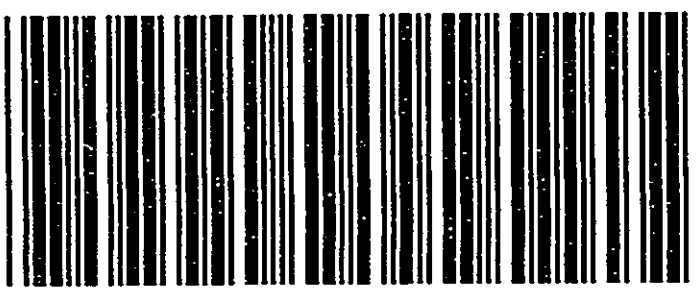
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3468 Private
Leonard Arthur Walsh

45th Battalion



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45th Battn
A.I.F.

WALSH,
L.A. 3468

"Killed 13.10.17."

I was told by W. Seiger, S/B, 45thA.I.F. that he saw Walsh killed by a shell near Zonnebeke Brewery Oct 13/17. He was one of six killed by the same shell and death was instantaneous. He was buried where he fell.

Eye-witness:
Description:
Informant:- Pte.Chas Patterson, 3451 (Intelligent)
45th Battn A.I.F. A.Coy, 3rd Pltn,
4th London General Hpl.

Home address:
Carthage Street,
Tamworth,
N.S.W. Australia.

U. Lennod,
5.4.18.

London.
22.4.18.

NOTE Written to Seiger 22.4.18. S.

45th A.I.F. Walsh L.A. 3466.

(K. Oct. 13th 1917 Pets. D/B.)

"I was told by Pte. Finch (45 A.I.F. Coy. A. B.E.F.) that L.A. Walsh was killed by a shell while he was coming back to the ranks after carrying his mate Frank Robin out of the line on a stretcher. The last words he said were "I hope young Rob gets all..." and then the sentence was cut off as a shell killed him instantaneously. This was Oct. 12th 1917 at Passchendaele, Ypres."
I knew L.A. Walsh well. He came over from Sydney with me.

Eye witness: No. Pte. Finch (45th A.I.F. Co. A.)

Description: Pretty fair, very jolly, married man, his sister is a nurse in a hospital in England.

Informant: Chas. Andrew Silcocks, 3455, 45th A.I.F.,
A Coy. IV Pltn.,
Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester.

Home address:.....

24.4.18.
K.E. Jones.

Written Rh Finch letter returned S
6.5.6 - 5/7/18 Cannot be traced

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45th batt. A.I.F.

Walsh.L.A. Pte. NO.3468.

NO.4.Plat. A.Coy.

Killed Oct 15th 1917. Dat. D.B.

I saw him killed by a instantly by a piece of shell, he was coming out of the lines at Zonnebeke with a stretcher when this happened. He was left lying where he fell,but I think most likely he would be buried later as a party went up to bury our men. I knew him well we came over togethe on the transport Anchises,He came from Balmain,Sydney. His people liva at Rushcutters Bay,

Description. Height. 5-7. Complexion. Fair, Medium Built.

Witness. Pte. Wallman.W.H. NO.3467. A.Coy. 45th batt.

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Taken at
NO.4.C.D.Hurdcott.
20-1-18.
S.W.

S.Whitmee.
NO.4.Command Depot
Hurdcott.

45th Battn.
A.I.F.

WALSH
Leonard Arthur 3468
ROBIN,
Frank 3436

"Killed inAction 13.10.17."

Re 3436 Pte.Robin, F. and 3468 Pte.Walsh, L.A. The only information I can gather is:- Pte.Robin died in the Ambulance on the way down to the Clearing Station at Ypres on or about 12.10.17. and under those circumstances can assume that he was buried in a registered cemetery but the location of such grave has never been received by the Battalion. Pte.Walsh L.A. who carried Pte.Robin out, was killed on the way back to the line and from very vague information I have ascertained that he was buried in the field but the location of such grave is unprocurable.

Letter from:- C/O/M/S M.B.Free,
A.Coy,
France 6.5.18

London.
16.5.18. NOTE Written Pte. Seigel about Pte Robin & Walsh. S.

45th Battn. A.Coy.
A.I.F.

WALSH.
L.A. 3468.

" Killed in Action " 13-10-17.

I saw him killed at Passchendaele Ridge. He was caught by pieces of shell which hit him about the head, death being instantaneous. He and I were acting as S/B's at the time, and were just having a rest when the shell caught him. I knew him very well, he came away from Australia with me on the S.S."Anchises" which left there 24-1-17. He came from N.S.W. I was wounded by the same shell and cannot give any details of Burial and cannot refer to anyone.

