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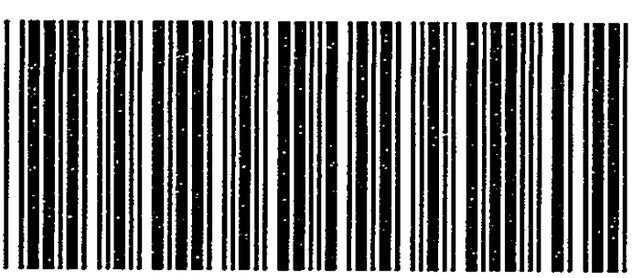
2nd Lieutenant Allen Raymond Jackson

55th Battalion



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A.I.F. 53th Btn

JACKSON
A.R. 2nd/Lt.

"WHEREABOUTS"

Killed in action 30-9-18 - N.F.R.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 15-10-18

London
16-10-18

P.K.

A.I.F. 58th Battn.

JACKSON
S/Lieut A.R.

WILLED 28/9/18

I was with him at the time he left the Trench with bombs to bomb a Strong Point in front to the left of Bullecourt. Lieut. Chadwick of C Coy., followed him - He came back and told me that he was killed - Came from Wagga, New South Wales - he has a brother (same battalion) Leslie Jackson 8th Bde - Thick set, dark, about 28.

Informant:- Pte Walton, R.F., 1780,
58th Battn., C Company,
No 1 Command Depot,
Sutton Veny.
13/3/19

Written Jackson 28/9/19.

London
28/9/19
JEA

P.I.

55th Battn.
A.I.F.

JACKSON.
2/Lieut. A.R.

"Killed in Action 30-9-18"

Your letter to hand a few days ago and I understand that you wish me to give you further information concerning the death of my brother 2/Lieut Jackson.A.R. 55th Battalion. I knew my brother was killed on the 30-9-18 and was present at Hesbecourt on the 2-10-18 when he was buried. I have written home to my people telling them everything, where and how he met his death. There is nothing more for me to find out about him, so I would be very pleased if you would instruct you searchers to try and find the place and get a ~~many~~ photo of his grave as I have promised my Mother that I would do my best to get one. Trusting you will do your utmost.

Letter from:- Cpl Jackson. 1623.
C.Company. 55th Battalion.
A.I.F.

London.
1-3-19.

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55th. BATTALION A.I.F. JACKSON A. H.- 2nd. Lieut.

K 20-9-18

It was during an attack at Bellecourt, when trying to take an enemy Machine Gun post. He and a Sergeant named Sullivan were both killed by the same burst, and witness was only a few yards away. His body was brought out and buried in a Cemetery near Peronne and a cross was erected over his grave. He was very popular with his men, and was generally called "Sacco". He had just been commissioned from the rank of Sergeant.

Witness:- Sergeant E. A. Bourke, 1517,
55th. Battalion.

Home address:- Elderslie, via Branxton N.S.W.

B. J. Skilton, Sergeant,
H.M.T. "Euripides".
23/3/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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A.I.F. 55th Btn

JACKSON
2/Lt. A.R.

"K.Sept. 30/18"

55th Btn D.Coy. 5/9 medium about 30 Came from N.S.W. At Bellicourt on Sept: 30/18 at 7 a.m. he was leading his platoon into action when he was killed instantly by machine gun fire. He was buried in a military cemetery at Hesbecourt and a cross was erected.

Informant: R.Angus 3354
55th Btn D.Coy.

Note: C.V.Arnett 2260 and Cpl. R.A.Farrell gave similar evidence.
W.M.K.
London
27-3-19
J.E.A.

P.I.

JACKSON, A. R. 2/lieut.

55th Battn. A.I.F.

"K Sept. 30/18."

His brother has full particulars of his burial.

Searcher:-

J.E. Elder,
Adm. Hdqrs.,
on board "Wyreema."

Adelaide 29/15/19.

55th Battn. A.I.F.

JACKSON

Lieut. A.R.

E. 30/3/18

Buried Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension, 6½ miles E.N.E. of Peronne, 6.6E., 3SP.#459/29

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of: 16/10/19

Melbourne

16/12/19

To
1673
Pte Leslie Jackson,
55th Inf. Battn
A. I. F.
B. E. F.

about
2/Lt. A. R. Jackson,
55th Inf. Bn.
A. I. F.
K. in A. 30. 9. 18
written 28. 2. 19 I. E. D.

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Jackson Present 55th Bn
Leslie address 1643
& particulars
please G.C

