

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
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**602 Lance Corporal
Charles Sharrock**

39th Battalion



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A.I.F. 39.

SHARROCK, I./Cpl. 602.

K. June 8th, 1917.

Place of burial, a spot $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile S.S.E. of Messines
Village. (Map reading U.9a.2.4.)

Cert. by Div. Burials Officer,
Fauquembergues. 30.10.17.

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1.11.17.

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1st NOVEMBER, 1917

39th AUSTRALIANS

SHARROCK, L.Cpl. 602, & 16 others
(for full list see report on ANDERSON, F.P. 9)
X. June 8th. 1917. Det. D/B.

I was batman to Church of England Padre, Capt. J. Best of the 39th Batt., (now with Machine Gun Co., Grantham, England), and accompanied him with the burial parties at Messines in May, June & July. He has a complete record of all the men buried, and the location of their graves. Church of England Padre, Capt. Hayden of the 38th Batt., who is still with his Batt. assisted, and also has a record.

Informant: Pt. A.H. Dolomero, 430,
39th Australians, B.Co., VIII. Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouillea.

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Arthur Claffari Best

9-11-17

39th Bata
B. Coy.,
A. I. F.

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SHARROCK
✓ Cpl. 602

"Killed 8.6.17."

I was told by some of the boys that were with him at the time of casualty, that a shell landed quite close to him the concussion of which killed him instantly. He was buried by Chapln. Capt. J. Best 39th Bata who is now somewhere in England, but who could give full particulars of burial. I heard he was buried between Douave River and Messines Ridge I have written to his Uncle Mr. J. Kirkwood Blackbells creek, Penhurst Victoria giving him details of the casualty.

Witness:- Pte. R.R. Basham 51.
39th Bata HdQtrs
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
22.10.17.

M

39th Battn.
A.I.F.

Sharrock.
L/Cpl.C. 602

"Killed 8.6.17"

I saw him hit by a large piece of shell which struck his cartridge pouch and they exploded. He was hit in a number of places and died instantly. It was on the extreme right of Messines Ridge. I helped carry him out to a shell hole close by. Did not see him buried. Knew him well, came over with him on the Ascanius, left Melbourne May 27th 1916. He was a fine fellow "one of the best". Came from Fenshurst.

Witness:-

Cpl.T.D.White 622

B.Coy.29th Battn.

No.3 Com and Depot.

Hurdcott.

G.W.Griffith.

London.
10.11.17.

H.

39th Battn.
A.I.F.

Sharrock.
L/Cpl.C. 602

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I did not see him killed but helped the Pioneers to bury his body on the side of La Petite Douvre Rover near Messines. Chaplain Nest C. of E. of the 39th Battn. officiated and we placed a cross on his grave. I knew him at home he lived about 8 miles from Peshurst, Victoria. We came from Melbourne together in the "Ascanius" left May 27th 1916. He was a "white man all over".

Witness:-

W. Clark 423.

B. Coy. 39th Battn.

No. 5 Company Depot.
Hurdcott.

G.W. Griffith.

London.
10.11.17.

M.

39th Battn.
A.I.F.

Sharrock.
L/Cpl. 602
(& 16 others, for full list
see Anderson.F.P.)

"Killed in Action 8.6.17"

Killed in Action 7.6.17. Battle of Messines. Buried in the field. Those buried "in the field" at Messines were buried in definite localities properly marked, but the plaques had no names. There is some doubt as to whether some of the lads were killed on 7th or 8th of June. It is a question whether they were killed before midnight or after. If you have the 8th down and my date is the 7th, keep to your date.

Letter from:-

Chaplain J. Best.

"E" Lines.

Aust: Officer's Mess,
Belton Park.

Grantham. 11.11.17.

London.
19.11.17.

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Note written Chaplain Best
9.11.17.

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