Informant: Finch.Pte.A.J. 3376.
45th Battn. A.Coy. 3rd Pltn.
3.A.A.H. DARTFORD.

W.Omen.
London.
17-5-18.

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45th BATTALION.A.I.F.
9th Reinforcements.

WALSH L.A., Pte. 3468.

"KILLED. 13.10.17."

Informant described Walsh as about 5 feet 6 inches high, slight build, sandy complexion, aged about 25/26. He had a sister who was a nurse in France.

Informant states that they both belonged to "A" Company No.2 Platoon. On 12.10.17 the 47th and some other Battalions were engaged in the attack on Passchendaele. Informant was in charge of a party of eight members, including Walsh, of the 45th Battalion who volun-teered to act as stretcher-bearers. About 4 p.m. they were going over to pick up a wounded man, when the shelling got so heavy that he ordered the party into a shell-hole for shelter. Later on they came out and were going over to the man, when a shell burst right amongst the party and hit the whole of them. Walsh was killed outright, and Informant saw his body. He was buried the next day right on the spot where he was killed.

According to Informant Walsh was well liked by his mates.

INFORMANT;- Corporal S.P.Murray, 615,
"A" Coy, 45th Battalion, A.I.F.
Present address: "G" Ward, No.4 Austn General Hospital, RANDWICK.
Home address: "Telopea", Croydon Avenue, CROYDON.

W.E.G.
No.4 Austn General Hospital, RANDWICK.
5.9.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

22.4.18

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Lt A. Walsh

45 Btln

See under

3436

Plt J. Robin

45 Btln

6-5-18.

Pte Finch
A. Coy.
45-A-7-4.

3468. L-A. Walsh.
45-A-7-4.
11.13-10-14.

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3468

Pte Leonard Arthur Walsh

9/45 Bttn

See under

3436 Pte Frank Robin

45 Bttn

15-5-18.

3459 Pte. W. W. Seigel
A Coy
4s 6d Balla. A.17
Claudon Park Hospital
Surrey

Abt.
3468 Pte. L. A. Walsh
4s 6d Balla
9 Auflo.
R/A 13-10-17.

Tel.: VICTORIA {8576 8577 8578

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36, GROSVENOR PLACE,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

6-5-18.

Pte Finch
A. Coy.
45. A. I. F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,
3468. L. A. Walsh. 45. A. I. F.
Reft. killed 13-10-17.
and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

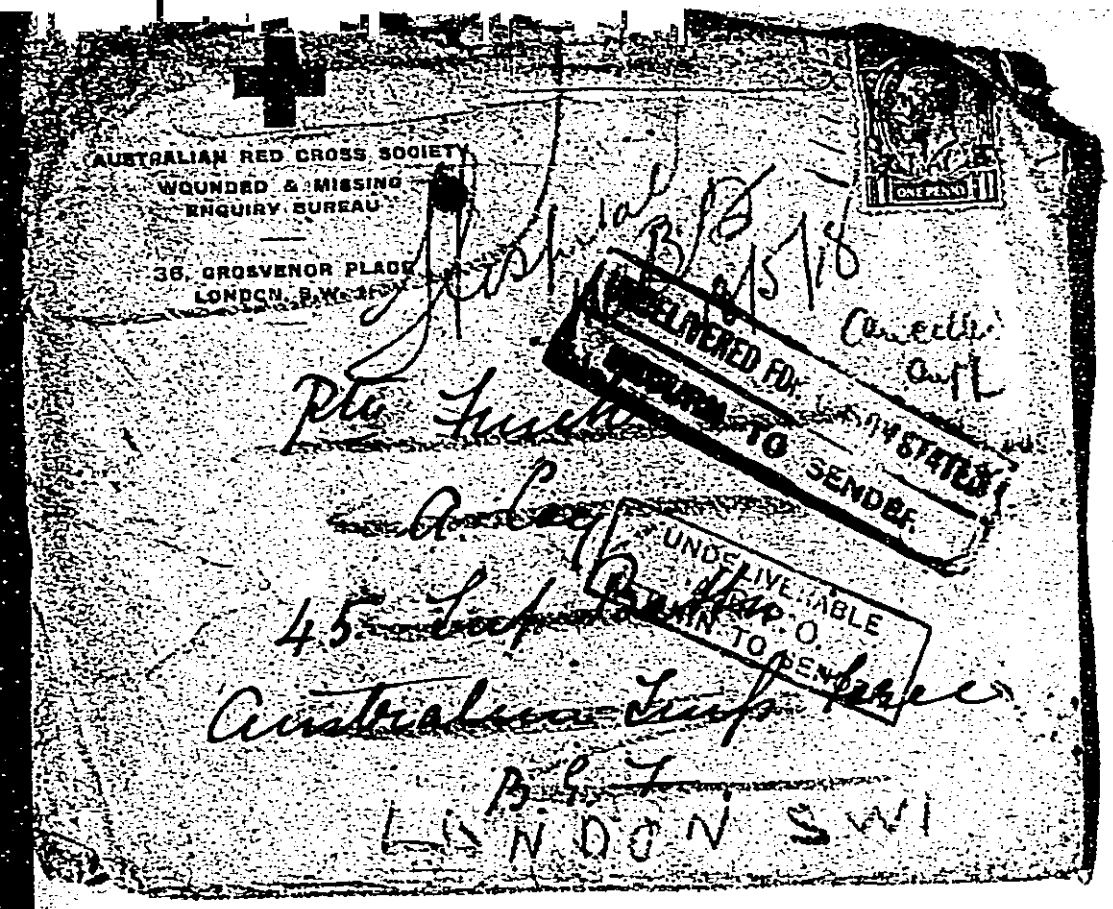
We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

