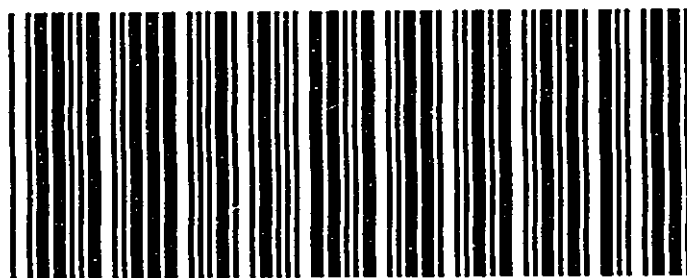


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4631 Private
Henry Charles Ellis
Rundle

32nd Battalion



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32nd Battn.
A.I.F.

RUNDLE
Henry Chas. Ellis 4631

"Killed in Action"

Description; About 5'7", tall, weight about 13 stone, not a stout build, darkish hair, genial disposition. Left Australia 16-12-16.

Official N/K Father- Mr. H. Rundle,
Wild Horse Plains,
S. Australia.

Cert. by Adelaide letter 8-3-18.

London
27-4-18

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Havre.

29th. April. 1918. C

32nd. Australians.

Bundle, H. G. E. 4631.

K. February. 19/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was in C. Company. I knew him by sight; he came from W. Australia. I was in the Cemetery near Messines on the 22nd. Febry. I saw a Cross up to Bundle. The Cemetery was just outside the R.A.P. There would be nothing left of the Cemetery now.

Inf:- C/S/Major, H. W. Murze. 498.
32nd. Australians. B.
Havre. Hospital.

HFG.

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A.I.F. 52nd Battn.,

~~CX~~

KILLED 19/2/18.

RUNDLE
H.C.E. 4651.
~~C-X~~

A minnie came over about 10 a.m., morning of 19th February and killed him on the spot - We were holding the front line trench (about 2000 yards in front of Messines) in front of Gapeard near Kivi Farm, and I was in another section of trench about 100 yards from Rundle and I was hit the same morning, so know no further particulars, but Lieut. Cullis C. Company 52nd Battn., was in charge of the platoon C IX at the time and would know all details - Lieut. Cullis is still with the Battalion.

Witness:- Lieut. Griffin,
C. Company, 52nd Battn.,
1, Command Depot,
Sutton Veny.
1.5.18.

NOTE:) Written Lieut. Cullis.

B. F. German

1.5.18

London.

5.5.18.

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Havre.

7th. May. 1918.

32nd. Australians.

Rundlo, H. C. 3. 4631.

K. February. 19¹⁹ 18/1918. Date. D/B.

He was in C. Company. He was killed by a machinegunner with 3 or 4 others at a strong point at Messines at evening time. Rundlo was taken out the same night and buried in a cemetery a mile behind the front line. He was killed outright.

Inf: F. J. Williams. 6594.
32nd. Canadians. C.
H. J. "Windsford Castle".

RHS.

32nd A.I.F.

Rundle, Pte. H.C.E. 4631

C. Coy.

K. Feb. 19/18 Det D.B

"Rundle was killed by a 'Minnewerfer' in front line of trenches in front of Messines and buried in the same place, As Sergeant Megge of the same Coy. i.e. at the dressing station near our Battalion Headquarters. We had returned there after Meggs was killed in Nov. after having had a rest and the battalion had taken over the same sector".

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description

Informant: Kent, E. J. T. Corpl. 3579

32nd A.I.F. C. Coy.

5th S. General Hospital

Fawcett Rd., Portsmouth.

Home address 26 Airlie Avenue

Prospect, S. Australia.

H.M.P.

May 11/18

A. G. 241

A.I.F. 32nd Battn.

RUNDLE
H.C. Ellis 4651

KILLED in ACTION 19/2/18

Re 4651 Pte. Rundle H.C.E. 12th platoon C Company 32nd A.I.F., killed 19/2/18 to hand, and I have had to make a few enquiries myself before being able to give you the little information that is available at present. I had only been in charge of that platoon for a very short period and did not know Pte Rundle very well, but have seen some of his comrades who have not been able to give me a very good description of him. They state that he was of medium height sturdily built, with a slight stoop and that he was not dark, and could hardly be called fair. He was buried in a small cemetery about one mile East North East of the village of Messines. The map reference of the exact spot is "Belgium and Nth of France sheet 28 O.54 a.9.2. Have not been able to ascertain the number of his grave but have left your letter with Battalion Headquarters who are going to try and ascertain same from the Graves Registration Bureau and will let you know the results of their enquiry. I am sorry I am unable to give you any more information than this but if I should hear anything further will let you know immediately.