Nth Unit - H.Q. 26.2.19

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55th Bn

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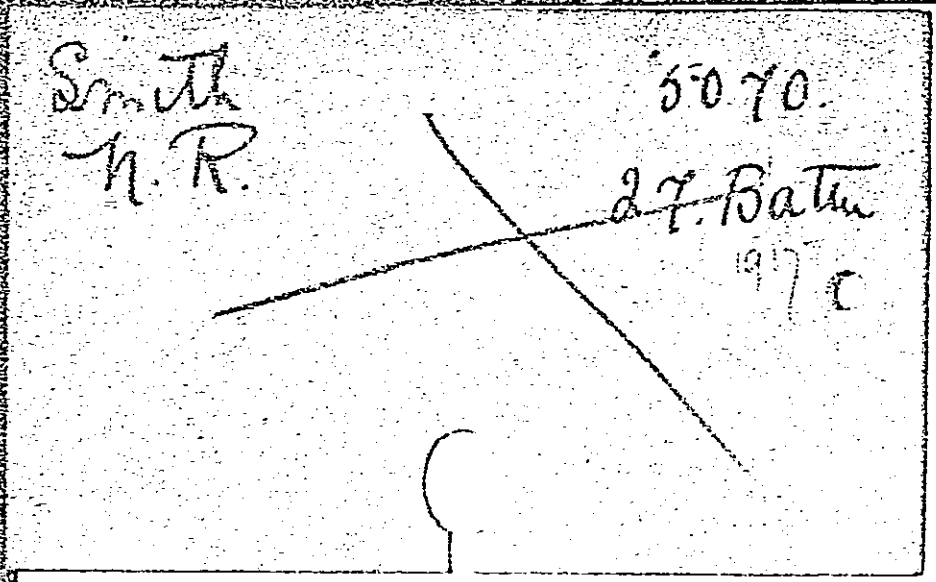
23.2.19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27. Batn
1917

2/Lt A. K. Jackson 55 Bltn
Sgt H McKenzie " "

Oct. 24th 1918

Dear Miss Drakin.

Thank you very much for information regarding the two men I wrote about. I do appreciate your kindly interest

Yours very truly
A. Louise Anderson

1673 Cpl. L. A. Jackson

C Coy

55th Battn

15.3.19

would like proof of his brother's grave

2/Lt A. R. Jackson

55th Battn K.v.A. 30.9.18

(Letter 10.3.18)

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Enquiry included in W.S.M. Cable	No. 208 of 29-8-18.
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Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree.	—
State if Next-of-Kin.	—

On card Mc Henry Greig Secretary.
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To The Secretary.
Eng. Bureau.
ack. p.c. 14.3.19 J.E.D.

2 Lt. Jackson, A. R. 55th Battn. K. in A. 30.9.18 Pl 2

France.
Belgium.
10-3-1918.

Dear Sir,

Your letter to hand a few days ago and I understand that you wish me to give you further information concerning the death of my Brother 2/Lt. Jackson A. R. 55th Inf. Btn. I knew my brother was killed on the 30-9-'18 and was present at Hesbecourt on the 2-10-'18 when he was buried. I have written home to my people telling them everything, where and how he met his death. There is nothing more for me to find out about him, so I would be very pleased if you would instruct your searchers to try and find the place and get a photo of his grave as I have promised my Mother that I would do my best to get one trusting you will do you utmost. I am yours faithfully 1673 [illegible] Jackson. [illegible]

April 1st, 1919.

Miss A. Louise Anderson.
23 Old Park Ridings.
Winchmore Hill N.21.

Dear Madam.

With further reference to your enquiry for 2/Lieut. A.R. JACKSON. 55th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you we have now received the following unofficial report from 3354 Pte. R. Angus of the same Unit who states:- "That about 7 a.m. on 30.9.18. Lieut. Jackson was leading his platoon into action at Bellicourt when he was killed instantly by machine gun fire. He was buried in a Military Cemetery at Harbecourt and a cross was erected."

2250 Pte. C.V. Arnott and Cpl. F.A. Farrell also of the same Unit gave similar evidence. We have now closed our enquiries as we do not expect to obtain any further particulars but will immediately advise you should any other information reach us.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY. I.G.

March 17th, 1919.

1673 Cpl. L.A. Jackson.
C.Coy. 55th Bttn.
Australian Imperial Force.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for a photograph of the grave of 2/Lieut. A.R. JACKSON. 55th Battalion. A.I.F. We should advise you to apply direct to the Graves Dept. A.I.F. Headquarters, 130 Horseferry Road, London. S.W.1 enclosing a permanent address either in England or Australia as it may be some time before a copy is available.

This department has now undertaken the responsibility of all matters relating to the graves of members of the A.I.F. They have sent searchers to all the areas of the battlefields to endeavour to locate the graves of ~~and~~ all those which have not already been registered.

With good wishes.

Yours fait fully,

(Miss) G. W. G

SECRETARY.

October 19th, 1918.

Miss Anderson.
23 Old Park Ridings,
Winchmore Hill. N. 21.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your enquiry regarding 2/Lieut. A.R. JACKSON 55th Battalion. A.I.F. We deeply regret to have to inform you that he was killed in action on 30-9-18. If you wish us to do so we shall make all possible enquiries for details of his death and burial, and as soon as information comes to hand we will advise you immediately.

Regarding your enquiry for 3114 Sgt. H. MACKENZIE. 55th Battalion. A.I.F. We are glad to inform you he is with his unit in France and we should advise you to write to him there.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

E B Ruell

Miss Louise Anderson.
23 Old Park Ridings.
Winchmore Hill. N.21.

March 3rd 1919.

Dear Madam,

In further reference to your enquiry for 2/Lieut A.R.Jackson. 55th Battn. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have received an unofficial report about him from 1750. Pte.R.F.Walton. of the same unit. He stated, that he was with Lieut Jackson in the trench when he left to bomb a strong point in front of Bullecourt. Lieut Chadwick of C.Company. went with him, and on his return, told the informant that Lieut Jackson had been killed. Pte Walton described him as being thick set, dark, about 5ft 10 in height, about 28 years old.

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you as soon as we obtain further particulars. With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) V W Parker

Secretary.