

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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4268 Private  
Leslie William Charles  
Paul

45th Battalion



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45th Battn.,  
A. I. F.

PAUL,  
L.W.C. 4268.

K. August 6th - Details.

At Pozieres, in the observation point of our trenches, he was standing up looking over the parapet when a shell came over and he was killed; the same shell buried me. L/Cpl. Green told me this for I asked about him.

Ref: Pinkerton, 3906,  
Ward 23. Harefield Pk. Hosp.  
6-10-16.

London,  
10-10-16.  
D.P. Dickson.

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FRANCE.

A.I.F. 45.

PAUL, L.V.C. 4268.

K. Aug. 6-7. 1916.

He belonged to VI Pl. B.Co. I saw him killed at Pozieres on the first Sunday in August. (Aug. 6th.) A shell burst in the trench and blew his chest in, killing him outright. His body was buried in the trench, close to where he fell. He was the only man of this name in B.Co. He used to be a barber. I think he came from Mudgee, N.S.W.

Reference: Pte. E. McFarland, 3860. B.Co. 45th. Batt.  
4 A.D.B.D. Staples. 20/10/1916.

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45th Australian Infantry

Paul, L.W.C., 4268, B. Coy.

K. 6-7 August 1916 Details asked.

Informant states that "On about August 6th just in front of Pozieres, I saw Paul killed by a shell. He was blown to pieces and his was no case for burial.

I know his initials because we used to "kid" him about having so many. He came from Sydney where he had a barber's shop. I was near Paul in the trench and saw his remains.

He was about middle height and *medium*, complexion.

Reference: H.C. Sarden, 3921,  
45th Australian Infantry, B. Coy.,  
Urmston Hospital, Eastbourne.

Home address: 64 George St., West,  
Sydney, N.S.W.

20th Oct. 16.  
W.J. Wells.

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France.

A. I. F.

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PAUL, L. W. O. 4268.

K/6-7th. August 1916.

I knew Paul; he was in B.VI. 15, and his number was 4000 odd, and he was killed outright when next to me on the right of Pozieres the second night we were in the trenches relieving the second Division. A shell burst, broke off a piece of my bayonet and pierced his heart. It only made a small hole and went ~~thru~~ through his pocket book. He was buried somewhere near the trench. He was about 5 ft. 4., small made man, married, and had been a barber in Sydney. He was only young. Sgt. of the platoon handed in his effects with those of other men the same night.

Reference: Cpl. G. T. Bond, 1112, B.VI.,  
18 General.

Staples. 24.10.16.  
H50.

Sgt.

France.

A.I.F. 45.

PAUL L.W.O. 4268.

K. 6/7.8.16.

He was in VI Pl. B.Co. and came from Kogarah, Sydney, where he had a business as a barber. I was with him when he was killed by a shell at Pozieres on 6th. Aug. He was buried next morning. I helped to bury him near where he fell. I know him very well. His papers and belongings were sent home. I have some of his stuff with me now.

SA

Reference: Cpl. R.C. Green. 4361. B.Co.  
4 A.D.B.D.

Staples. 24.10.16.

Sgt.

November 1st.

R. O. Clack Esq.,  
Secretary of Y.M.C.A.,  
Tottenham Court Road,  
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Dear Sir,

We have received the following information re Private Paul L.W. C. 4268, 45th. Battalion, A.I.F., and regret that there seems to be no doubt as to his having been "Killed in Action on 6-7/8/16 - " it is of course quite unofficial.

"He was in 6th. Platoon, B. Coy., and came from Kogarah, Sydney, where he had a business as a barber. I was with him when he was killed by a shell at Pozieres on 6th. August. He was buried next morning. I helped to bury him near where he fell. I know him very well. His papers and belongings were sent home. I have some of his stuff with me now".

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B. Company,  
4th. A.D.P.D.

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18th. General Hospital

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Should any further information come to hand we will  
send it on to you immediately.

Yours faithfully,

V. D.

Secretary.

We are forwarding to you

P. M.B.

Two slips (typed) re 38 96 P<sup>4</sup> Pomeroy Reule Read  
9<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> A.I. 7 24<sup>th</sup> Regt. L 2890 L/Cpl K. T. Payne  
12<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> A. Co.