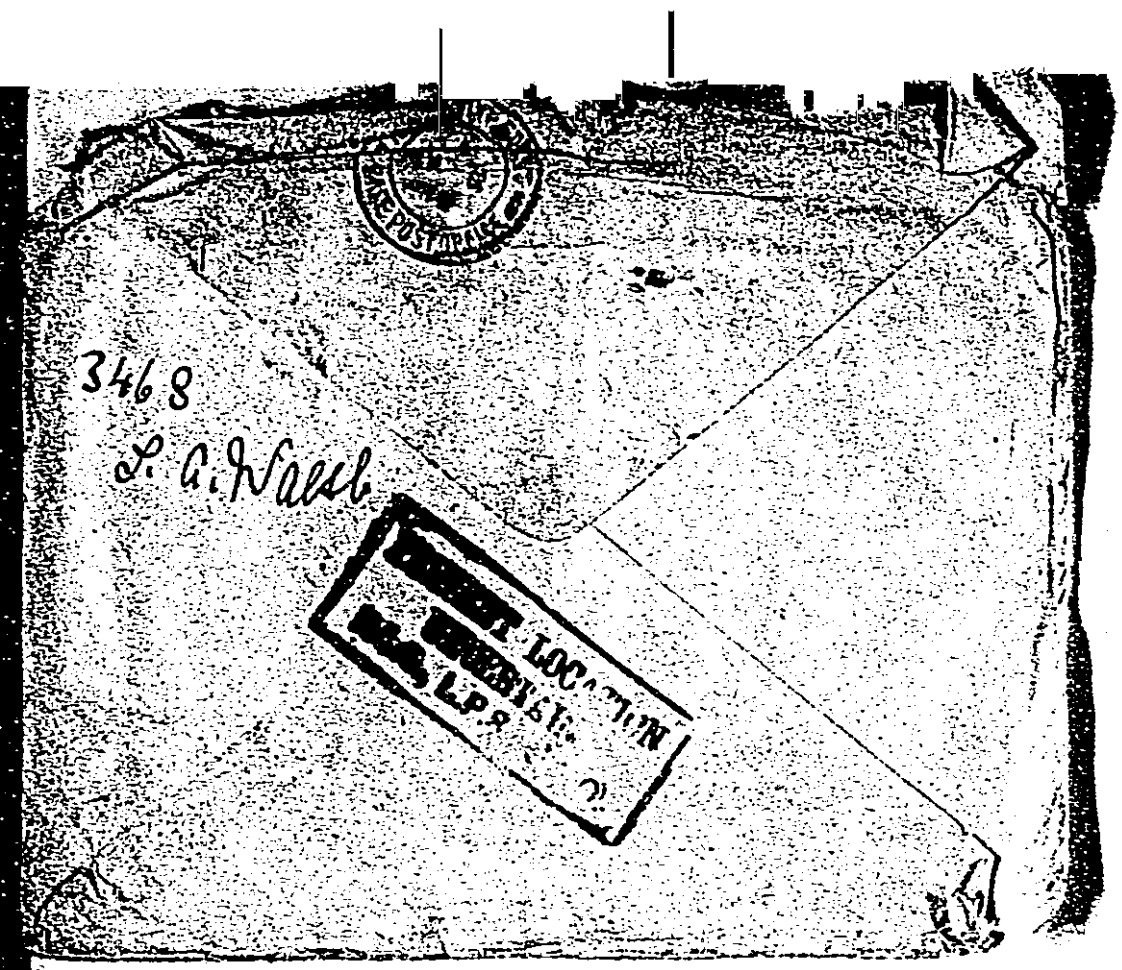
In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.


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L. G. Walsh