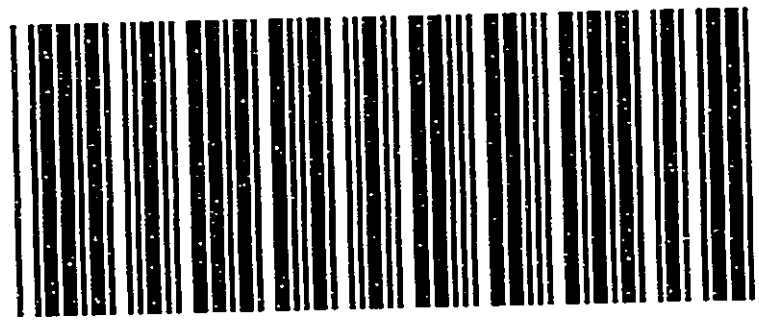
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3234 Private
Arthur Sidney Field

49th Battalion



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A.I.F. 49th Btn
C.Coy.

FIELD
Pte Arthur Sydney 3234

"WHEREABOUTS"

No report of casualty
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 23-4-17

"I am quite well"
Cert. by letter card recd.from above dated 2-5-17.

london
8-5-17

B.

A.I.F. 49. K. 7.6.17. FIELD A.S. 3234.

On 7th. June we went over the top at Messines. I was ahead of him and saw him coming across in XII Pl. on our left. Just as we had got over the Ridge a shell came over. I saw him just before it landed and he had disappeared after it burst. I concluded he had been blown up by it. I was between 200 and 300 yards from him at the time. I could see him fairly distinctly. He was carrying an ammunition bucket at the time. I knew him well in the army. He was about 5 ft. 8 in height, age 25 or so. I know nothing as to whether his body was received or not.

SA.

Reference: Pte. M. Marmana. 1952. C.Co. Reinf. Camp.

Etaples. 3.9.17.

B.

49th. Battn.
A.I.F.

Field.
A.S. 3234.
3134

Killed 7/6/17.

He was observing from a shell hole at Messines Ridge, he just put his head up and a sniper caught him through the head with a bullet. He was killed righ out, and buried where he fell. I was with him when he was hit.

Inf: Pte. A.E. Barnes 5043,
49th. A.I.F.
France.

F.Mackay.
London.
21.11.17.

B.

A.I.F.
49th Bttn.

FIELD. Pte.
A.S. 3234.

M. 17.8.17.

5'9", fair, age 26, came from Queensland. I saw him go into action on 7.6.17. at Messines Ridge. He was a Lewis gunner with 1Bl. he was a Cpl. at one time and was putback. We went over on 7.6.17. and came out on the night of 12.6.17. We went in supports on night of 14.6.17. and came out on 15.6.17. and on the roll call of 17.6.17. Field was missing. I had been a Lewis gunner with Field on and off/the time and knew him well. (all)

Informant:-Sgt. A.J.Cooper. 5066
49th Bttn. A.Co.
1st Pltn. A.I.F.
Ward 28. 3rd A.A.Hpl. 27.4.19.

Home address:-
Townsville.
Queensland.

O.S.W.
London.
6.5.19.
HG.

B.

A.F. B.213.
(In pads of 50.)

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I am quite well.

~~I have been admitted into hospital~~
~~sick~~ } and am quite well.
~~wounded~~ } ~~and hope to be discharged soon.~~

~~I am letter sent with this case.~~

I have received your { letter dated 22 September 17
~~telegram~~ „ _____
~~parcel~~ „ _____

Letter follows at first opportunity.

~~I have received no letter from you~~
~~lately~~
~~for a long time.~~

Signature only } A. J. Miller

Date 2-6-17

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W. W. 293/821. 2m. 6/16. J.T.E. C. & Co. Gran. Mills. S.W.

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The Secretary,
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Registration Branch P.R.C.S.
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I am quite well.

~~I have been admitted into hospital~~

{ ~~sick~~ / ~~wounded~~ } ~~and am going on well.~~ / ~~and hope to be discharged soon.~~

~~I am being sent down to the base.~~

I have received your { letter dated 27 April / ~~telegram~~ " ______ / ~~parcel~~ " 27-4-17 }

Letter follows at first opportunity.

~~I have received no letter from you~~

{ ~~lately~~ / ~~for a long time.~~ }

Signature only } A. F. Fielt [illegible] 5234

Date 8-5-17

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W3497/293 1000 [illegible] 5/16 C. & Co. Grange Mills, S.W.

27th April 1917.

3234 Pte Arthur Sydney Field
49th Battn, A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have recently received an inquiry for you from your mother in Australia, who has had no letters from you for four months and is most anxious for news. There is no official report of any casualty to you.

We would be grateful if you would let us know that you are with your Battalion and well; on hearing from you we will at once communicate with your mother through our office in Brisbane, and allay her anxiety concerning you,

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary