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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**495 Lance Corporal
Randolph Reginald
Haynes**

5th Battalion



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5th Battn.
A. I. F.

Haynes.
L/Cpl. R. 495

"Killed in Action 9.5.17"

Pte. D. Taylor of 5th Battn. has handed me your letter of enquiry re L/Cpl. Haynes. Pte. Taylor knew him well and identifies him as a man of dark complexion, stout and thick set. He was wounded in the afternoon of an attack on Bullecourt. He came back to Headquarters and was killed very soon after coming in. The Sgt. of his platoon informs me that a shell caught three of them standing together, an officer and two men. L/Cpl. Haynes' body was laid aside together with the body of the other man killed to be buried at the first opportunity. Some time soon afterwards several shells were placed in the spot where these bodies were laid, the result being that they were blown to atoms and scattered far and no trace of them left for any subsequent burial. The officer, Capt. Griffiths' body had been laid in a different spot and a party were more fortunate in securing his body for burial the next day.

Letter from:-

Chaplain Capt. C. Neville,
5th Battn. A.I.F.
France. 19.8.17.

London.
13.9.17.

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Haynes

14th July, 1917.

5th AUSTRALIANS

HAYNES, L/Cpl. R. 495

K. 9.5.17. Det. D/B.

I knew him well in England when he was there on sick leave, and I was in the training battalion No. 3 Camp, Salisbury Plain. He was not in my company but I saw him frequently when in France. He was in B Co., which was engaged at Bullecourt. I was not present when he was killed but a mutual friend, Dave Taylor in his company (B Co.) was with him at the time and told me that he was killed outright by shrapnel. I knew nothing as to where and how he was buried.

Informant: L/Cpl. W.G. Hopper, 5386
5th Australians, D Co., 13th Pltn.
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Written by Taylor 30.7.17

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HAYNES, L/C. R. 495.

K. May 9th, 1917.

We were holding the line at Bullecourt when I saw a shell come over wounding him in the arm. Later he went down to see Capt. Griffiths upon some regimental matter and he found him just standing on top of his dugout and while speaking a shell came over which killed Capt. Griffiths, the Captain's runner, Kemmenburg, and him. He was a good lad and had only recently rejoined from the base hospital as he had been also wounded at Pozieres. He was in B. Coy VIII plat. and was in charge of the bombers.

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Reference:- Bamber, H. 609. D. VIII
No. 1 Cam. Gen. Hosp.

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5th Battn
A.I.F. *5th*

Haynes
I/Cpl. R. 495

"Killed 9.5.17."

I saw him killed at Bullecourt He was hit by a shell fragment in the body which killed him instantly. I saw the Pioneers take him away for burial but do not know place of burial and cannot refer to anyone. I knew him well.

Witness:—

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Pte. T.R. Wipond. 6599
5th Battn B. Coy. 6th Pltn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Omen,
London.
19.9.17.

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5th A.I.F.

Haynes L/Cpl. R. 495,
C. Coy.

(K. 9.5.17. Det. D/B)

"I was in Plt. II. This man was Plt. 10 and was on our side. I saw him hit by a piece of shell. His body was removed by Coy. Stretcher Bearers to await burial and he was buried in No Man's Land on the ruined site of the village".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description:

Informant: Pte. D.J. Hyland 2580,
5th A.I.F., C. Coy., II Plt.,
Bath War Hospt.

Home address:
c/o Mrs. Link,
50 Station Rd.,
Strood, Kent.

2.10.17,
J.D. Allen.

*See letter Capt. C. Neville 12/10/17
5th Batt. 17-8-17.*

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5th.A.I.F.

Haynes, L/Cpl.R., 495.

K.May 9/17.Dets.D.& B.

"I saw Haynes hit by a shell, he lived about half an hour and was unable to speak. Eight were killed by the same shell. I was with Haynes. It was May 8/17 at Bullecourt."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: Short, thick-set, dark chap, we used to call him Adolph.

Informant: Pte.William Miller, 2006,
5th.A.I.F., B Co., HQ.,
Graylingwell Hospital,
Chichester.

Home Address:
Australian Convalescent Home,
Dartford.

Oct.24/17.
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5th Batt. A.I.F.

HAYNES L-Cpl R. 495.
"B" Coy. Coy Hdqtrs.

" K. May 9th., '17. Det D & B ".

" Haynes was killed by a shell while in the front line at Bullecourt, on May 9th., '17. He lingered for half an hour, but was unconscious the whole time. Our battalion left the line the next day, and I cannot say if he was buried. I knew him well, and we were in England together. Came over on the S.S. Orvieto, on 21/10/'14. "

Description. Hgt 5ft7. Very Dark Complexion. Well built

Witness. Kelly C.H. 666.
5th Batt. "D" Coy.

Taken at No 3 Command Depot,
Hurdcott. J.G. W.
October 22nd., '17.

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No 4 Command Depot
Codford.

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A.I.F.
5th Bn.

HAYES
L/Opl. Randolph

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No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
15.10.19.

H & S.

Oct 17
1917

France

19 Aug 1917.

The Secretary
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau
Australian Branch B.E.C.S.
54 Victoria St
London S.W.

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Captain ~~Suppitts~~ ^{body of the officer} had been laid
in a different spot and a party
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body for burial the next day.
This is the extent of the information
I could obtain regarding 1st Cpl Haynes.
I trust it may be of some use to you
as an answer to your inquiries.

I was not at that time attached
to this Battalion so cannot speak from
any personal knowledge but the above
information may be considered
reliable.

Yours faithfully

G. Neville

Chaplain Capt.

5th Batt. A.I.F.

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