

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2132 Sergeant
Harvey James Cook**

6th Machine Gun Company



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A.M.C.C. 6.

COOPER, H.J. 2132.

K. Oct 9th 1917. Dets.

This man was one of the 5 who were killed in the shell hole mentioned in my statement about Burns, and my mate Buthbert, who was the only one who escaped would be able to give a reliable account of this case.

Inf: J.G. Mackie. 234. 6th MGC

No. 53 GER HOSP.

BOULOGNE. 18.6.1918. HR

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H.G.

Written by, Buttbert 26.6.18.

6th M.G. Coy.
A.I.F.

H.J. COOK.
2132.

"Killed in Action" 9-10-17.

Beginning of Cot at Polygon Wood near Basschendaale about midnight, we were going up to line to take up our positions. Was killed outright by direct hit of shell - blown to pieces - not enough left to bury. Same shell killed two more men and wounded two others. Don't know names.

Cook came from Romsey, Victoria, think people had a farm. Christian name was Harry. Originally with 21st Battn, 7th Rifs - transferred 21st Battn M/G Section - transferred 6th Coy M/G Feb 1916. Was Spl when killed. Description, height about 5 ft 7 ins well built, age about 20 years, clean shaved, no distinctive marks on face.

Informant:- Mounsey.P.935.
6th Company.M/G.
WEYMOUTH.

A.D.G.
London.
21-6-28.

M.

6th Australian M.G.C.

Cook. H.J. 2132.

(K. Oct. 9/17.)
Dets. D/B.

"I know Cook was killed instantly at Polygon Wood on Oct. 9th. He was buried near there."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Lt. J.E. Hopper.
6th Australian M.G.C.
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth.

28.6.18.
A.E.Long.

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6th M.G. Coy, late 21st Batta.
A. I. F.

COOK, H. J.
2132 Sgt.

"Killed in Action 9.10.17."

Re Pte. H. J. Cook, he was promoted to Sgt. and he was killed in action on the morning of the ninth of Oct. and with five of his mates. I was talking to him at the time and a shell got the lot, I got a very bad turn myself. Cook was very well liked by his Officers and men, he was buried in front of Daisy Wood, and a cross was put over his grave.

London.
11.7.18.
M. I. S.

Letter from:- 323 H. Cuthbert.
M. G. Coy,
France.

M.

6th Machine Gun Co.

COCK, H. J.
Sgt. 2132.

killed in action 9/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, well built, dark complexion, about 21 years of age, known as "Harvey". Casualty was in the front line trench on Westhoek Ridge, and was in my section. An H.F. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. Sgt. Armstrong who was his best pal told me that he had made a cross for his grave."

Informant:- Lieut. F. J. Nixon,
6th M.G.Co.

Private address:-
193 Wattle Tree Road,
Halvern.

F.C.F.
1/11/18.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

6th M.G.Co.

COOK, H. J.
Sgt. 2132.

K. in. act. 9/10/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, nuggety build, fair complexion, about 25 years of age. Casualty was in the front line near Broodseinde Ridge. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly and Pte. Bowen and two other men. I was 2 yds. away at the time the shell exploded and I saw his body four hours later. He was most severely wounded about the head and he was buried at Broodseinde Ridge near where he fell, and I helped to bury him. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Private address:-

14 Bedgeran Street,
East Brunswick

Informant:-

Pte. J. E. Smith,
No. 56, 6th M.G.Co.

F.C.F.
9/5/19.

M. cd suff

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

A.I.F.
6th M.G.
(late 81st Btn)

COOK
Harvey James 2132

Killed in Action 9.10.17.

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

London.
22.10.19.

H.

6th M. G. Coy.

2132 Cpl. H.J. Cook
336 Pte. W.J. Morris
345 Pte. R.J. Selkrig.
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Killed Oct. 9th 1917

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Informant: 720 Pte. W.P.Price,
6th Coy. 2nd M.G.Bn.

Address 178 Hotham Street, Elsternwick, Vic.

L.G.Burgess,

H.M.A.T.Windhuk, 25.6.1919.

3rd M.D.

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2139 H. J. Cook Sgt.

6th M. G. Coy late 21st Batta

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France

11/6/18

Dear Madam

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your B & B H. Cuthbert
K/Aq