Letter from:- E. L. S. Cutts Lt.,
32nd Battn., A.I.F.,
France. 11/5/18.

London
17/5/18.

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32nd Battn.

A.I.F.

ELLIS RANDLE

H.C.

4631.

"Killed in Action" 19-2-18.

Re No 4631 Pte. H.C.E. Randle 32nd Battn. I have to advise that this man was killed on the 19th February 1918 on Messines front.

He was buried in the Military Cemetery at Davies Farm (Ref. Sheet Wytshaete S.W.2 1/100,000 - 0 34 b 3 2) and a cross was placed on the grave by the battalion.

Letter from: O.C.
32nd Battn. A.I.F.

London.
17-5-18.

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32nd A.I.F.

Rundle. E.C.E. 4631.
32nd A.I.F.

(K. Feb. 19/18.)
Dets. D/B.

"Rundle was hit by a shell and two others were hit by the same shell. He was buried at Messines, near the R.A.P. cemetery (support line). Our Battn. made every effort to get them from the front line and bury them."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Lt. F.H.D. Wood.
32nd A.I.F. C Coy.
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth. B/5 Ward.

Home address:
William St,
Horwood, S. Australia.

18/6/18.
A.A. Needham.

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JWA

32nd A.I.F.

Rundle. H.C.E. 4631.

(K. Feb.19/18.)

Dets. D/B.

"Rundle was killed by a Minnewerfer shell in Feb. at Messines. I helped to carry him out but not to bury him. I afterwards saw the grave in our own cemetery near our dressing station, a cross had been put up. Two others named Russell and Best were killed with him. It was dark at the time I carried him in, I did not know him before but I was told it was he."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: E.M.C. Stanway. 3486.

32. A.I.F. B Coy.

Hatley Welsh Hospital.

Home address:

20/5/18.

G.R.B.

A B
20/5/18

Havre

20th April 1918.

32nd A.I.F.

Rundle H.C.E. No. 4631.

K. 19th February 1918. Det D/B.

I knew Pte Rundle of C.Co. he came from West Australia. I was at his burial behind a Pill Box in front of Messines Village in the open. There is a cross on the grave. I could point out the spot.

Inf:- Pte H.F.Brown No.3647.
32nd A.I.F. B.Co. VIII Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Ronelles.

RDM.

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The Secretary,
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau,
Australian Red Cross,
36 Grosvenor Place,
L O N D O N, S.W.1

4631 (C)
H.C.E. Ellis Rundle
32 Batten Rundle
A. 19.2.18 A

Re No. 4631 Pte H.C.E. RUNDLE, 32nd Battalion. 3

I have to advise that this man was killed on 19th
February 1918 on MESSINES front.

He was buried in the Military Cemetery at DAVIES
FARM (Ref. Sheet WYTSCHAETE S.W.2 1/100,000 - O 34 b 3 2)
and a cross placed on the grave by the Battalion.

12th May 1918

Lieut. & A/Adjt.
for C.O. 32nd Battalion A.I.F.

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1-5-18.

Sient. Cutts.

P. Coy.

32 G. Y. F.

4631. H. C. E. Rindale.

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P. Coy.

32 G. Y. F.

14. 19-2-18.

W. H. L.

1-5-18.

Chas. R. (hand)
18.5.18
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4631 (Ca)
H. C. Ellis Rundle France
32nd Bn 11.5.18.
Kin. H. H. H.

The Secretary,
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau.
A.R.C.S.

Dear Miss Dublin,

Your enquiry re 4631
Pte Rundle H.C.B. 12 platoon, 'C' Coy 32nd A.I.F.
Killed 18.2.18, to hand, and I have had to
make a few enquiries myself, before being
able to give you the little information
that is available at present.

I had only been in charge of
that platoon for a very short period, and
did not know Pte. Rundle very well, but
have seen some of his comrades, who
have not been able to give me a very good
description of him.

They state that he was of medium
height, sturdily built, with a slight stoop,
and that he was not dark, & could hardly
be called fair.

He was buried in a small
cemetery, about one mile East-North East of
the village of MESSINES. The map reference of
the exact spot is, Belgium & N. of France, sheet
28, O.34. a.g.2.

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the number of his grave, but have left

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your letter with Bn Head quarters, who
are going to try and ascertain same
from the Graves Registration Bureau,
and will let you know the results of
their enquiry.

I am sorry I am unable to
give you any more information than
this, but if I should hear anything
further, will let you know immediately.

Trusting, however, you will
find the little I can give, useful.

I remain

Yours faithfully

E. S. Cuth. Lt.

25th Bn. A. I. F.