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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1835 Driver
Leslie Victor Chandler

10th Field Artillery Brigade



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10th Bgds.

A.F.A.

CHANDLER, L.V.
Gnr. 1835

K. 8/8/18

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39th Btn. A.F.A.

W.E. Walklate,
s.s. "Cluny Castle"
8/4/19

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W.D. Walklate.
London.
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4th DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY, A.I.F.
16th P.A.B. H.Q.
(Late 7th L.H., 13th Bns.)

CHANDLER - Dvr. L.V.
No. 1899.

Killed 8.8.18.

Informant described Chandler as about 5 ft 6 or 7 in. high, slight build, red hair, aged about 26-28. Had relatives named Lynch at Newcastle.

Informant states that they both belonged to 39th Battery, Chandler having been transferred from Headquarters about a fortnight before his death. On 8.8.18 the Battery was in action at Messcourt. While Chandler's gun was being pulled out at about dinner time it was hit by a shell which instantly killed Chandler and three others of the team. Informant was about 50 yards away and went over to the spot and helped to pick him up. Next morning he put him on a waggon to take him to Denora, where Informant was told that he was buried in a Military Cemetery.

According to Informant Chandler was a very popular chap.

Informant: Gunner J. Davidson, No. 4576.
39th Battery.

Home address: 10 Union Street, Wickham, N.S.W.

W.E.G.
Victoria Barracks.
25.3.19.

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10th FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE, A.I.F.

CHANDLER L. V. DRIVER
No. 1835.

Killed 8/8/18.

We were in action on the Chippilly Ridge. We were ranging on a German Battery. The enemy picked us up first. We were ordered to evacuate our position which we did. When it was thought the enemy had finished his shelling, word came to bring our two guns out of action to cover. A German shell landed on the pole of the gun to which Chandler's horses were attached, it exploded, killing the wheel horses and Driver Chandler, also the centre driver Morray and horses. I helped to carry him in, when he died, he could not speak. He was buried at Daourse near Amiens with Military honours. He was very popular and was known affectionately as "Bluesy".

Informant:- Gunner W. K. Ross, 7276,
10th. Field Art. Brigade.

GSA.
A.I.F. Furlough Bureau, Sydney.
25/3/19.

Note:- If the relatives require it, Ross will be very pleased to give what further particulars he can.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

S. W. Staff

private address
Some 87°
Wilmington
S.S.W.

A. I. F. 10th B. A. A.

Copy of D. 16.

CHANDLER

Leslie Victor 1835

"E/A. 8-8-18"

Dvr. Chandler was killed practically instantaneously on 8-8-18. His left arm & side being badly knocked about, buried in cemetery in Vaire-sous-Corbie. sheet 623. J. 51 d. 8. 4. The train he was driving in received a direct hit by 4.2. enemy shell, killing both men & horses. He was buried by Brigade Padre.
Cert. by Aqrs 10-2-19.

Copy of D 16 obtained at Aqrs by H. C. Searcher. 10-2-19.

London
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12th. March 1919.

10th. Bgde. A. F. A.

Chandler. L. V. 1835.

K. August 8/1918. Det. D/B.

He was in the 39th. Batty, came from E.S. Wales, and was single. He was killed by a shell in the afternoon, about 3 p.m. with three other men, while on his horse. He was hit all over. His remains were recovered and buried in a small cemetery near Hamel.

Inf:- Gunner. G. Sinclair, 1793,
10th. Bgde. 39th. Batty. A.F.A.
Austr. Demob. Base.

EBS.



J. R.

RRB.

114th Field Signal Battalion, 13th Signal Group

Driver L. V. 1311

KILLED D. H. 18

Informant described Chandler as about 5'8" or 9" high, medium build, rather red hair. Age about 25 years. Informant states that they both belonged to the 39th Battery. On the 18.2.19 the Battery was in action following an infantry advance. They held 1 or 2 positions that day and were held up for a time to the right of Chippilly Wood. It was while they were held up that Chandler was hit by a shell. He became immediately unconscious and died in a few moments. Informant did not see this happen, but saw his lying dead at the Message lines next morning. He was buried at home so far as informant is aware. According to informant, Chandler was a well liked chap.

INFORMANT: Driver H. H. Llewellyn, 1323,
39th Battery.

Home Address: KAYRANCE, Clarence River, N.S.W.

V. B. G.
No. 4 Australian General
Hospital, RANDWICK.
18.2.19.

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(A.F.A.) ^{with} Corp'l. E. FRASER
~~2376~~ 2376.

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W.E. WALKLATE. "S.S. CLUNY CASTLE."
8-4-19.

S. W. Smith