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**556 Private
John Charles
Reynolds**

54th Battalion



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34 Bk

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Reported killed in Action 25-9-17 ✓

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9th Ave

Off hr: 20.6.18.

A.I.F. 54th Battn.

REYNOLDS
Pte John Charles
556

"WHEREABOUTS"

Killed in Action 25/9/17 -

Buried at Perth Cemetery "China Wall" Zillebeke - just E.S.E. of Ypres
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 2/1/19

(D.G.R.E. 28395 G)

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 6/1/19

London
7/1/19

P.I.

A.I.F. 54th Battn

REYNOLDS
Pte. John Chas. 556
not - 557
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"W.A. 19-9-17"

Buried at Perth Cemetery "China Wall" Zillebeke just E.S.E. of Ypres.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 2-1-19.

London
3-1-19

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A.I.F. 54th Battn.

REYNOLDS

J.C. 556.

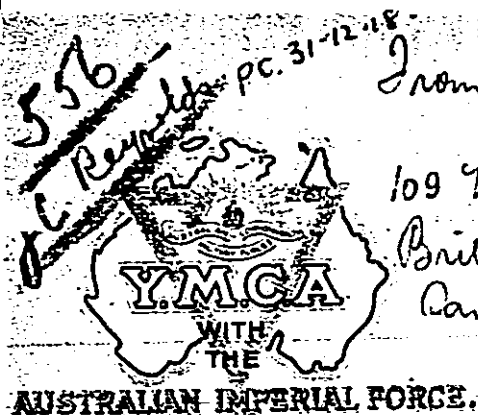
"Killed in Action 25.9.17"

Re No. 556, Pte. Reynolds. He may have been officially reported killed on the 25th September 1917 but that is not true. On September 19th our Battalion moved into reserves near Hodge Crater and he was killed that night. I was not fifty yards away at the time. Sgt. Russell was killed with the same shell. We were camped in reserves four days and then moved up on the night of the 24th to the front line for the Polygon Wood Stunt. 26.9.17. Pte. Reynolds was buried before then. The Pioneer Sergt. said he was buried at Half Way House Cemetery when I asked him; of course he could make a mistake, but I am certain he (Pte. Reynolds) was not killed on the 25th September 1917.

Letter from:- Wp. 590, Cpl. H.W. Went,
53rd Battn. 1st A.G.H.
Salisbury Plain.

London
24.1.19.
D.W.B.

P.I.



From No 590 Cte West New
53 Batts AIF
109 Ward I lines
British Military Hospital
Campfire via Xaver
France

Dec 22. 918

Dear Miss Butler

Will you let me know
if it is possible to get a photo taken
of the grave of No 565 Pte Reynolds
D.C. A Coy 5th Battalion he was
killed on the Menin Road near
Boodje Water Ypres on the night
of Sept. 9. 1917 and was buried
at Half way House Cemetery
near Ypres the place is a large
cemetery and registered
+ Vera Russell was also killed with
him they were buried alongside
one another and crosses were
erected over their graves
+ Slips

I have written several times to the
 France Registration Department
 but have not had any reply
 and Reynolds people are always
 writing asking me to get the
 Photo. I had enquiries also from
 Australia of the place where
 Pte. L. Payne B. Coy. 57 Bait.
 was buried he was killed while
 out on a ration party with me
 on the night 8th 9th Oct 1917 at
 Westhoek Ridge ten others were
 wounded and as there was only
 three of us ^{left} to get the wounded
 he had to be left there that
 night when I went out next
 night they told me the ^{3rd} Machine
 Gunners had moved his body
 I would like to know if there
 is any record of him being
 buried as there were a lot of
 Comanches around there.

+ Clp -

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his people are very cut up as
he was only a boy he has a
brother in the 3rd Bde Machine
Gunners his name is

Driver J. Ryan. You can
write to him if you like any
information you get or I can
let him know

Thank you you can let
me know soon I remain

Yours Respectfully

Barry Bent

ack P.C.
21.1.19
D.W.P.

Thank you very much
for the information
concerning the location of
grave



Jan 15 1919
556

Dear Mr Deakin

P.C. Reynolds
54 Bn

Kia 25.9.17

Your letter of Jan 9. to hand
today concerning 76th 556 P.C. Reynolds he may
have been officially reported killed on 25.9.17
but that is not true

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near Woodage Grater and he was killed that
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buried before then the Pioneer Coy. said
he was buried at Hall's Way Pioneer
Cemetery when I asked him of course he
could make a mistake but I am certain
he P.C. Reynolds was not killed on the 25.9.17

Yours :

76th 520 Corporal P.C. W. W. W. W.
53 Battalion 1st A.I.F.
Salisbury Plains

January 9th, 1919.

590 Pte. H.W. Went,
53rd Btn. A.I.F.,
109 Ward. I Lines.
British Military Hpl.
Sauvies. Hamre.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your request for a photograph of the grave of 556 Pte. J.C. REYNOLDS (not Reynnalds) 54th Battalion, A.I.F. who was killed in action on 25.9.17 (not 19.9.17) We beg to inform you that he is officially reported to be buried at Perth Cemetery 'China Wall' Zillebeke, just E.S.E. of Ypres, the map reference of his grave being D.G.R.E.28395 G. and we would advise you to apply direct to the Graves Department, A.I.F. Headquarters 130 Horseferry Road. S.W.1. for a photograph giving them a permanent address to which a copy may be sent when available.

With good wishes for your recovery.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Vera Deakin

Secretary.

P.G.