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Lieutenant  
Leslie James West

35th Battalion



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35th A.I.F.

~~SECRET~~ 23rd April 1918

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No enquiries.

I saw him lying on a stretcher near the grave yard at Villers Bretonneux on the 4th April 1918 when we were retiring - daylight - he was quite dead, and rolled off the stretcher and the body was left there when we retired. The enemy hold that portion of the field now.

Inf:- Pte C G. Wilkinson 6849.  
35th A.I.F. A.C.O. III Pltn.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

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35th Battn.  
A.I.F.

WEST.

Lieut.

"Killed in Action" 4-4-18.

I saw this officer wounded in front of Villiers  
Brettonaux. We were retreating when the officer was hit by  
a bullet, the S/B picked him up but he died very soon after-  
wards, and they put him down and picked up another wounded  
man. I knew him well, he came from Maitland.N.S.W. and  
he was very popular. I cannot give any further details for we had  
to retire and leave everyone.

Informant:- Shumack.Pte.E. 6875.  
35th Battn.A.Coy.3 Pltn.  
3rd A.A.H. DARTFORD.

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