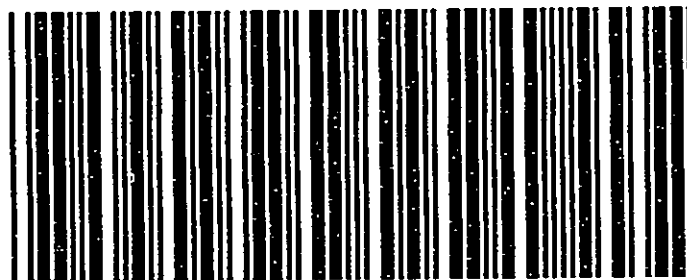


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**3664 Corporal  
Frederick Clement  
Shaw**

**31st Battalion**



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31st Battn.  
A.I.F.

Shaw.  
Cpl. F.C. 3664

"Killed in Action 29.9.17"

This man was killed in action along with 8 others on 28.9.17. He came from Woolloom Queensland. His wife resides at Mrs. E.C. Shaw c/o J. Bell, Kent Road, Woolloom, Queensland. His place of burial is as follows:- Map reference Westhoek Sheet 28. Edition 1.a. J.15. b 1.9.

Letter from:- Cpl. A.G. Saph.  
C. Coy. 31st Battn.  
Belgium. 23.2.18.

London.  
19.3.18.

Note Informant states clearly in his letter name & number as -  
.F.A. Shaw 3364 - but we think this may be a mistake.

P.I.

Havre.

28th. March. 1918.

31st. Australians.

Shaw, Cpl. F. C. No. 3664.  
Eyckens, A. E. No. 664.

K. 29th. September. 1917. Dets. D/B.

They were both in C. Company, 9th. Platoon. I know Eyckens pretty well. I knew Corporal Shaw very well, I knew him in Queensland. On the 29th. September the Battalion was in supports in Polygon Wood. A shell dropped amongst six men, Eyckens and Corporal Shaw were among the six men, they were all blown to pieces. There was absolutely nothing left of them at all. I was told this by Corporal Battett, 31st. Battalion C. Company, 9th. Platoon, who was with the Battalion when I left eight days ago. Really information could be got from anyone in the Platoon.

Inf:- Private. C. H. Williams. No. 4381.  
31st. Australians.  
C. Company. 9th. Platoon.  
Havre Hospital.

HFG.

*William Battett*  
5-11-18

31st Battn. A.Ccy.  
A.I.F.

SHAW  
Cpl.F.C. 3664

"Killed 29-9-17"

Refer to Pte.I.Reynolds, 31st Battn. C.Ccy., who is now in France, he saw him killed at Phlygon Wood, and can give full details of casualty.

Informant. Crowley Pte.G. 1983  
31st Battn. C.Ccy. 9th Pltn.,  
3rd A.A.H.,  
DARTFORD.

W.Oman  
London  
27-4-18

P.I.

Note; Written Reynolds 25-4-18

31 A.I.F.

Shaw Cpl. F.C. 3664.

(K. Sept. 29/17.)  
Det. D/B.

"I was in the trenches one night in Sept. in the Support line at Polygon Wood, when word came along that Cpl. Shaw (31.C.) had been killed instantaneously by a shell. Six were killed, and two were wounded. I think they were all buried by the shell. I do not know whether they were found and buried. We were just going to be relieved, and came out the same night."

Eye-witness: No. Inf: was further up the trench and word 'came along'.

Description: Elderly: I can give no particulars.

Informant: Pte. Thomas Cullen. 654.  
31 A.I.F. C Co: XII Pl.,  
3rd Southern General Hospital.  
Terrace. New College Gds.  
Oxford.

Home address: 7, Brookman Street.

9.5.18.

Hilda M. Pickard-Cambridge.

Perth.

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A.I.F. 51st Battn.

SHAW  
P.O. 8004 Opl.

"Killed 22/2/17"

I remember Opl. SHAW, we three, I, Opl. SHAW, and Opl. Teasey went into the fight together. Opl. SHAW was in C Company. I had to leave sooner and it was before Opl. SHAW was hit, but I know he was killed, and Opl. John Teasey 51st Battn., A.I.F., 8 Coy., could give all particulars. Opl. Teasey was in Hospital in France about the 22nd week in April when I last heard from him. He may have rejoined the Battalion since then. I remember the circumstances the three Opls together it was at Polygon Wood. Before the advance Opl. SHAW had been talking of his wife and home. Very heavy fire. We gained objective and held ground.

Eye-witness:- No.

Description:- Height 5' 6" fresh com: medium build, dark.

Informant:- 8004 Opl. John M. Green, (Intelligent, quite 51st Battn., A.I.F., 8 Coy., (certain of 3rd Southern Genl Hosptl, (what he says

Home address:- 12 Manor Street, Cowley Section.

Eva P.M.Dunn,

Clapham S.W.

6/5/18

London

13/6/18

NOTE:- Written Teasey,

11/6/18. *Letter returns marked "address not known 17/6/18"* P.I.

