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**3119 Private
Jack Bowden Pryor**

33rd Battalion



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PRYOR 3119. J. 3

K. Oct 16th 1917. Dets.

We were in a reserve camp near Ypres having returned from an attack on Passchendaele. I am in the band. Pryor had returned from the line with bad feet and was lying with nine others in a tent quite near where I was. Some shells came over and one struck the edge of the tent, exploded and killed Pryor and the sergeant who was taking the names of the sick, instantly in my sight. I helped to bury both these men at Cavalry Farm and I made and painted the cross over Pryor. I cannot remember his christain name but his number I recollect well. *Stuck.*

Inf: W.R.Hudman. 18444 D.Co.

No. 14 Gen Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 3.1.18. RHF

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33 Btn.
A.I.F.

PRYOR,
J.B. 3119

"Killed Oct: 16/17 Det. D/B"

Pryor was in a tent with 4 other men, when they were all killed by a bomb from an aeroplane except one man who was wounded and whose name is Pte. Shelton of C. Co, 33, A.I.F. He is going back to Australia, but was at Weymouth a week ago. Pryor's name was Jack. He was short and fair and the only Pryor in Co. Belonged to Co. C. XII Plat.

Informant: -Pte. Bathurst, 3013 C. Co,
33 Btn,
A.I.F.

London,
A.G. Campbell,
29/1/18

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Note: Written Pte. Shelton, 28/1/18.

Letter returned marked "Hospital" no trace #1. 5-3-18.

33rd Battn.
A.I.F.

Pryor.
J.B. 3119

"Killed 16.10.17"

Passchendaele Ridge. Killed by shell. He was I think the man was buried with Lient. Armstrong and Conway at the sunken road by Pte. Dunne Lewis gun. He came tell you he buried them. I was Cpl. in charge.

Witness:- 1471 Coppock
W.3. Harefield.

D.P. Dickson.

London.
1.2.18.

Note Written Dunne 26.1.18

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33rd Pattn.
A.I.F.

PRYOR,
J.B. 3119.

"Killed 16.10.17."

Was in C. Coy, 12th Pltn, called "Jack " He came out of the line on Oct 15th with trench feet, and we were in the horse lines (about 6 miles behind the front line) when a stray shell got his tent. He was killed instantly, had $\frac{1}{2}$ his head blown off. It happened at Polygon Wood. I was in the next tent to his. He was buried about 20 yards away from where hit. I saw them digging his grave, but was unable to attend the burial. Sgt. Meek was killed by the same shell, both were buried together.

Informant:- G.E.W. Porter, 3114;
33rd Battn.
Harefield.

W.G.J.

London.
6.3.18.

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33 Australian I.F.

Pryor Pte. J.B. 3119. C Coy.

(K. Oct. 16th 1917 Dets. D/B)

"I was in a tent with Pryor at Hell Fire Corner near Ypres on October 1916; when the Germans sent a shell into our midst and he was instantly killed, half his head being blown off. He was buried at the same place together with three or four others."

Eye witness: Yes.

Description: Short and rather stout, young, dark hair

Informant: Pte. G.H. Green 5025a 55rd Ans. I.F., C. IX.
Edmonton Hospital, Coleridge E Ward.

Home address: Hargreaves, New South Wales, Aus.

9.3.18.
M.F. Baillie.

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33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

PRYOR.

Private J.B.

3119.

"KILLED. 16.10.17."

Informant described Pryor as about 5 feet 3 inches high, nuggety build, fair complexion, married, and aged about 23. He came from Maitland.

Informant states that Pryor was in "D" Company. On 16.10.17 the Battalion had just come out of the line and were behind the lines near Ypres. The Battalion had gone into the line at Passchendaele on the 12th October, and that was the last time that Informant saw Pryor. He was informed by an eye-witness that, on the 16th, Pryor and others were in a tent, when a long distance shell came right through the tent and killed Pryor at once. The eye-witness in question had been wounded by the same shell.

Informant added that he was one of Pryor's mates, as they came from the same place, and that he was a very good chap.

INFORMANT;- Private F. C. Macfarlane, 3099,
"C" Coy, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address;- George Street, EAST MAITLAND.

W.H.O.

No. 4 Australian General
Hospital, RANDWICK.

21.3.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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33rd Batt. A.I.F.

Pryor. Pte. J.B. 3119

K. Oct. 16/17

"I know that Pryor was doing Sectry outside tent in the rear of front line. He was blown to pieces by a shell. Symonds told me."

