

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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422 Corporal
Eustace Godfrey
Kenny

5th Machine Gun Battalion



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5th M.G.C.
A.I.F.

KENNY.
Cpl. E.G. 422.

Cpl Eustace Godfrey Kenny 5th M.G.Co late 8th M.G.Co.
Died of Wounds 20-4-18. No further report.
Cert: by A.M.W.B. Hqrs Searcher 11-7-18.

Note:- An unofficial burial report is held at Hqrs but is not
available till properly verified.
Cert: by Searcher A.I.F.Hqrs.

London.
15-7-18.

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A.M.G.C. 5.

KENNY, E.G. 422.

D/W April 20th 1918. Dets.

He was hit by a shell exploding through the ^{roof} ~~room~~ of the orderly room. At the time he was attached to the 5th Mgc, but was really a 25 th Coy man. I saw him in the evening of the day he was hit about 8 p.m. He had been hit about 5 p.m. ~~in the~~ ^{next} by a piece of shell. When I saw ^{reck} him he was conscious but in great pain, and I know that the Divisional Padre was with him all night. He was hit at an old chateau that used to be used as an old Corps School in the Corbie sector and after being hit was taken to the D/S at Aubigny. where he was buried close by at a Mil. Extension Cem., map reference Sheet 62.DC-2. D-88. He was buried alone, we erected a cross and put a railing round. He was one of the finest ~~Gals~~ we ever had, most popular, and known to everybody. I remember the adjutant thought so highly of him at the formation of a Battn that he took him with him to assist the ^{to form the} ~~Hqs~~ staff.

Inf: ~~EQMS~~ Pettman, H.C. 248.

Billets,

BOULOGNE. 22.7.1918. ARD

AI.F. M/G Coy.

Kenny, E.G. 422

D/W Ad. ²⁰~~18~~/18.

He is buried at Aubigny, near Corbie. I helped to sew him up, on 21 Ap. His grave is in a small cemetery off the main road. It is a very good grave and had a large wreath of beads and a cross.

I saw him after he died. Had been badly wounded by a shell when in Bat.H/Q.

He came from S.A. and was a clerk. Believe his father was a minister.

Age 21 $\frac{1}{2}$; fairly tall; fair colour.

Inf: Gamble, Corp.W.C. No. 503, 25 Coy. M/G.

Inf: gave details from his diary.

G.F.G.

Harefield

31/7/18

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25th. M. G. C. A. I. F.

Kenny, E. G. No. 422.

D/W. April 20th. 1918. Dst. D/B.

He was in the 25th. company and was Orderly Room Corporal in 5th. Battalion M. G. C. Head Quarters at Fouilly. A shell fell in the orderly room badly wounding him and four Officers. He was taken to the dressing station near Aubigny; where he died about 4 hours after. I helped to bury him at 11 a.m. the next morning about 150 yards from the dressing station. I saw the cross ready to be erected. I was in the Orderly Room when the Adjutant, Lieut R. A. Smyth, 25th, M. G. C. wrote to his father giving all particulars.

Description. Age. 27. Height. 5-10. Complexion Dark. Medium Build.

Witness. Pte. Wilson, J. J. No. 655. 25th. M. G. C.

Taken at.

No. 3. C. D. Hurdcott.

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T. C. O.

T. C. Osborne,
No. 3. Command Depot,
Hurdcott.

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Havre

13th Sept 1918.

Australian M.G.C. 5.

Kenny H.Q. No. 422.

D/W 20th April 1918. Det D/B.

He was in my Company 25. On the 20th April at Corbey Kenny was in H.Q. which was a big Chateau. I was about 100 yards from it. In the afternoon about 3 p.m. a shell got H.Q. going right through and down to the Cellar where Kenny was. He was hit in the stomach, and taken on a stretcher to the D/Station which was a good way off. They put him on a Motor Lorry but he died very soon after he was put on it. The body was buried at Corbey. He has a cross on his grave, it's a good grave.

Inf:- Pte G. Weinheimer "654.
A.M.G.C. 5. 25 Coy.
H.S. 'Guildford Castle'.

Home address:- Orangan Station, Maryborough, Queensland.

JED.

Havre

16th Sept 1918.

Australian M.G.C. 5.

Kenny H.Q. No. 422.

D/W 20th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well. He was a Corporal in the 25th Coy., and was transferred to the 5th Battn H.Q. He was killed at Farloy on the Somme, near Aubigny, alongside of the Battn H.Q., which was a Chateau. The Germans were shelling the village at the time, and he was hit by a shell. I saw him about 8 minutes afterwards and helped to carry him to the Doctor, though he was killed at once, and then to the Cemetery just outside Aubigny where a lot more Australians are buried. There is a cross over his grave with his name etc. He was a bank clerk in civil life. He used to be in the same section as me, and was of medium height, clean shaven, a young and very quiet fellow.

Inf:- Pte J.P. Mathieson No. 523.
Aust. M.G.B. 5. 25 Coy.
Havre Hospital.

WSM.

PP.

A.I.F. 5th Battn. M/G.

