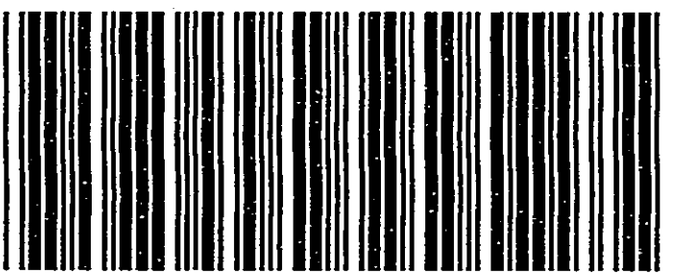
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# 2672 Private Thomas Lippett Russell

## 59th Battalion



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A.I.F. 59. RUSSELL. L.T. 2672.

M. July 19th. 1916.

Informant says:-

"I knew him quite well he was a particular friend of mine. Christian names were ~~Lipord~~ Thomas Lipord. Another friend of mine, L/Cpl T.Young saw him killed. He was going over the parapet (advancing to the first German line) and fell back. Cpl. Young saw him fall. This was near Fleurbaix. The Germans counterattacked and got as far as our trench where Russell was shot, but they did not get beyond the trench as they were driven back.

Inf: Driver J.Foley. 2617.
7, Con. Camp
BOULOGNE. 6.12.16.

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15.12.16.

59th Australian Imperial Force. Russell, L.T., 2672,

M. July 19th. 1916.

"Russell who belonged to my D. Coy., was killed, beyond any doubt, at Fromelles 19/July 1916. It was common report amongst our men. We were engaged in an advance attack, in the evening, when all our line got badly cut up."

Informant:-- Pte. Leslie Edwd: Tatterson, 2805,
59th Australian Imperial Force, D.Coy.,
Harborne Hall V.A.D. Hospital,
Birmingham.

Home address:-- Trafalgar,
Gippsland,
Victoria, Australia.

10th Feb:
Geo: Bullock.

Final draft. 26-9-19

Mrs. Russell.

254 Rosendale Road.

Herne Hill S.E.

Re.

2672 Russell Lt. 59th Bn

# The Australian Red Cross Society
(B.R.C.S.)
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No. 6795.

Date May 11-1918.

**Regimental Details of Soldier enquired about.** No. 3542
Sgt. John Howard.
47th Late 16th Battalion

**Details of Casualty.** Wounded - 5th April-18.

**Information wanted.**

December 15th.

L/C. T. YOUNG
59th. Batt.
A.I.F
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Battalion No.2672 L.T.RUSSELL reported missing July 19th 1916. and have been told that you may be able to help us by giving us some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you could send us concerning PTE. L.T.RUSSELL and would also be glad if you could add a short description of his appearance , or any points that we would satisfy his relatives that no error had been made.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

L D.

Secretary

December 20th

Mrs.Russell
254.Rosendale Road.
Herne Hill
S.E.

Dear Madam;

We regret to informyou that an unofficial report has been received from a friend of his about 2672.Pte.L.T.Russell, 59th.Battn.A I.F. Informant states that he knew him quite well and gave his christain names as Thomas Lippord, he addsthat another man told him that he had seen Pte.Rissell killed when going over the parapet at Fleurbaix.

We are very sorry that we have not more detailedd information to send you. We have written to the man, who saw him killed and will let you know what reply he gives us.

We are still making inquiries and will at once comm--unicate with you, should any further information be received as we know how anxious you must be.

With sincere sympathy

Yours faithfully,

V.B

Secretary
LAWS

19th February -7.

Mrs Russell,
254. Rosendale Rd.
Herne Hill.
S.E.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your inquiry for No. 2672. Pte. L.T. Russell, 59th. Battn. A.I.F. we beg to inform you that another unofficial report has been received about him from a man of his battalion - No. 2805. Pte. Leslie Edward Tatterton.

Informant - who on Feb. 10th. was in Harborne Hall V.A.D. Hospital, Birmingham, states that it was common report among the men in the battalion that Pte. Russell was killed beyond any doubt at Fromelles on July 19th.. They were engaged in an advance attack and the line was badly cut up.

We are still continuing our inquiries and hope to hear some news of a less distressing character which we will immediately forward to you. In the meantime, you we can only offer you our sincere sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary.
A.A.M.