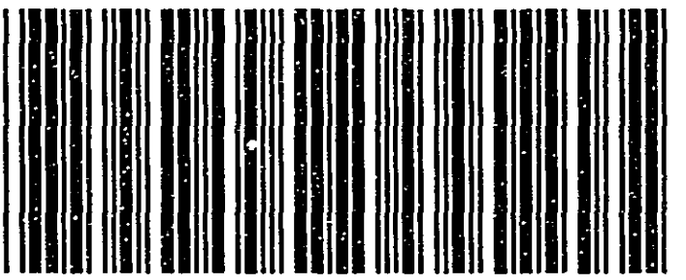
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3044 Private
Richard Leslie Forrest

34th Battalion



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A.I.F. 34th Btn.

FORREST
R.L. 3044

"MISSING"

Killed in action 12-10-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 13-6-18.

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London
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CANCELS

34th Btn.
A.I.F.

FORREST,
Richard Leslie, 3044.

AUSTRALIAN LIST

~~Left U.K. London 22.10.19.~~

Name.	Unit.	Casualty.	Cause of Cancels.
		Cert. by Capt. Mills, 10.10.19.	~~No trace Germany~~
	B.		London. 24.10.19.

34 A.I.F. FORREST, R.L. 3044

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M. 12 Oct. 1917.

"I knew R.L. Forrest whose number was 3044 - he was married, came from N.S.W. age about 25, dark hair, clean shaven, 5'7", lean. On 12th Oct. at Passchendaele we found him luing in a shell hole wounded by a machine gun bullet, he was unconcious. The Stretcher bearers had bandaged him. When we retired in the afternoon of the same day 4 men picked up Forrest to carry him back, but they did not get through."

Eyewitness. Yes.

Description.

Informant. F.A. Morris, 5087
34 A.I.F. H.Q. Sigs.
R.V. Netley Hospital,

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G.R.B.
11.6.18.

Havre 28th February 1918.

34th A.I.F. Forrest P.L. No.3044.

M. 12th Octr 1917.

We were at Ypres on the 12th Octr in a shell hole, and soon after we got over Forrest was killed. I saw him ~~killed~~ fall. We carried our objective on that occasion. I knew Forrest. He was a young fellow, rather dark hair, clean shaven.

Inf:- Pte H.E.Williams No.3136.
34th A.I.F. A.S.C.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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34th Battn,
B.Coy,
A.I.F.

FORREST,
R.L. 3044

"Missing 12.10.17."

Refer to Pte.A.V.Rolfe, B.Coy, 34th Battn, who is now in France, he carried him out to the dressing station after he was wounded, and can give full details of casualty.

Informant:-Sig.A.E.Davidson, 3039,
34th Battn, Hqrs Sigs.
3.A.A.H.
Dartford.

H.Oman.

London.
4.4.18.

NOTE Written to Pte. A.V.Rolfe S.
4.4.18.

34th Battn.
A.I.F.

FORREST
R.L. 3044

"Missing 12-10-17"

Re 3044 Pte.R.L. Forrest, 34th Battn. Regarding his personal appearance, he was about 5'10", droop shoulders, and of dark complexion. On the afternoon of the 12th Oct. Forrest was wounded in the stomach by a rifle bullet. I helped to carry him to the Regt. Aid Post, which at that time was near the 36th Battn. Hqts. I left him there about an hour after he was wounded. He was then quite conscious, but very pale. He did not appear to be in much pain. I know nothing about Forrest after that time, and cannot refer you to anyone else who might be able to help you.

Letter from;- Rolfe A.V. 3104
B.Coy. 34th Battn.
18-4-18

London
1-5-18

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34th A.I.F. R.L.Forrest 3044

M. Oct. 12/17

"Pte. R.L.Forrest belonged to B.Coy V.Plat. and came over with me with the 7th reinforcement - At about 5 P.M. on Oct.13/17 Pte. A.V.Rolfe (B.Co. V 34 A.I.F.)and I found him lying on Passchendale ridge with a bullet wound in his stomach. We carried him back to about 200 yds behind our line but he died on the stretcher and we left his body on it. He died about half an hour after we found him and we were both quite sure that he was dead. We both reported this to the C.O.Paymaster at Vaudringham early in November. Rolfe is now in the Military Police of the 34 A.I.F.

Eyewitness Yes

Description About 22. Med. height & colouring. blue eyes.

Informant. Pte. A.W.Drew, 3037
B.Coy. VI Platoon
34 A.I.F.
Richmond Red Cross Hospital.

Reports A.V. Rolfe

A.G.G.
22nd May 1918.

14/4/18

Lo Pte A. V. Rolfe.
D. Coy.
34th Inf. Batn
A. I. F.
B. E. F.

Short
3044 Pte R. L. Forrest
D. Coy.
34th Inf. Batn.
A. I. F.
B. E. F.

M. 12/10/17.

Wnd
4/4/18

3044
R. L. Forrest B Coy
34 Battalion 34th Bn
M. 12.10.17 18.4.18

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Dear Miss Deakin,

I have received an inquiry from you concerning the No 3044 Pte R. L. Forrest 34th B.

Regarding his personal appearance he was about 5'10" high, stoop shoulders & of dark complexion.

On the afternoon of the 12th Oct Forrest was wounded in the stomach by a rifle bullet. I helped to carry him to the R.A.P. which at that time was near the 36th Bn. Hq. I left him there about an hour after he was wounded. He was then quite conscious but very pale. He did not appear to be in much pain.

I know nothing about Forrest after that time & cannot refer you to anyone else who might be able to help you.

Yours faithfully,

Pte R V Rolfe