KENNY
E.G.422

"DIED OF WOUNDS 20/4/18"

Of 25th Coy. - A few days before 20th April at Fonilloy he was working in Chateau (was orderly clerk) shell burst on building - was wounded in abdomen - I did not see, it happen as I was in the line at the time - He died at Casualty Clearing Station about 2 days later - was buried in Mil. Cemetary at Fonilloy - cross erected and railway round grave - I have seen his grave - knew him well - called him Ken - Came from Near Adelaide.

Informant:- 3014 Cpl. W. Croucher,
25th M/G Coy.,
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.G.

London
28/10/18.
HG

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A.M.G.C. 5.

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KENNY, P.G. 422.

D/W April 20th 1918.

April 20th about 4 p.m. at Fequilly near Corbie, he was in the Battn. Orderly Room and I was standing just outside the door when I heard a shell coming which hit the roof. He came staggering out and fell down just outside, hitting his head against the wall. He was wounded when he came out and we took him to the doctor. I helped to undress him and saw he was wounded in the left shoulder just by the neck, and very seriously in other parts. He was then taken to the D/S and I understand died about an hour later.

Buried at the cemetery just outside Aubigny, grave marked with a cross, Battn colours on which I have seen.

He was practically unconscious from the first moments I saw him. At the time he was a Cpl., one of the best fellows we had, south Australian, about 5ft 9, clean shaven medium build, age about 22, joined the A.I.F. with a new company, formerly in Blighty.

Inf: Dvr. F.J. Watts. 6638. now 25th MGC
Billets,
BOULOGNE. 21.10.18. ARD

Havre. 31st. October, 1918.

Aust. M.G.C. 5. Cpl. Kenny, E. G. 422.

D/W. April. 20/1918. Dets. D/B.

Kenny was used to work in the 25th. Coy's H.Q. office. He was killed at Feuilloy near Amiens. I did not see this but have seen his grave marked with a Cross by the roadside on the outskirts of Feuilloy. There are no nearly four hundred buried there. I saw the place again lately.

Inf:- Private. A. Boon. 411.
5th. Aust. M.G.C. 25th. Coy.
No. 1. General Hospital.

WO.

J. V.

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CP.

Havre

31st Octr 1918.

Australian M.G.C. 5.

Kenny E.G. No. 422.

D/W 20th April 1918. Det D/B.

I helped to bury a Kenny in Ausbigny Cemetery, who had D/Wounds from a shell which I think fell on the roof of a chateau in Fouilley where the office was. I do not know the man's initials or number, but he had just been promoted Corporal. I have been with the unit since their arrival in France 16 months ago, and I do not know of another Kenny in the unit.

Inf:- Pte G.C. Wilson So. 5440.
Aust. M.G.C. 25. 5.
Havre Hospital.

RBS.

J.F.H.

C.S.H.
P.I.
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PP.

Havre.

5th. November. 1918.

5th. Aust. M.G.C.

Kenny, E. G. 422.

D/W. April. 20/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Corporal Kenny, 25th. M.G. Company. I think his Christian name was ~~George~~ George. I heard that he was killed by shell at Fouilley and that he was buried in the Military Cemetery there and that there was a Cross put on his Grave. Corporal George Brown, 25th. M.G. Company, a chum of Kenny's, told me that he was at the Funeral. He has since been wounded and is in Hospital in England.

Inf:- Private. F. Young. 6914.
5th. Brigade. 25th. M.G. Coy.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Revelles.

RBY.

C.S.H.

OP.

A.I.F. Machine Gun Coy,

KENNY

E.G. 422.

"Died of Wounds 20/4/18."

I knew this man well. He was in '8 Company, V. Machine Gun Battalion. Tall, medium build, rather fair, about 25, single. He was hit by a shell. I saw his grave at the village Fonelly, a few graves together off the road. There was a cross with his number etc.

Informant:- C.N. Britton,
25 Coy, V. Machine Gun
Southall.

T. St. J. P. P.
London
14.11.18.
H.G.

P.I.A.

5th Battn. M/G.
A.I.F.

KENNY
E.G. 422.

"Died of Wounds 20.4.18."

He was in 25th Coy. He was at Headquarters at Fouilloy near Corbie in a Chateau. This was in April. Shell fell right in orderly room - dont know where wounded, but died next day. Do not know where buried as Headquarters shifted back 3 or 4 miles as soon as it happened. I was told above by men in 25th M/G Coy. I was at the time up in the line 1½ miles in front.

Informant:- Brimblecombe, Pte. G. S.
25th M/G Coy.
HARFIELD.

A. D. G.
London.
2. 7. 18.
H. G.

P. I. A.

Havre.

9th. July. 1918.

Australian M. G. C. 5.

Kenny, B. G. 422.

D/W. April. 20/1918. Des. D/B.

I knew Corporal Kenny; he was in the 25th. Company M. Guns before they were formed into Battalion. He was about 24, medium height, slight, fair, clean-shaven. I heard that he was killed at Foully near in April. I saw his Grave in a Military Cemetery near Foully near Dairs & I also saw the Cross which was prepared for the Grave at our Orderly Room.

