killed 29-7-17"

S/M Stenhouse of 105th How. Battery, now at Ward 41, Harefield, could give information relating to this enquiry. Leslie was in 105th Howitz. We relieved 105th Battery.

Informant. Sgt. H. 8891 Hicks,  
104th How. Battery,  
Hut 11,  
WESTHAM.

W. A. Rand  
London  
6-5-18

M.

Note:-

We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

5th Bie. A.F.A.  
A.I.F.

LESLIE  
Sgt. A.C. 8937

"Killed 29-7-17"

He was in 105th How. Btty., and was killed outright at Zillebeke by shell. He is buried in the Cemetery at Dickebusch our own men having brought him down. Sgt. Heritage, his mate, having fixed up everything regarding his funeral. I have seen his grave, its well done up, with a ring round of shell cases and iron. There is a Cross erected.

Informant. Winnell Dvr. W.F. 9114  
105th How. Btty.,  
Hut 12,  
WESTHAM.

W. A. Rand  
London  
7-3-18

M.

Note:-

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106 Btty.  
5th Bgde.  
A.I.F.

LESLIE.  
Sgt. A.G. 8937.

"KILLED 29.7.17"

I saw his grave at Dickebusche in the enclosed cemetery there,  
I knew Leslie in camp in Australia and came over with him.,

Informant;- Esler.F. 9141.  
Howitz 5th Bgde.  
105th Btty.  
Dartford.

Note;- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we  
have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure  
of work and shortage of machines.,

*L.P.*  
London.  
9.3.18.

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5th Fld. Art. Bde.

LESLEY, A. G.  
Sgt. 8937

Killed in action 29/7/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 7 ins. medium built, fair complexion, about 27 years of age. He left Australia in the 2nd D.A.C. Casualty was packing shells at Spoiled Bank on the right of Menneboke. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty a piece hitting him on the chest killing him instantly and runner J. E. Priggle. I was 200 yds. away at the time of the explosion but I went over directly after the shell exploded but Casualty was dead when I arrived there. He was buried at a small cemetery about 300 yds. from the Dickiebusch Church. I was an eye-witness."

Informant:- F. P. King.  
No. 10402.

Private address:-  
Mount Clay,  
Hoywood.

T.C.F.  
3/5/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

5th F.A.B.

LESLEY, A. G.  
Sgt. 8937

Killed in action 29/7/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man about 5 ft. 7 ins. well built, dark complexion, about 25 years of age, known as "George". He was an original man and he embarked in the transport "Port Macquarie". Casualty was at battery position in action at Spoil Bank, 22 Belgium. He was carrying ammunition from a shell hole just behind the trench and an H.E. shell exploded about 50 yds. from the battery a piece hitting Casualty and entering his left breast killing him instantly. I was also carrying ammunition from the same shell hole and was 30 yds. from Casualty at the time of his death. He was taken back to the Baggon Lines at Dickiebusch on the day of his death and he was buried at the Dickiebusch Cemetery and I ~~xxxxxx~~ attended the funeral. A cross was erected with his name and number on it." I was an eye-witness

Informant:- F. Esler.  
No. 9141.

Private address:-  
Windra Vale,  
Deniliquin, N.S.W.

T.C.F.  
10/5/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

5th F.A.B.

LESLIE, A. G.  
Sgt. 8937

Killed in action 29/7/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, well built, medium complexion, about 27 years of age, known as "George". Casualty was at battery position at Spoil Bank, behind Ypres. One of his gunners had been killed and he was going over to get him out of the way and in crossing from one gun pit to the other an H.E. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. I was 20 yds. away at the time of his death. He was taken to the Baggon Lines at Dickiebusch the next morning where I think he was buried."

Informant:- Gnr. H.E. Anderson,  
No. 26098. 5th F.A.B.

Private address:-  
89 Harcourt Street,  
Barnham.

T.C.F.  
5/7/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE

5th F.A.B.

LESLIE, A. G.  
Sgt. 8937.

Killed in action 29/7/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. well built, medium complexion, about 25 years of age. Casualty was at battery position, Spoil Bank. An H.E. shell exploded near the gun a piece entering Casualty's left breast killing him instantly. I did not see him killed but I saw the body the next day at the Baggon Lines, Dickiebusch. He was buried the same day at the Dickiebusch Cemetery and I attended the funeral. A cross was erected with his name and number on it."

Informant:- Pte. A. S. Hancock,  
No. 13158, 5th F.A.B.

Private address:-  
140 Lydiard Street,  
Auburn.

T.C.F.  
26/7/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

(Sgt. E. Chaplin) 9C

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P.M. 17/12/57  
The Secretary  
Aus Red Cross Society.  
514 Victoria St  
London E.C. 1.

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re No 8937. SGT. LESLIE A G

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RE 29.9.17 M. J. C.  
Your inquiry of 19.11.17 has been  
forwarded me for attention.

Sq' Leslie was Killed in action on  
29. 7. 17 and is buried at the military  
Cemetery at DICKENBUSCH, Belgium in  
Plot 1. C. 5

For your guidance, his next of kin was  
his father - M. H. G. Perle of Brill Park  
Station Euston NSW.

The following is a description of the deceased:

Height. about 5' 9" Age 29.

Complexion. Fair. Eyes. Blue. Hair. Brown.  
Clean Shaven. Build. Strongly built.  
Legs. Slightly bow.

I enclose a photograph in which deceased is marked with a cross & an circling line.

Ob 105 blow 18th

December 19th. 1917.

Lieut. C. C. Horton,  
105 Howitz Bty.  
Austr. Fd. Art.  
E. M. F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you very much for your letter in answer to our enquiries (as to the Church of England Chaplain) concerning Sgt. A. G. Leslie, A.F.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance to us and of value to our enquiries.

We have applied to the Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries for a photograph of the grave to be forwarded to the next of kin.

We are returning the photograph you so kindly enclosed and trust it reaches the owner safely.

With all good wishes for the Christmas Season and the coming Year.

Yours faithfully,

V. D.  
Secretary.

