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**2859 Private
Leonard Allen Packer**

43rd Battalion



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43rd Battn.
A.I.F.

L.A. PACKER.
2859.

"Missing" 31-7-17.

Killed in Action 31-7-17. Previously reported Missing.
Cert: by A.I.F. Hqs 14-6-18.

London.
17-6-18.

A. cable.

43rd A.I.F.

Packer L.A. 2859,

(M. 31.7.17)

P Warrington

"I saw him sniped at Warrington about 7 p.m. on July 31st. There is no other Packer in B. Coy. He was well known to the Coy. I do not know where he was buried".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description:

Informant: Pte. Albert Lean 2355,
43rd A.I.F., B. Coy., V Plt.,
Beaufort War Hospt.,
Bristol.

Home address:
Burtie St.,
Guildford,
N.S.W.

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22.10.17,
F. Morris.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT RECORD

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Statement Made by No.1005 Sgt. Adams L.A. 43rd EnPt No. 2359 Pte Packer L.A. 43rd En
Missing 31.7.17.

I have no knowledge of this man. The only one of (I) know of is Pte Packer L.A. number unknown 43rd En Killed in Action. Evidently a mistake has been made, this man having already been reported as killed, the place of death etc. being known.

Date at Eardcote this 10th day of December, 1917.

Statement made and signed before me. (Sgd.) C.H. Adams, Sgt. *a*

(Sgd.) G. Simpson, 2/Lt.

2 copies

Havre

14th November.1917.

43rd AUSTRALIANS

PACZER, L.A. 2859

M. July 31st.1917.

He was in B.Co., and was a Lewis Gunner. He was killed by a sniper being shot in the head while taking a strong point close to Werneton, about mid-night. I saw his dead body lying there. I suppose he was buried as we succeeded in our objective.

Informant: D.A. Miels, 5730

43rd Australians, B.Co.

Ambulance Train 24, Havre.

RBS.

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C O P Y

Statement made by No. 5730 Pte HEILS D.A. 43rd Btn.Re No. 2859 Pte PACKER L.A. 43rd Btn.
Missing 31.7.17

On or about the 2nd of June 1917, Private Packer L.A. was out with Lewis Gun Team at the Windmill at Messines. I was about 30 yards away when I saw the gun team blown up by a shell, only two men came back and Private Packer was reported killed.

A. 2 copies

Dated at Bath War Hospital this 13th day of December 1917.

(Sgd) D.A. HEILS.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) R.M. DICKSON.

Captain,
R.A.M.C.

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A.I.F. 43.

PACKER L.A. 2859.

M. July 31st 1917.

I knew him well and came over with him from Adelaide on Dec. 16th 1916. On July 31st I was in No. 6 Advanced Post and he was in No. 7 to the left of Warneton and about dusk his post was raided by the Germans. The Germans took the post and Packer was seen by some of the lads to be wounded when they got away. The post was immediately retaken but no trace could be found of him, but it had been heavily shelled in the meantime.

Inf: A. Robertson. 2770. 43.A.
No. 7 c.s.
BOULOGNE. 19.11.17.

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43 A.I.F.

Packer. L.A. 2859

M. July 31/17

"L.Cpl. Cox. B.Coy. 7 Platoon told me that he saw Packer killed by the concussion of a shell explosion whilst holding the front line after our advance on July 31st. He was buried in the front line (no cross) The Coy. retired that same night being relieved by another Battalion. He came over from Australia with me in the "Afrio". The front line at the time he was killed consisted of shell holes."

Eye-witness:
Description:

Informant: L.Cpl. H. Wilkins, 415,
43 A.I.F., B Co. 6 Pl.,
Beaufort Hospital,
Bristol.

Home address:-
Carlisle Street,
Glanville,
S. Australia.
Feb 27/18.
F. Gardiner.

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Whitten L/C Cox 15.3.18.

43rd Battn.

8 Plt A. I. F.

8 Plt

Packer.

L. A. 2859

"Missing 31.7.17"

I saw Packer killed instantly by shell shock, whilst in an advanced post at Warneton on 31st July. Ground was held.

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Knew him well.

Informant:- Sgt. G. M. Adams 1008
(Intelligence) 43rd Battn. B. Coy.

Home address:

Glenelg

S. Australia.

John Comber.

26.10.17.

London.

13.11.17.

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(18-3-18)

L/Cpl. Cox

B Coy. VII Plt.

43rd Battn. A.I.F.

Aboard

alt.

2859 Plt. L. A. Packer

43rd Battn. A.I.F.

M. 31. 7-17

15-3-18
A.I.F.