Eyewitness: No. Told by: Symonds in 33rd.

Description: About 5'5" thick set, He was a married man.

Informant: Pte. A.M. Wilson. 3149
33rd A.I.F. D Coy.
No. 111 Section War Hospital,
Home address: Exeter.
Glenroy,
Dixon St,
Nanton, Sydney. N.S.W.

8/4/18
C.M. Bird.

S. Cd Sup

A.I.F. 33.

PRYOR, J.B. 3119.

K. Oct. 16th, 1917. Det. D/B.

I did not know Pryor personally. Pryor and some other men were in a tent well behind our lines and I saw a shell fall into this tent which killed Pryor and one or two others. This occurred about 16th Oct. on the Ypres front. Pryor was buried close to where he was killed and I was present when he was buried. I don't know whether there is a cross put up to him.

Inf. Pte. F. H. McTavish, 2358. C.X.
No. 7. C.C.
BOULOGNE. 10.4.18. AGL.

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Sup*

33rd Battn.
A.I.F.

PRYOR,
J.B. 3119

"Killed 16.10.17."

He was killed outright at about 3 p.m. on October 16th at Cavalry Farm Camp behind Passchendaele by a H.E. shell which came into the tent where he was and also killed Sgt. Meeks and the Pay Sgt. (whose name I forget) besides wounding Pte. Sheldon (all of C.Coy) the latter has lost his left hand and will be going back to Australia. I did not see it myself but Pryor was a pal of mine and I made special enquiries. He and the 2 Sgts. were buried together inside Cavalry Camp, and his brother, Ray Pryor of the 7 Div, A.S.C. found the grave by my directions and was going to take up a cross. The spot is between the 2 roads which enter Ypres by the Menin Gate about 300 yards from the Red Cross free cocoa buffet (which is in a ruined 3 storied brick building on the left of the road) His name was Jack, He was in C.Coy, and came from N.S.W. Am absolutely sure of him, Sheldon was in his platoon.

Informant:- Pte. R.A. Deansfield,

9th Battn A.I.F. Hqs.

A.G. Campbell.
London. 18.1.18.

Havre.

22nd. April. 1918.

3rd. Australians.

Fryor, J. B. 3119.

A. October. 16/1917. Dets. D.B.

I think he was in D. Company. I was going into Passchendaele and I saw Fryor on an ambulance going with trench feet. I was afterwards told by Private. W. Longley, 33rd. Battalion, C. Company, batman to Captain Douglas, that Fryor was having his feet examined in a tent by Sergeant Hook when a shell dropped on the tent killing them both. Longley told me he saw it happen. Fryor was about 5 feet 6, in, came from Maitland, we called him "Jack".

Inf:- Private. W. Evans. 3048.
3rd. Australians. C. X.
H. S. "Garrisbrooke Castle".

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23rd April 1918.

33rd A.I.F.

Fryor J.B. No. 3119.

K. 16th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

He was in D. Coy. He was killed by a shell 5 miles behind our line at Hell Fire Corner at Ypres. He had his head blown off and was buried out in the open in the same place. His grave was marked.

Inf:- Pte A.J. Green No. 5024 B.
33rd A.I.F. H.Q.
H.S. 'Aberdonian'.

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A.I.F. 33.

PRYOR, J.B. 3119.

K. Oct. 16/17. Det. D & B.

Pryor was in C Co. and I think 9 Pl. though I am not sure. He was aged about 23, and I think came out in one of the 1st Reinforcements. He was killed in October last year about 2 miles this side of Ypres. He had come down from the line sick, and was in a tent giving his name and particulars to Sgt. Meeke D Co., when a shell came right through the tent killing Pryor outright, also Sgt. Meeke. I did not actually see him killed, but I saw his body afterwards. I believe he was buried near the spot from which we had to clear quickly, as the Germans started to shell it heavily.

Reference: Pte. J. E. Halls, 5026. C Co. 11 Pl.
No. 2 Won. Camp Rouen. 24.4.18.

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FRANCE.

33rd BATT. A.I.F.

PRYOR. J.B. 3119.

K.Oct 16th.1917.

He belonged to the 7th reinforcements and came over with me. He was killed in October in a camp several kilometres back from the front line. I happened to be there. He had come back sick from the line. I had been detailed for duty and had only just left them when a shell came over, killing him and Sgt. Meeké, who was taking sick parade. Pryor was in the tent and the Sergeant was in the doorway. He was buried about 200 yards from where he was killed, just off the Menin Road and on a bit of a rise; it is hard to describe the place exactly. I helped to dig the grave.

