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**3429 Private  
Eric Josiah Westley**

**38th Battalion**



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Westley E. J. No. 3429.

K. 31st August 1918. Det D/B.

I saw him killed by a bullet during the advance in front of  
Braye. He was buried near there, but I did not see the grave.

Inf:- Sergt J.W.Grinton No. 1043.  
A.I.F. 38. C. XI.  
Austra. Camp.

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38th. Bttn.

Westley. E.J.3429.

D/W.31.8.18.

I saw Westley, C. Coy killed instantly by machine - gun fire between Cleary and Mont St. Quentin abt. 8 or 8-30 a.m. during the stunt- he was hit in the head- he was buried where he fell, and I have taken a photo of his grave.

Description:- Westley - Med.hgt, fair, abt. 23/24. yrs.

Informant:-. Cpl. E.T. Poppins.2616.

38th . Bttn. C. Coy.

A.I.F.Le Havre. 12.4.19.

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London

28.4.19.

J.E.A.

A.I.F.  
38th Bttn.

WESTLEY.  
E.J. 3429.

"D/W. 31.8.18."

I was with Westley. C.Co. when he was hit by machine gun bullet thro' body near Mont St Quentin abt. 8 or 9 a.m. during a stunt. I don't think he was conscious and he died where he fell and was buried within half a chain of it. There is a cross over the grave and I have a photo of it."  
Westley - Med. Sgt. fair, abt. 5'9", ruddy faced. a Very decent chap.

Informant:- Sgt. J.W. Grinton. 1043.  
38th Bttn.C.Co  
A.I.F. Le Havre 3.5.19.

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2444 L/Cpl. Atterley  
23rd Batt. F.F.F.  
Edward. N°2. A. A. H.  
Fonthall.

Dear Miss Deakin.

Could you please  
make inquiries concerning the  
death of my brother 3429 Pte E. West,  
C. Coy. 38th Batt. I had word that  
he was killed on the 11th Aug.  
If you could let me know where  
he was buried I would be very  
much obliged. Hoping you will  
return this as a favour.

I remain

Yours sincerely  
Atterley.

May.2nd.1919.

2944 L/Cpl. A.H. Westley.  
23rd. Battalion. A.I.F.  
E. Ward.  
2nd. Australian Auxiliary Hospital  
Southall.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry for the details of the death and burial of 3429 Pte. E.J. Westley 39th Battalion A.I.F. we beg to inform you that we have just received an unofficial report about him from 2612 Cpl E.T. Poppins of the same unit. He stated that he saw Westley killed instantaneously by a machine gun bullet in the head, about 8 a.m. on 31-8-18, during an attack between Clercy and Mont St Quentin. He was buried where he fell, and Cpl Poppins adied that he had taken a photograph of his grave.

He described Pte Westley as being about 23 to 24 years old, fair and of medium height.

Should we obtain further particulars we will advise you immediately.

With sincere sympathy in your loss, and good wishes for your own recovery,

Yours faithfully,  
(Miss )

V.W.P.

Secretary.



May 19th, 1919.

2944 I./Cpl. A.H. Westley.  
23rd Bttn. A.I.F.  
F Ward. 2nd Aust. Aux. Hpl.  
Southall.

Dear Sir,

In further reference to your enquiry for 3422 Pte. E.J. WESTLEY. 38th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to advise you that we have received a further unofficial report about him from 1043 Sgt. J.W. Grinton of the same Unit interviewed recently in France. He stated that he was with your brother when he was killed by machine gun bullet on 31.7.18 between 8 & 9 a.m. during an attack near Mont St. Quentin. Sgt. Grinton added that your brother was buried near where he fell and that he had a photograph of the grave. Our informant described Pte. Westley as a fair, ruddy faced man of medium height, about 5'9". Should we obtain further particulars we will advise you immediately.

With sincere sympathy in your loss and good wishes for your own recovery.

Yours faithfully,

*WJP* (Miss)

SECRETARY.