11/6/18.

Cpl. John Teasey.

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36.64. Cpl. F. C. Shaw. K

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PL J. REYNOLDS G.C.

P. Coy 31 A.I.F.

B. 9. 7.

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Capt F. P. SHAW

A. Coy 31 A.I.F.

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To The Secretary.

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Dear Madam.

I am again  
seeking the valuable aid of  
Your Society.

The relatives of

No 3664

Corp! F. C. Shaw

31st Battalion

Ans: Imp: Jones.

reported Killed in Action

Sept: 29<sup>th</sup> 17.

have written me begging me  
to get further information.

Can you help me. or put  
me in communication with  
anyone who was with the  
late Capt. Shaw.

Any information you can  
give will be greatly  
appreciated,

Sincerely yours

Ethel Moffrey.

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3664

9pl T. C. Shaw

31 Bln

See under

3044 H. A. Shaw

31 Bln

File no. SHAW. Fake 3664  
S. C. 2-3364

Cpl. F.C. Friedrich Element - 31st Battery

Q. C. F. A.

29.9.17 #9.12.3.15.

Killed in Action Sept. 1917.

Correct date wanted: also name  
& initials. keep of burial or at of death

Recd Saph's report

Reports depart  
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Tel. VICTORIA { 8576  
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"THE SECRETARY."

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36. GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON. S.W. 1.

11. 6-18.

*SE*  
*Cpl. John Kearney.*  
*31. A.T.F.*

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

*3664. Cpl. F. G. Shaw. 31. A.T.F.*

*Ref. 12 29/9/17*

and have been told that you may be able to help us by  
supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can  
send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially  
to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the  
field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be  
registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short  
description of his personal appearance or any points that  
might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number,  
as without these particulars delay and confusion might be  
caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have  
written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Mrs. Deakin*

Secretary.

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*Cpl. H. H. H.*

*31st 1st Div.*

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F. C. Shaw

3rd April 1918.

Mrs. Ethel Koffrey,  
29, Bramerton St.  
Chelsea, S.W.3.

Dear Madam,

We beg to inform you that we have received an unofficial report respecting - 3664 Cpl. FREDERICK CLEMENT SHAW, 31st Battalion, A.I.F. - which we are sorry to say only confirms the official report of his death in action. Cpl. A.G. Saph of the same Battalion, states that Cpl. Shaw was killed with 8 others on 28-9-17 and that his place of burial is officially registered - the map location being Westhoek sheet 28, edition 1a J 15 B 1.9.

We are continuing enquiries and will advise you of any further information we may obtain.

Regretting this the indefinite character of this report.

Yours faithfully,

*F. J. Geary*  
SECRETARY.

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5-4-18

29 Bramerton St

Chelsea. S.W. 3.  
April 4<sup>th</sup> 18.

To The Secy  
Australian Red Cross.

Dear Madam.

Very many thanks for the trouble  
you have taken in enquiring for the late  
9664 Corp. <sup>F.C.</sup> Shaw 31/13/16 the result of which though  
distressing is in some measure comforting in  
that it is authentic. I have passed to  
his wife & she may feel assured that her  
loved one died instantly, not lingering  
suffering.

Yrs truly.

Ethel E. Maffey

Mrs. Ethel Moffrey,  
29, Bramerton St.,  
Chelsea, S.W.3.

13th April, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that we have received another unofficial report respecting -

3664 Cpl. F.C. SHAW, 31st Battalion, A.I.F.

which tends to confirm the official report that he was Killed in Action. 4381 Pte. C.H. Williams of same unit states that he was told by Cpl. Bettett, also of the same unit, that in Polygon Wood on Sept 29th, 1917. A shell fell, killing Cpl. Shaw and 5 other men instantly. This was commonly known in the Platoon. Pte. Williams knew Cpl. Shaw well, having known him in Queensland.

We are continuing enquiries, and will advise you of any information we may received

Regretting that it must be of such sad nature.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) F. J. George  
SECRETARY.

Mrs. Ethel Moffey,  
29, Bramerton Street,  
Chelms, S.W.

May 29th, 1918.

Dear Madam,

In further answer to your enquiry for -

3664 Cpl. F.C. SHAW, 31st Battalion, A.I.F.

We regret to inform you we have received some unofficial information from 654 Pte. T. Cullen of the same unit, who was interviewed while in the 3rd Southern General Hospital, Oxford. He stated that he was in the trenches on the night of Sept 29th, 1917, in the support line at Polygon Wood, when word came along that Cpl. Shaw had been killed instantaneously by a shell. Six were killed and two were wounded and he thinks they were all buried by the shell but does not know if the bodies were found and buried as they were relieved and came out the same night.

This report confirms the information we have already sent you and should we obtain further details we shall advise you.

Assuring Pte. Shaw's wife of our deepest sympathy with her.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Mr. Baker*

SECRETARY.