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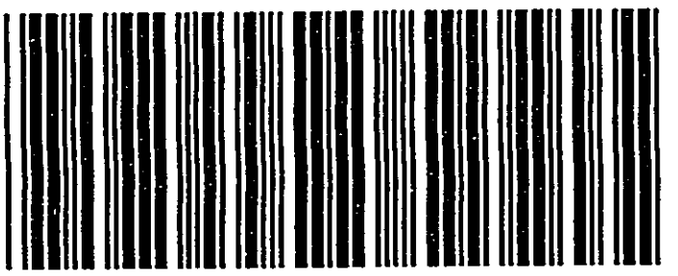
2477B Sergeant Leonardo Lancelot Rundle

48th Battalion



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A.I.F. 48th Battn.

RUNDLE
Sgt Leonard Lancelot
2477B

"DIED 23/8/18"

Buried at LodgeHill Cemetery Birmingham Grave No. 291 Section B.10
on 27/8/18
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 13/9/18

London
13/9/18

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A.I.F. 48th Btn

RUNDLE
Sgt. Leonard Lancelot 2477B

"WOUNDED"

Dangerously ill
Cert. by O.C. wire 19-8-18 - 1st S.G.H. King's Heath

London
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A.I.F. 48th Btn

RUNDLE
Sgt. Leonard Lancelot 2477B

"WOUNDED"

Died 23.8.18. Knighton Park S. Gen. Hpl

"I much regret to have to inform you that the above soldier died on Aug: 23rd & was buried on Aug: 27th at Lodge Hill Cemetery, SELLY OAK, Birmingham, in the portion of the ground that is set apart for soldiers. ..... I knew him because I am such a constant visitor to the hospital and made daily enquiries. I am convinced that everything possible was done to save him, but he had a terrible head wound & I fear his case was hopeless from the first. For a fortnight previous to his death, no one was allowed to visit him, except his cousin, Miss Rowe, for whom the hospital authorities sent, she was permitted to be with him at all times & remained to the end. He was put into a ward alone, in order to ensure perfect quiet and was never left, nurses being put on "special" duty to attend to him throughout the twentyfour hours. His sad death was much regretted by everyone. I may add that in an English patient, Sgt.Rundle had a most devoted & faithful attendant throughout his illness.

Copy of letter from Red X Visitor Moseley Section, 1st S.G.H.Birmingham 4-9-18. A. (L.C.O)

LONDON
5-9-18

48th Battn.
A.I.F.

RUNDLE.
Sgt. 2477B.

"Died"

With regard to your enquiries re Sgt Rundle 2477B. 48th Battn. A.I.F. who died 23rd August 1918. I regret to state that though he was in hospital for nearly three months he made no progress whatever. The wound in the head also caused paralysis of the left side, which would have been permanent had he lived and though one of our best Birmingham Surgeons operated, the desired result was not obtained. Sgt Rundle died fourteen days after his last operation. I may add that a relative (a 1st cousin I believe) who was a trained nurse was with him for a few days before he died, but unfortunately she had to return to Hospital only a few hours before he died, but was able to again travel from Plymouth for the burial.

Letter from:- E.Holden. Matron.T.F.N.S.
1st Southern General Hpl.
Kings Heath Setion.
BIRMINGHAM.

London.
11-9-18.

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O.C's Draft. Sept. 7.

~~O.C.~~ ~~The Matron~~ The Matron.

1st. Southern Genl Hosp.
King's Heath.
Birmingham.

2477 B. Sgt L.L. RUNDLE.
48th. Btn. A.I.F.

D. of W. 23-8-18.

A.I.F. 9/3 A.F.A.B.

FARRELL
J.P. 31691

"D/Wounds"

Died at 5th A.F.A. buried at Querrieu 1/4000 62 D.E. 17.C.14.
Cert. by A.I.F Hq re 29-8-18.

London
29-8-18

7. King Edward Rd.
Moseley.
Birmingham.
4. 9. 18.

Miss Vera Deakin.

Dear Madam.

In response to a telegram which reached me at a rather late hour (after I had retired) last night, asking for news of Sergt Leonard Rundle. 2477, 48th Australians I much regret to have to inform you that the poor fellow died on Aug: 23rd & was buried on Aug: 27th at Lodge Hill Cemetery, Selly Oak, B'ham. in the portion of the ground that is set apart for Soldiers.

(I thought a letter in reply, would be more satisfactory than a telegram.

At the time of Sergt Rundle's

death, I had not been officially recognised as Red Cross Visitor - & so did not take it upon myself to send any news of him.)

I knew him because I am such a constant visitor to the hospital, & made daily enquiries.

I am convinced that everything possible was done to save him, but he had a terrible head wound, & I fear his case was hopeless from the first.

For a fortnight previous to his death, no one was allowed to visit him, except his cousin, Miss Rowe, for whom the hospital authorities sent, she was permitted to be with him at all times - & remained to the end.

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His sad death was much regretted by everyone.

I may add that in an English patient, Sergt Rundle had a most devoted & faithful attendant throughout his illness.

(Wm Sullings gave me your name with regard to telegrams etc. & if you will be so good as to let me know whether you wish me to report upon the progress of any Australian patient (or patients,) in King Heath Hosp: who may be seriously ill - I will see that this is quite in order in future.

At present there are eighteen

Australians, there - all are progressing favourably.
I visit them all three times a week, & in addition I take out in a Battlechair those who are unable to walk, & care to go.)

Yours faithfully,

Marian A. Rose.

To The Secretary
Australian Red Cross Society
Grosvenor Place
London.

1st Southern General Hospital,
KING'S HEATH SECTION,
BIRMINGHAM
9 SEP 1918

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I am
Yours faithfully
B. Holden

Matron. T.F.N.S.
1st Southern Gen. Hosp. Kings Norton Section.
Birmingham.

18 Springfield Road
Kings Heath
Monday Morning

2477B Sgt. L.L. Rundle 48th Bn?

Dear Miss Deakin

I have heard this morning that Sgt. Rundle is very seriously ill at Kings Heath Colmore Rd Hospital. Do you happen to know whether he has any relations in England? He was too ill this morning to ask him, so am writing in great haste to you.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Edith Sullings.

"Done a splendid [illegible]"

I sent about Follett yesterday

August 15th, 1918.

Mrs F. Sullings.
18 Springfield Rd.
Kings' Heath
Birmingham.

Dear Madam.

In answer to your letter of 13-8-18 about -

Sgt. [illegible]. who is seriously ill in King's Heath Hospital, 1st Southern General Hospital, Birmingham we presume that you refer to 9474 Sgt. L.L. Rundle. 48th Battalion, A.I.F. If so, a Mrs Rouse, North Priory Nursing House, Plymouth has been notified of his condition by the Hospital who have also wired to A.I.F. Headquarters.

We are in communication by cable with our Adelaide Bureau and would be glad if you would send us bulletins of his progress.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary. A.W.