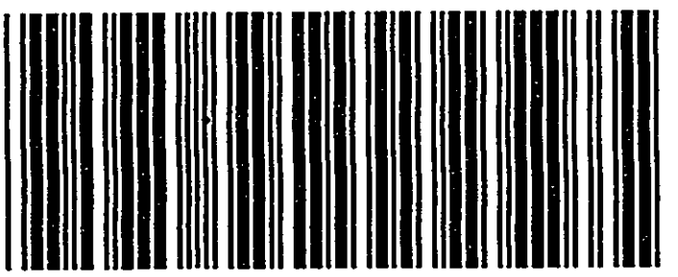
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4525 Private Gladstone John Berry Royce

28th Battalion



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A.I.F. 28th Btn

ROYCE
Gladstone John Berry 4525

"D/Wounds"

Died on board H.M.S. "Carisbrook Castle" Port Southampton 14-5-18

Adm. dead - Royal Victoria Hpl "etley - G.S.W.L.Thigh, burial details not yet to hand.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 9-7-18

Buried at "etley M.Cemetery single grave No.1949.

P
L.C.O.

London
19-7-18

A.I.F. 28th Btn ROYCE
Gladstone, John Berry 4525

"WHEREABOUTS"

Adm. Port Southampton adm. dead to RoyalVictoria Hpl Betley 14-6-18 - died of wounds.
Cert. by Hpl Index.

Adm. from HMAT Carisbrook Castle in Port - G.S.W. L.Thigh. Coroners Court not yet to hand - Sgt. will inform.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 11-6-18.

4825 Pte Royce 28th Btn A.I.F., age 21 years - died on board. Carisbrooke 14-6-18
Cert. by O.C. Wire Betley Hpl. 12-6-18.

P.

London
14-6-18

(I.G.C)

28th Battn.
A.I.F.

ROYCE
G.J.B. 4525

"DIED OF WOUNDS"

Re Pte. Royce. We beg to state that prior to being wounded, Pte.Royce wrote out a message on a cable form. When he was being taken away, wounded, he handed this form to a member of the Battn., asking him to send it for him, as he, and everyone else, thought he had only a slight wound. Apparently there was some delay before the message was despatched from the Fld. Post Office, and in the meantime, Pte.Royce had died.

Letter from:- The Adjutant,
28th Battn.
23-6-18

London
27-6-18

P.

28th Battn.
A.I.F.

ROYCE.
G.J.B.4525.

"Died of Wounds 14-5-18" Gladstone John Berry

4525 Pte Gladstone John Berry Royce - 28th Battn. was embarked at Le Havre on 13-5-18 as a severe cot case. He was suffering from a severe wound of one of his thighs but was quite comfortable and in fairly good condition until about mid-night when gas gangrene (a form of extremely rapid mortification) set in with heart failure. A consultation was held and everything possible done, but he died of Exhaustion a few hours later. He was seen by the Chaplain before he died and I believe gave him messages to his parents, to whom I know the Chaplain wrote. He was not buried at sea but landed at Netley Hospital where I believe he is buried.

Letter from:- O.C.Commanding.Trocps.
H.M.A.T."Carisbrock Castle".
SOUTHAMPTON.

London.
8-7-18.

P.

From:- Officer Commanding Troops.
H.M.A.T."Carisbrook Castle".

To:- The Secretary, Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau.
Australian A.C.S.

AMBULANCE TRANSPORT No. 113/18 Date 6.7.18 CARISBROOK CASTLE

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4525 G.J.B. ROYCE
28th Bttn
D/W 14-5-18
P 3

Southampton.
5th July 1918.

F C Williams
Major. A.A.M.C.
Officer Commanding Troops.
H.M.A.T."Carisbrook Castle".

28th BATTALION A.I.F.

28TH BATTALION, A.I.F.
Date.....

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,

4525 J.J.B Royce 28th Bn.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter of 17th inst. we beg to state, that prior to being wounded, Pte. ROYCE wrote out a message on a cable form. When he was being taken away, wounded, he handed this form to a member of the Battalion, asking him to send it for him, as he, and every one else, thought he had only a slight wound. Apparently there was some delay before the message was despatched from the Field Post Office, and in the meantime, Pte ROYCE had died.

.....Lieut

In the Field.

Adjutant.

23.6.18

Royce

45-25-
28 Bde

Gladstone John Berry

Cable received dated Cable then date of death

D/W. Gdsw Lt Hugh. Adm dead

Royal Vic Nettley. from

H.M.A.T. Carisbrook Castle in

Port. Port Southampton

D/W 14.5-18

Cable dated 16.5-18.

No trace of cable in either ordinary or prepaid reply. Cable roll at A.H.Q. for May or June.

HQ 18.6.18

P

O.C. Depot

29.6.18

O.C.

H.M.A.T. Carisbrook Castle

C/o G.P.O. London.

4525 Pte Gladding John Berry Royce

28th Bn A.I.F.

D.J.K.

14.5.18

17th June, 1918.

The O.C.
28th Australian Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Forces,
France.

Dear Sir,

We have recently been asked by an urgent cable from our Perth Bureau to make enquiries about No. 4585 Pte. C. J. E. Royce 28th Australian Infantry Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces. He is reported by the O.C. of the Royal Victoria Hospital Netley, to have died on board the hospital ship Carisbrooke Castle on 14.5.18 and to have been admitted dead to the hospital, and yet we are informed by the cable from Perth that a cable message has been received from him dated 16.5.18 from a field post office.

We have made investigations at Australian Imperial Forces Head Quarters who refer us to you for further information, and we should be grateful

if you would let us know whether you have any record of a cable sent by him through your field post office about that date.

With apologies for troubling you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.