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**9906 Lance Corporal
Conrad Martin Lucas**

16th Field Company Engineers



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A. I. E. 120 Cadet Bn
late 9th Fla. Coy. Engr.

LUCAS
C.M. 9906

Died 18-3-18

Died - Pneumonia - 1st Eastern Gen. Epl Cambridge 17-3-18.
Cert. by Mpl Index.

London
8-4-18

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O.C. Draft.

8.6.18.

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9906. Cadet C. M. Lucas

20th Cadet Battalion A. I. F.

D. 17. 3. 18. pneumonia.

to

The Matron

1st Eastern Genl Hosp^l

Cambridge.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE

11. 6. 18

Dear Madam

The Matron of the 1st Eastern
General Hospital, Cambridge has handed to
me your letter of the 2nd inst, concerning
the death of Cadet C. M. Lucas.

As Chaplain to the Cadets in Cambridge
I can give you all details, which I
do with enclose.

If there is any further information
you require, I shall be happy to do
my best to supply it.

Yours faithfully
A. G. B. Bellerby C.F.

Concerning/

Cadet C. M. Lucas

D. Coy. No 2 Officer Cadet Battalion
Cambridge.

Cadet Lucas came to Cambridge early in March & was posted to D Coy of No 2 C.C.B then billeted at Corpus College. He had only been in Cambridge a few days when he reported sick & was sent to the Cadets' Ward at the 1st Eastern General Hospital.

There I visited him & found him very ill with pneumonia. The Medical Officer of the ward informed me that Cadet Lucas must have been sickening for pneumonia before he came to Cambridge, since he was the year was in an advanced stage when he was admitted into hospital.

I visited Cadet Lucas several times a day, & was able to discover from him the existence of his chum Sapper J. P. Baggott, then stationed at the Australian Engineers Training Depot, Brightlingsea, Essex.

We wired for Sapper Baggott who came to I once to Cambridge, & was constantly with his chum

On Sunday morning (17.3.18) at about 2.30 a.m.
 Cadet Lucas died. Sapper Baggott was with him
 at the time, also myself.

I made all arrangements for the funeral, which was
 (18) out with full military honours on Thursday,
 (21.3.18) by D. Coy of No. 2. O.C.B.

A service was held in the chapel of Corpus College, where
 Cadet Lucas had been stationed; this service was taken
 by the Master of the College - Lt. Pearce, & by myself.

At the graveside, I took the service supported by a
 firing party of officers & cadets from D. Coy.

Cadet Lucas was buried in the Newmarket Road
 Cemetery, in a special plot reserved for Australians.

Sapper Baggott was present, also the Australian
 Representative from H.Q. in London.

From Sapper Baggott I was able to obtain the
 address of Mrs Lucas in Australia, to whom I wrote,
 sending a full account of the funeral arrangements
 as reported in the local papers.

[Sapper Baggott had previously cabled Mrs Lucas
 the news of Cadet Lucas' death.] Later, I caused

photographs to be taken of the grave, copies
of which I sent to Sapper Baggott & Mr Lucas.

Sapper Baggott undertook to see to his chemist's
effects & papers; his military equipment
was seen to by the Commanding Officer of his
company in Cambridge - Major Place D.S.O
D. Coy. 2. O.C.B.
Cambridge.

There were several wreaths on the gun-carriage, & later
on the grave: from the Officers & Cadets of D. Coy. 2 O.C.B.
from the Sisters & patients of No: 211 Ward 1st E.S. Hospital,
etc, etc. In sending to Mr Lucas the photographs
of her son's grave, I also enclosed the cards and
expressions of sympathy attached to the wreaths.

I understand that Major Place, C/O D Coy. 2 O.C.B.
collected a sum of money from his company, with
which he provided a much better coffin than that
supplied free by the military authorities.