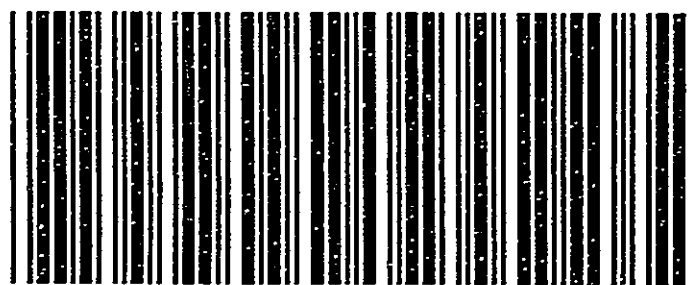


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Lieutenant
Charles Matthews

38th Battalion



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A.I.P. 35th Battn.

late 15th L.H.R.

CANCELS

Lieut MATTHEWS
Charles

Killed in action 12/10/17

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Buried Map Ref. 28 D.11.C. 70.75

Cert. by A.I.P. Hdqrs List 19/12/17

| Causes of Casualties | Casualty | Unit | Name |
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| London 4/10/19 | | | |

A.I.F.
33th Bn.
late 13th L.H.R.

MATTHEWS
Lieut. Charles

Killed in Action 12.10.17.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

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London.
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CANCELS

A.I.F. 38th Bttn.

Lat 13 L.H.R.

MATTHEWS.
Lieut. C.

"Killed 12-10-17".

At Passchendaele he was shot in the leg. I was helping him back when I got wounded. He was lying trying to bandage me when he was shot dead and fell across me. He was a fine chap, good officer. We thought the world of him.

Informant:- 2054 Crook.
Ward 41, 1st A.A.Hpl,
Harefield.

D.P. Dickson.
London.
10-7-18.

H.G.

M.

38th Battn.
A.I.F.

Lat 13 L.H.R.

MATTHEWS.
Lieut.C.

"Killed 12-10-17"

I saw him killed by a sniper about 20 yards from me during our attack at Passchendaele at about 1.p.m. on Oct 12th 1917. He fell backwards as if hit in the head. We retired from the ground at about 3.p.m. the same day and he must have been left in Mc Ken's Land at the time. The Canadians recovered the ground later. He was in A.Cc a short thick set man and the only officer of the name in the battalion.

Informant:- Pte.F.R Howship. 3277.
36th Battn. A.I.F.
DARTFORD.

A.G.Campbell.
London.
23-7-18.
H.G.

M.

A. I. F. 38. Btm
Late 13 L.H.R.

MATTHEWS, Lieut. C.

K. October 12th, 1917. Det. D/B.

He was my platoon officer, No. III of A. Coy. I saw him sniped in the hip when we were attacking at Passchendaele. We were a fair way advanced when it happened and after he got hit he got into a shell hole with his batman, where I was already with four other men. I suppose ^{we} were there for ten minutes and we dressed both him and his batman, who had been shot clean through the neck. Then they both left the shell hole to go back to D/S and they had not gone 10 yards when Mr. Matthews got another through the body. He dropped and never moved again. I saw that. He retired back a bit the same afternoon and again still further in the evening. I don't think any bodies were brought back, but the Canadians took Passchendaele a week later and probably they buried our dead where they found them. Mr. Matthews was one of the finest officers we ever had, and his batman stuck to him all the time. He is back again with the Unit now and his name is H. Shaw, of 38. A. III.

GCP.

Informant: - Mayberry, G.C. 489. 38. A. III.
A.T. "Cambria"

Wm. H. Shaw
4.9.18
Calais
18.3.18.

Hayre.

4th. September. 1918.

38th. Australians.

Matthews, Lieut. C.

Late 13 L.H.R.

K. October. 12/1917. Dets. D/B.

He was wounded at Passchendaele Ridge & I was bandaging him when he was shot through the calf of the leg. Then I got wounded & got bandaged & he & I were coming out together arm in arm when a sniper fired & shot him through the head. I carried on & cannot say if he was buried or not. He came from England but came from Sydney with the 13th. Light Horse.

Inf:- Private. H. Shaw. 6119.
38th. Australians. A. 3.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

GRR.

GP.

A.I.F. 38th Battn.
A Coy.

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MATHEWS
Lient C.

Killed 12.10.17

Short 5' 7" fair - age 24 - 25.

My Mate L/Cpl. J. Crocks No -- same unit Co and pltn., who is now at Lockwood Victoria, told the men in A Coy., that he himself was wounded on 12.10.17 at Passchendaele and Lieut Mathews went to his assistance and while doing so Mathews was killed by Machine Gun bullet. Dont know anything of burial.

Informant:- L/Cpl. 2469A A.V.Petherick,
38th Battn., A Coy., 4 pltn.

Ward 28

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Address:- 32 Monbray St.,
Albert Pk.,

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Lt. C. Hallens

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Rin a. 12.10.17.

Report Section

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To Pt H. Shaw
III Platoon - A. Co
38 Battn
A.I.F

about
Lt C. Matthews
38 Battn
A.I.F

K Oct 12/17

Written 4.9.18
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FRONT *France*

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| | 13 Battalion AIF | | |
| BY | | Casualty. | |
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| | 13 Battalion AIF | A | 1 |
| INFORMANT | | Home Address. | |
| | | 86 Botany St Redford Sydney N.S.W. | |

(first person).

(13.C?) was shot by our own men
 front of Corbie. ~~The~~ and another
 and together we had not even
~~look out~~. They went over to a
 H.G. at night. When we saw
 they were the enemy, and four of
 (and the other officer was wounded)
 by the S/Ps. I believe he was buried
 not seen his grave."

THE FOLLOWING:—

give name, number, etc., }
 e man who told him. }

nant says a man was killed, } "I believe instantaneously"
 death instantaneous? } "I believe in front of Corbie" (

the body buried, & if so where? }

re any other man of same } no other
 in Co. or Battalion? }

personally I can give no particulars.

Signature of } Walter M. Richard Cambridge
 Searcher }

Date of Report 19th Aug. 1918