JHA.

Ref ---Pte A.J.Collins. 3030.
No 16 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. April 24th.1918.

S. M. C.

FRANCE.

33rd BATT. A.I.F.

PRYOR. J.B. 3119.

K.Oct 16th.1917.

We came over in the same reinforcements. He was killed by a shell at Cavalry Farm. He was sent out of the line to the transport line as he was suffering from Trench feet. A shell fell into the transport lines and I believe, took his head clean off.

WSI.

Ref ---Pte J.L.Conran. 3028.
No 16 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. April 24th.1918.

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26th April 1918.

33rd A.I.F.

Pryor J.B. No. 3119.

K. 16th Octr. 1917. Det D/B.

I knew Pte Pryor of C.Co. 1A Pltn, about 23, medium height and build, and complexion clean shaven. He was in the Hospital Tent at Ypres on the 17th Octr. Sergt Meek of B.Co. was in charge of the men who paraded sick that day and they were all in the tent when a shell fell on it. I saw the tent go up. Pryor and Meek were killed instantly. Ptes Lochart and Quinn died shortly after. I think they are all buried near the Transport Lines. I did not see the graves.

Inf:- Pte J.T. Hallis No. 5026.

A.I.F. 33.C.XI.

Australian Camp.

Rouelles.

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33rd A.I.F.

Pryor J.B. 3119,
C. Coy.

(K. Oct. 16/17 Dets. D/B)

On the 16th Oct. 1917 we were back behind the lines at Passchendaele and were in a tent with bad trench feet, and a shell struck the tent and blew Pryor's head right off. I was myself standing in the door of the tent. He was buried close to the tent the same day. There was a wooden cross on his grave with his name on it.

Eye-witness::

Description:

Informant: Pte. Leonard Wallis 1932,
A.I.F. C. Coy. XII Plt.,
Beaufort War Hospt.,
Bristol.

Home address:

c/o Mrs. L.B. Pitman,

April 30/18,
A. Hamilton.

Willmill, via Horse, N.S.W.

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33rd Australian Infantry

Pryor., Pte. J.B. 3119

(K. Oct. 16, 1918).

" The Battalion was in the line on Oct. 16th in front of Ypres. Pryor came back with bad feet and a shell landed right in the tent he was in killing him outright. I was about 15 yards away and saw it happen. His grave is just off the Menin Road, 3 graves together, a mile in front of Ypres, a cross was put up. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description - From Newcastle or Taree, Short, thick-set fair, about 27/28. Married, one child.

Informant :- Pte. A.E. McLellan 3098 ?
1st Pltn. A Coy. 33 Aus Infantry
5th Southern General Hospt
Milton Section Portsmouth.

Home address :-
Marrickville.

7.5.18. New South Wales.
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33rd A.I.P.

Fryer, J.E. 3119.
D Coy.

(K.Oct. 16/17.)
Dets. D/B.

"On the 16th Oct. near Ypres in the forenoon and about 6 miles behind the front line Fryer was sitting in a tent, and I was in another tent alongside. Fryer's tent was blown up by a shell, but our tent was not hit. I went to Fryer's tent, he had been very severely wounded in the head and was dead. He was buried quite close to where he was killed. I was present at the funeral, the service was read by an officer. I cannot say if a cross was put up as I went to hospital the same day. I had known Fryer in Australia."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Pte. R. Horn. 3070
33rd A.I.P. D Coy. 15 Pl.
Maunton Hospital,
Cheltenham.
Home address:
Cook's Hill,
Newcastle N.S.W.

8/8/18.
P.H. Hall.

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33rd Australian Infantry

Pryor, Pte. J.B. 31319.

(K. Oct. 16. 18. Dets
D & B).

" We were camped just beyond Ypres and on Oct. 16th Pryor came out of the line with sore feet. He was in a tent when a shell landed on it, killing him and Sergt. Meek outright. They were buried together near a hedge where we were camped. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description - Short, fair, nuggety, married, known as " Jackie".

Informant :- Pte. Ralph Turney, 3139,
A Coy. 4th Pltn. 33 Aus Infantry,
5th Southern General Hospt, Milton Scot.
Portsmouth.

Home address :-
115, Lindsey Street,
Hamilton, New South Wales.

21.5.18.
R.C. Hughes

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A.I.F. 53rd Battn.

PRYOR
J.B. 3119.

KILLED 16/10/17.

