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2440 Private Leslie Arthur Eugene Russell

45th Battalion



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A.I.F. 46th Batn A.Coy. RUSSELL
Pte. 2440.

DIED OF WOUNDS

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Cert.by letter from. Secretary,
Norfolk & Norwich Hospital.
Norwich.
29th.March 17.

LONDON.
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TELEPHONES Nos. NORWICH 81 & 1195.
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"HOSPITAL, NORWICH."

SECRETARY:
FRANK INCH.

NORFOLK & NORWICH HOSPITAL,
NORWICH.

29th March 1917

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
54 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.

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Frank Inch

Secretary.

30th March 1917.

The Secretary,
Norfolk & Norwich Hospital,
NORWICH.

Dear Sir,

I am deeply grateful for the detailed information you have sent regarding the death of - 2440 Pte Russell, A.Coy, 46th Australian Infantry Battalion. I have cabled the sad news to Mrs. Russell and will forward a copy of your kind letter to her.

It is considered the correct procedure to send effects, such as, pay book, disc etc., to the Dept. which deals with Soldiers effects at A.I.F. Headquarters, but we continually forward little personal trifles, such as, letters, pocket books, etc., to the Next of Kin in Australia, through our Australian Offices to ensure their safe arrival. Headquarters, dealing with effects in such bulk, naturally are more liable to neglect trifling possessions, which mean so much to the bereaved relatives.

With many thanks for your kindness in the matter,

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary.