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31158 Gunner
Charles Russell Leahy

5th Field Artillery Brigade



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A.I.F. 5th F.A.B.

LEAHY
Charles Russell
31158

Died of wounds 20.4.18

Buried Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension
Cert. by A.I.F.Hdqrs List for Capt. Spedding.

London
16.6.19

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A.I.F.
2nd Divisional Artillery.
13th Battery (Late 22nd Howitzer Bty.)

LEAHY, Gunner
C.R. No. 31158

5FAB "Died 20/4/18".

I was a Subaltern in the 13th Battery and knew Leahy by sight. In April 1918 I saw him hit. We were in the village of Lavieville near Albert. The Battery had been in action and the Gunners were resting in a house close by. I saw a shell burst on the house. It penetrated the roof and wounded Leahy severely. He was mortally wounded. I helped to bandage him up and he died shortly afterwards.

Informant;- Lieutenant R.S. Atkins,
13th Battery, 2nd Divisional Artillery.

Private address;- "Byandra" Snail's Bay, Balmain.

W.C.W.
Victoria Barracks,
Sydney.
12/5/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.
2nd Divisional Artillery
13th Battry. 5th F.A.B.
(Late 22nd Howitzer Battery)

LEAHY, Gunner
C.R. No. 31158

"Died 20/4/18".

Leahy and I first met when he joined the Battery in France. I knew him well. He was fair and of nuggety build, about 5ft.7" in height. On the 20th April 1918 the Battery had been in action at Laverville and after fire had ceased and the guns were set down we were in a room in a house close to the Battery. A shell came through the roof and burst in the house, wounding several of us, including Gunner Leahy, Dunnill and Dunnage. I saw Leahy put in an Ambulance and taken away. I never saw him again.

Informant;- No. 1390, Sergeant E.J. Hoskins,
13th Battery, 2nd Divisional Artillery.

Private address;- New Canterbury Rd., DULWICH HILL.

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A.I.F. 13th Bty A.F.A.

LEAHY
C.R. 31158

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13th Bty.A.F.A.
A.I.F.

LEAHY. S
Pte.C.R. 31159.

"Died".

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Re 31159 Pte.C.R.Leahy. 13th Bty A.F.A. I regret to inform you that he was admitted to this hospital on the 19th April. 1918 and died on the 20th April.

He was suffering from Gun Shot wounds in the shoulder and arm, received April 19th in action. When he was admitted to this hospital, his condition was very low. His relatives can rest assured that everything was done to relieve his pain and save his life, but he was too seriously wounded to hold out much hopes of his recovery.

As far as can be learnes, he left no message. This was probably due to the fact that he was unconscious most of the time, which relieved him of much pain.

He was given a military funeral, and is buried in the military cemetery close to this place, but the regulations do not permit me to mention names.

I trust that these few facts will be of some comfort to his relatives.

Please tender to his relatives, the sincere sympathy of the entire staff.

W.F. Macaulay Lt.Col

London.
5-6-18.

Letter from:- O.C.
No 3 Canadian Stat: Hpl.B.E.F. S.

O.C. Draft. 23.5.18.

The O.C.
3rd Can. Stat. Hosp. B.E.F.

31158. Pte C.R. Leahy.
13th Battery C.F.A.

D. of W. 20.4.18.

The Australian Red Cross Society,
56 Grosvenor Place,
London S.W.1

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Sincerely Yours,

30-5-18

A P Macaulay Lt Col
O. C. N° 3 Canadian Staty
Hospital

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