He had come out of the trench at Ypres and back to Rest Camp at Calvary Farm Ypres, with trench feet and was in a tent having them attended to: a shell got the tent and Pryor was killed instantly. Sergt. Neeks also inside the tent was killed (he was acting Sgt. Major at the time) Pryor was buried a few yards from where he was killed. I saw him buried and saw his grave, and I saw the shell hit the tent after he went in, as I was also up with trench feet. A cross was not put up at the time, because we had to get out quick, on account of the camp being so heavily shelled. He came in same Reinforcements with me, the 7th of the 53rd. He was about 5' 10" - fair - about 20.

Witness:- 3138 G. Taylor,
C X 53rd Battn.,
No. 1 Command Depot,
Sutton Veny.

B. F. German.

London
22/5/18.

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53rd Battn.
A.I.F.

PRYOR.
J.B. 3119.

"Killed in Action" 16-10-17.

I saw this man killed instantly, near Ypres, being hit by a piece of shell on the head. He was ill at the time with trench feet and a Sgt was tending his name for sick Parade. The Sgt, Sgt. Neek. A. 53rd Battn, who had just joined up, and came from Linc. Regt. H.S.W. was also killed. It was about 7 miles behind the lines. I did not know Pryor very well being in a different Coy to me, but I assisted to bury him at the place of casualty about a 1/4 mile off the road. The grave was marked by a cross bearing full details. The Sgt was also buried with him.

Informant:- Herborn. Pte. C. 1959
53rd Battn. B.Cc. 5th 1stcn.
3rd A.A.E. BARTFORD.

W. Omen.
London.
29-5-18.

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A.I.F. 33rd Battn
"A" Coy.

PRIOR
J.B. 3119.

"Killed 16/10/17"

I saw him killed at Ypres and death was instantaneous. He was hit by a shell that landed in the tent and killed him along with three others, who were with him. He was badly knocked about all over body. We were out of the line at the time and casualty happened about 10.30 a.m. I knew him well, and we left Australia together on the "Anchises" on 27th March 1917. He came from around Newcastle in New South Wales and was a married man. I saw his grave at place of casualty on the field and the grave was marked by a cross which bore full details.

Witness:- 3105 Pte. Montgomery R.S.,
"A" Coy., 33rd Battn.,
No 3 A.A.H. Dartford.

W. Oman

London
3/6/18

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Bayre.

1st. June. 1918.

33rd. Australians.

Pryor, J. B. 3119.

K. October 16/1917. Deta. D/B.

He was in C. Coy; 12th. Eln. I saw him killed in Ypres in the reserve camp, on October 16th. by a shell; he was in the next tent to mine. I saw him buried the same day just outside Ypres. I know him well; he was married. short, nuggety, fair, came from N. S. Wales.

Inf:- Corporal. H. B. Herdson. 3069.
33rd. Australians. O. 12.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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G. C. C. C.

33rd Battalion.
A.I.F.

Pryor.
Pte. J.B. No. 3119

"Killed in Action 16.10.17."

Informant described Pryor as about 5 ft 6 inches high, nuggety build, fair moustache, aged about 28/9. Came from Maitland. Left Australia with Informant per "Anchises" on 24.1.17.

Informant states that on 16.10.17 the Battalion was at Passchendaele Ridge, Ypres, in supports. Some of the lads including Pryor and Informant were suffering from trench feet and had retired to behind the horse lines. At about 8 a.m. they were in a tent when a shell came over and burst and killed Pryor outright and wounded Informant who lost consciousness for about a quarter of an hour. Being wounded Informant was taken away. Two others were killed and two wounded by the same shell.

Informant added that Pryor was a very good chap.

Informant: Private D. Fraser, No. 3057,
"D" Company, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address: C/- Mrs. Johns, Kenrick Street, Platts-
burg, N.S.W.

W.E.G.
5.4.18.

No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

PRYOR, J.B.
Pte 3119

Killed 16th October 1917.

Informant described Pryor as about 5ft.4 or 5 inches high, medium build, aged somewhere in the twenties.

Informant states that they both belonged to "C" Company No.9 Platoon On 12th October 1917 (not the 15th as officially reported) the Battalion attacked Passchendaele. They hopped over at about 4 or 5 a.m. Informant saw Pryor before the hop-over, and they went over the top together. Informant then lost sight of him and next saw him, together with Corporal Conway and Lieutenant Armstrong. They had been killed by the one shell on the left hand side of Zonnebeke Railway in a sunken road. About 3 days later when the Battalion had to retire from Passchendaele a man out of informant's gun team, named Dunn, buried Pryor in the shell-hole in which he had been killed. Informant saw his grave.

