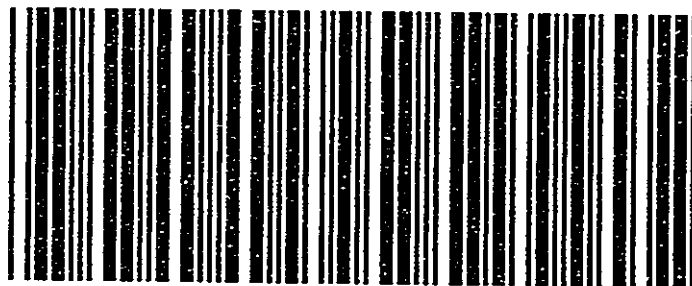


Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

**5780 Private
Adraine Byrne**

9th Battalion



0661008L

9th Battn:

Byrne, A. 5780.

K. 21/8/18.

We were at a listening post in a shell hole at Strazelle when one of our own light Stokes shells fell short, it landed about 10 yards away and "Robbie" Byrne who had his head just above the shell hole was hit by part of the shell on the forehead killing him outright. I was only about 2 yards away from him. He was buried by the 3rd Brigade H.Q. Sgt. I saw his grave in the cemetery at Buire, it had a cross on it giving all particulars.

9th Battn:

Klose, J. Pte. 7448.A

18 A. Dartford. 20/8/18.

R.D.B.

414

B

A.I.F. 9.

K. 21.6.18.

BYRNE A. 5780.

On 21st. June, in front of Strassele, at 10 p.m. Byrne was in a post. One of our own T.M. shells fell short and killed Byrne instantly. I saw him buried a couple of days later by the R.C. padre, in Borre Cemetery. A nice cross was put up by the Bn. with his name and regiment on. He came from Brisbane and joined the regiment towards the end of 1916, with the 18th. Rft.

LM.

Reference: Pte. W.J. Burke. 4153.
4 Gen. Rpl.

Staples.
23.8.18.

(571)

(P)

9th Battn.
A.I.F.

BYRNE
A. 5780

"Killed 21-6-18"

Byrne was killed outright by T.Mortar shell while in our front line at Strazeele, near the railway station. I saw him when he was brought in at night time. He is buried at Borre, in a Cemetery and Cross was erected.

Informant. Kenny. R.W. 3807
9th Battn. D.Coy. 15th Pltn.,
Rut 12,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
27-8-18
H.G.

B.

Havre

28th August 1918.

Australians. 9.

Byrne A. 5780.

K. 21st June 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well. He came from Breakfast Creek, Brisbane, and had been a Jack of all Trades. He was 23, medium build. About the 21st June we were opposite Strazeele Station holding the line. About 8 p.m. Byrne was at a Battery Post; a Stokes Mortar Battery was firing ~~XXXXX~~ over us, and one of the bombs fell short. Byrne was hit in the head by a piece of killed out. I was in the outpost close by and saw it. The body was taken back and buried at Borre Cemetery.

Inf:- Pte A.E. ~~Hartis~~ No. 3058.

A.I.F. 9. D. XV.

Australian Conv. Depot.

Rouelles.

* listening

CWSC.

Bowl

SA

92.

Havre

3rd Sept 1918.

Australians. 9.

Byrne A. 5780.

K. 21st June 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well. He was, I think, a stockman, about 26, tall, thin and dark. About the 21st June we were at Meteren holding the line. At night Byrne was going to our front line when he was killed by a bomb from one of our own Stokes' guns which fell short. He was killed out. I saw his body being taken to the D/Station and he was afterwards buried at Borre.

Inf:- Pte A.E. Edwards No. 477

A.I.F. 9. D. XV.

Australian Conv. Depot.

Rouelles.

CWEG.

PP.

9th Battn.
A.I.F

A. BYRNE.
5780.

"Killed 21-6-18"

He was of D. Company. XV Platoon. About this date in front of Strazeele about 12.30. at night, he was in an outpost in front line. Killed outright by shell. I saw his body same night, he was hit by piece of shell just below the eye, and which pierced the brain. Was buried in Boire Military Cemetery. I have seen his grave - cross erected. Knew him as Rabbia, came from Queensland.

Informant:- Pte. G. Price. 6077.
9th Battn. D. XV Pl.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.C.
London.
5-9-18.
S.A.

B.

9th Battn.
A.I.F.

BYRNE
A. 5780

"Killed 21-6-18"

He was in D.Coy. Refer to Pte. Price, D.Coy. 9th Battn., who is now in France, for he was with him on a listening post when he was killed by a piece of shell on the head, and death was instantaneous. The casualty happened in the early morning. I knew him fairly well. I assisted to carry him back and think he would be buried at Borre.

Informant. Brown. L/Cpl. J.R. 7686
D.Coy. 9th Battn.
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W. Oman
London
11-9-18
H.G.

B.

Havre.

13th. September. 1918.

9th. Australians.

Byrne, A 5880.

K. June. 21/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was killed just outside Meteren by a trench Mortar bomb & I helped to carry him out. He was buried in Borre Cemetery. I knew him well; he came from Frank Breakfast Creek, Brisbane.

Inf:- Private. J. B. Skimmer. 4285.
9th. Australians. B. S/Bearer.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

GRR.

OP.