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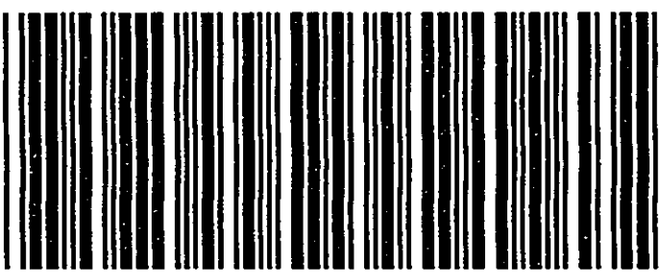
3017 Private
Alfred James Ruggier

31st Battalion



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31st Batt.
A.I.F.,

RUGGIER
Pte Alfred James 3017

"Died 21.1.17"

He was admitted to this Hospital on 15th Jan. in a semi-unconscious condition. He was found to be suffering from Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis and he became gradually worse until death occurred on the 21st Inst. Patients dying of this disease suffer little or no pain, as they are in an unconscious or only partially conscious condition. He was visited by Col. The Rev. C.W.Smith, Asst. Principal Chaplain, 4th Army and was buried in the Curl Cemetery, Allonville by this officer on the 22nd inst. His grave is marked by a cross and a name plate bearing his full particulars.

Cert. by letter from Lieut.Col. H.Bell,
O/C.39th Casualty Clearing Station,
France,
6.2.17

London
8.2.17

P.I..

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died 30 casualty clearing station
twenty first cerebrospinal meningitis
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3017 Pte A. J. Ruggiers

31st Batn

39th C. C. S. inflam. brain
on 14.1.17.

Enq:- Mrs Lucilia Taylor.
Rosina
Golders Green 2 Wildwood Rd

Ruggier 30 Y
31st Batt.

14-2-17.

Dear Madam

Many thanks for your kind letter received this morning giving me full details of my dear brother's death. I am very thankful to know that at least he did not suffer much pain. Also I am grateful to know where he is laid to rest. I hope please God when this wretched war is over, I may be able to go & see his grave.

Thank you very

for all the trouble
you have taken in
getting information
for me. I am
really very very
grateful -

Sincerely thanking
you -

Yours faithfully

Lucille C. Taylor

31st January -7.

The Commanding Officer,
39th Casualty Clearing Station.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We should be very grateful for details of the sufferings, death and burial of No. 3017. Pte. Alfred James Ruggier, 1st Battn. A.I.F. who died at your station on Jan., 21st., of suspected spinal meningitis.

We have been asked especially to learn how long he was ill and where he was buried.

With many apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary. P.M. for C.A.W.

13th February 1917.

Mrs. Emeilia Taylor,
Rosia,
2 Wildwood Road,
Golders Green.

Dear Madam,

We have received an unofficial report from the O.C. of the 39th Casualty Clearing Station, about No.3017 Pte Alfred James Ruggier, which states - "that he was admitted to the Hospital on 15th January suffering from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis, and he became gradually worse until death occurred on 21st inst. He suffered little or no pain, as he was in a partially conscious condition. He was visited by Col. The Rev. C.H. Smith, Asst, Principal Chaplain 4th Army, and was buried in the Civil Cemetery, Allonville, by this Officer on the 22nd inst. His grave is marked by acroos and a name plate bearing his full particulars."

This report gives full details and we trust will be of some help to you,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

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8 FEB. 1917

The Secretary
Australian Br. B & C Soc.

3017
31st Batt

With reference to your letter of Jan 31st asking for details regarding the late Pte Alfred James Ruggier —:
He was admitted to this Hospital on 15th Jan. in a Semi-unconscious Condition: he was found to be suffering from Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis & he came gradually worse until death occurred on the 21st inst.
Patients dying of this disease suffer little or no pain, as they are in an unconscious or only partially conscious condition.
He was visited by Col. the Revd C. W. Smith Asst Principal Chaplain 4th Army & was buried in the Civil Cemetery, Allonville by this Officer on the 22nd inst. His grave is marked by a Cross & a name plate bearing his full particulars.

Feb. 6th 1917. F. I.

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OC 39th CCS