Informant added that everyone liked Pryor. He was an exceedingly quiet chap.

Informant: Coppock, No.1471. Cpl.H.G.

"C" Company. 33rd Battn.

No.21 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Sydney.

Present address: "D" Ward, Georges Heights Military
Hospital.

Home address: Totara, Moree N.S.W.

W.E.G.
21.5.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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5th June 1918.

A.I.F. 33.

Pryor J.E. No. 3119.

K. 16th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

He was in C.Coy. I knew him well. he was about 5 feet 10, dark, clean shaved, about 30. I heard that he was killed about the 16th Octr at Messines. I know his brother, Walter Pryor, who was in the same Batta and Company, and who I saw with the Batta at the end of March, knows all the particulars about his brother.

Inf:- Lto W. Coltart No. 740.

A.I.F. 33. C.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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33rd Battn.
A.I.F.

J.B. PRYOR.
3119.

"Killed in Action". 16-10-17.

He was in the regimental transport lines near Wytschaete D/S suffering from trench feet and a shell struck the tent killing Pryor and Sergeant Meek. (About Oct. 16th)

I was an eyewitness to the occurrence but did not know Pryor personally so am unable to describe him. Lt Col. White had both men buried about 20 yards away from the occurrence.

Informant:- Pte. W. H. S²²umington. 1249A
33rd Battn. Hqs.
DARTFORD, H&L.

H. E. Hays.
London
12-6-18.

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33rd. Battn. A. I. F.

Pryor. J. B. Pye. No. 3119.

No. 15 Platoon. D. Company.

Killed Oct. 16th. 1918. Det. D/B.

I saw him killed instantly by a shell whilst on sentry outside a small tent at Paschendaale. I could not give any particulars of burial. I knew him well, came over in the same reinforcements, the 7th of the 33rd. Battn. on the transport Anchises, leaving Sydney on the 24th. January 1917. He was a plasterer by trade.

Description. Age. 32. Height. 5-4. Complexion. Dark. Nuggety Build.

Witness. Pte. Wilson. A. M. No. 3149. D. Company. 33rd. Battn.

Taken at
No. 4. C. D. Hurdoott
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No. 4. Command Depot.
Hurdoott.

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J.B.

"Killed in Action" 16-10-17.

I saw him killed Ypres, and death was instantaneous. He was hit by pieces of shell on the head. They were in a tent at the time behind the lines when a shell landed on tent about 10.a.m. killing Sgt Meek and wounding six others. I did not see know him very well and he came from New South Wales. I assisted to bury him at place of casualty 3/4 a mile from Ypres, on the field. Grave was marked by a cross and full details were marked thereon. Sgt Meek who came from Inverell, N.S.W. was buried beside him.

Informant:- Cpl Kenyon, G.E. 1856.
A.Coy. 3rd Battn.
No 3 A.A.H. DARTFORD

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London.
18-6-18.

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33rd Battn.
A. I. F.

PRIOR:
J.S. 5119.

"Killed 16-10-17".

Of C. Company. IX Platoon. He went out of lines at Gasscheniaele with trench feet to rest Camp at Bell Fire Corner near Red Lodge. These tents were a good 9 miles behind the lines. Shell fell alongside one of tents - killed Pryor (top of head blown off) and two others, besides wounding others in tent. I was told this by Pryor's cousin L/Cpl. J. Pryor 33rd Batta. C. Company, 1st Lt. -- also by Pte Albert Green. 33rd Batta. 680. XII Platoon. He would be buried there. Enemy would just about hold this ground now.

Informant:- Rte. L.R. Blake, 4980.
33rd A.I.F.C XI.
HARFIELD.

A.D.E.
London.
27-6-18.
H.G.

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53rd Batta.
A.I.F.

PREOR.

J.B. 3119.

"Killed 16-10-17"

I saw Pryor killed instantly by a shell at Calvary Farm near Ypres in the afternoon of 16th Oct. He was in a tent in a rest camp at the time having his feet attended to. The shell blew his head right off. I saw him buried on the spot where he was killed. Sgt. F. Leeks was killed by the same shell. A cross which I saw was placed over the grave.

Pryor was a man of medium height, fair complexion, clean shaven. He was in my C. Company.

Informant: - Pte. G. Taylor, 3138.

3rd Batta. A.U.F.C.Co.K.
SUTTON VENNY.

H.G.H.
London.
5-7-18.
H.G.

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33rd Batt, A.I.F.

Pryor: J.B. Pte. NO. 3119.

C, Coy.

Killed Oct 16th 1917. Det. D.E.

He was killed by a shell whilst he was in the rest camp close to Ypres. He was buried close to where he was killed, Major White officiated at the grave, A temporary cross was erected at the time. I only knew him in the coy. I could not say where he came from.

Witness. Pte. Prowse. A.J. NO. 1741. C, Coy. 33rd Batt.

Taken at
NO. 4. C.D. Hurdcott.
4-7-18.
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S. Whitmee.
NO. 4. Command Depot
Hurdcott.

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33rd A. I. F.

Pryor, Pte J.B. 3119,
C. Coy

(K. Oct. 16/17. Det: D & B)

"I saw Pryor killed in his tent at Cavalry Flat near Ypres on Oct. 16/17. A stray shell hit the tent and practically cut his head off. Stretcher bearers carried him to the cemetery at Ypres and buried him."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Short, about 27-28, fair, clean-shaven

Informant: Pte Hanna Legg, 474,
33rd A. I. F., B. Coy,
Red Cross Hospital,
Christchurch.

Home address:
Bingara,
N.S.W.

4th August 1918.
F. Watkinson.

FRANCE.

33rd BATT. A.I.F.

PRYOR. J.B. 3119.

K.Oct 16th.1917. Det.

He came from Maitland, N.S.W. and he was killed by a shell after he had gone out of the line at Paschendael with trouble with his feet. The shell landed right under the tent at Cavalry Farm and exploding, killed him and Sgt Meek and also wounded two others. Meek and Pryor were buried just near the hedge by Cavalry Farm, it runs from the wood down past the camp. They were buried by Major, now Lt Col, White who read the burial service.

WSI.

Ref ---Pte W.Smailes. 2386.
No 3 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. August 5th.1918

A.I.F. 33

PRYOR. J.B. 3119.

K.Oct.16/17. Det. D/B.

On Oct.16 from 9 to 10 p.m. when 7 of us were in a tent at Calverley Farm, Ypres, a shell dropped right on the tent. 3 were killed, 2 of whom were Sgt. Meek and J.B.Pryor. 2 others were wounded. I was blown 100 yards away. The tent was at the back of the lines and I had only gone into it for the first time the night before, therefore I did not know Pryor, but was told his name by the other men who survived.

Reference: R.Nathan, 2368. A Co.
No.11 Con.Camp Buchy Nr.Rouen. 17.8.18.

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PRYOR, J.B. 3119.

K1 October 16th, 1917.

I saw Pryor of my C.XII killed by an H.B. shell, which landed on a tent in which he and some others were, in daylight, about 2 miles from Ypres on the Ypres-Menin Road. We were about 8 miles from the front line of trenches and were back there with trench feet. I was standing at my tent opposite to his and saw the shell fall. Sgt. Meek was in the tent at the time taking the names for sick report and he was killed with his pencil in his hand. He and Pryor were taken out dead and some of the others were wounded. I think Pryor would have been killed instantly.

I saw Sgt. Meek and Pryor buried about 100 yards from where they were killed. Major (now Lt/Col.) White read the Burial Service.

Pryor was from somewhere Inverell way, a married man, about 5 ft. 6 or 7, medium complexion, about 23/24 years.

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Informant:- Pte. A.J. Browne. 1791. 33.C.CII.
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Pryor J.B. 3119.

K. 16th Oct 1917. Det D/B.

He was in VII Pltn. He was about 5 feet 6, clean shaven, quite young, medium build and about 23 years of age. We were at Cavalry Farm, near Ypres. I was in the tent next to him and was standing at the door when a High Explosive shell came over and landed right in Pryor's tent and killed him and Sergt Meek and wounded 5 or 6 others. They had been suffering from trench feet and were put in the tent for treatment. He was buried with Meek in a grave not far from Cavalry farm. I saw him buried. Lieut Col. White of the 33rd (now transferred to 35) took the burial service.

Inf:- Pte A.J. Browne No. 1791.
A.I.F. 33. W. XII.
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Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit

~~5119~~ Pls. J.B. Pryor 33rd Batta. A.I.F.
K. 16.10.17.

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 Pls. J.B. Pryor but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldier's 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.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

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NOTE

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty required for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identification of the soldier about whom you are writing.

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