Inf:- Sergeant. R. H. Foll. 506.
Australian M. G. C. 25. 5th. Batty.
N.W. Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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P.1

Havre

12th August 1918.

Australian M.G.C. 5.

Kenny B.G. 422.

D/W 20th April 1918. Det D/B.

He was a Corporal. I knew him well. He had been, I think, a Schoolmaster. He was tallish, about 25 years old, and very quiet. On the 20th April he was killed at Foulley near Corloy. He was at H.Q. where he was Orderly Clerk, and a shell hit the H.Q. and he was killed right out. I saw his body which is buried at Aubigny and the grave is marked with a cross.

Inf:- Pte G. Eilton No. 6599.
A.I.F. 54. D. XVI.
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

CWSG.

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P.1
E. Sp.

195 Albion Rd N16.

7. 7. 18.

St. Dalston 2564

To the Sec:

Dear Madam

Thank you so much for your
information re. 422 St. P. G. Kenny.

Who died of wounds on 20/4/18

I shall indeed be most grateful
for anything further that you

can tell me - as we have
by distressing letters from his
people, our friends in Australia

The Father A Vicar of the Church
of England in Australia has
so far had no news at all
& it will be a great relief to
him I am sure to have the
information that you have sent
the m.

As I know a very great
many houses in almost
all parts of France - perhaps if
I might know the number of
the hospital in which he
died - it would be possible
for me to find someone there

who could tell me details
I have before I have been able
to do this - & it seems to be
a great comfort to the people
most concerned.

Thanking you very much for
all the trouble you have
already taken - & for your
sympathy

Believe me

Yours truly

(Mrs) Florence W. Rogers.

4.7.18

~~422~~
~~Mr G. Kenney~~

~~5 M. G. Bly~~

Inquirer

Mr Rogers

195 Alton St

N. 16

Enquiry

422

E. G. Henry: S. M. G. Coy
late 8 M. G. Coy.

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Mrs Rogers
195 Abbeian Rd
N. 16.

Diad of woods 20. 4. 18.

Date 10. 6. 18

Information obtained locally (if any) or from letters.

Wire London.

Enquiry included in W.S.M. Cable

No. ~~27~~ of

Enquiry included in Deferred Cable

No. of

Name and Address of Enquirer

Mrs. R. Simmons
Hammond Street -
Palmyra

Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree.

Neither

State if Next-of-Kin.

No

On cards
Inc.

Henry G. G. G.
P. M. G.

Secretary.

ack. at 12 S' Andrews Rd
9.8.18 Bridport -
7.8.18.

Dear Miss Death

Again I have to thank you for
all the trouble you have taken &
for this new information concerning
Young Godfrey Henry 422, 5th M.C. Bk

The enclosed envelope was in
your letter - containing the blank
sheet of paper which I wish.

Has it meant to be a copy of
the map mentioned?

Map Ref Sheet 62, DO-2, D. 88

I do hope you will forgive my
troubling you again - that
you have told me will comfort
his people - & we shall send
it straight on to them.

Thanking you so much

Believe me

Yours most gratefully

Horace J. Rogers.

My present address is only
temporary - but the permanent
one is.

195 Albion Rd London N16..

No. 422 Cpl E. G. Kenney

5th Machine Gun Battalion A.I.F.

Mrs Rogers,
195, Albion Road,
N. 16.

19th July, 1918.

Dear Madam,

In further reply to your enquiry for:-

422 Cpl. E. G. Kenny, 5th Machine Gun Coy. A. I. F.

We regret to inform you of another unofficial report of his death which we have received from one of the men in his unit.

506 Sgt. R. H. Foil, when interviewed recently at an Australian Camp in France, stated that he knew Cpl. Kenny, and heard that he had been killed at Fouilloy in April.

Our informant saw his grave in a Military Cemetery near Fouilloy, and also the Cross which was prepared for it.

We would like to add that Cpl. Kenny is officially reported to have "Died of Wounds", presumably on the field, as there is no record of his admittance to any hospital, and that we have received a cable of enquiry for him from our Adelaide office, to which all information we receive is forwarded.

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you as soon as we receive any further reports.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Mrs Stanfield

SECRETARY.

Mrs Rogers,
195 Albion Road,
N. 16.

5th July 1918

Dear Madam,

With reference to your inquiry for 422 Pte. S. G. Kenny,
5th Machine Gun Battery late 8th Machine Gun Battery A.I.F.,
who died of wounds on 20/4/18 we regret to forward the following
unofficial report confirming his death.

Our informant writes that Pte. Kenny was at Head Quarters
at Fouilloy near Corbie in a chateau. A shell fell right in
orderly room which wounded him and he died next day.

We are doing our utmost to obtain fuller and more definite
information concerning Pte. Kenny and will advise you as soon as
we succeed.

Assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)



Secretary.

Miss Rogers,
195, Albion Road,
H. 16.

5th August, 1918.

Dear Madam,

In further reply to your enquiry regarding the death and burial of the late:-

422 Cpl. E. G. Kenny, 5th Machine Gun Battn. A.I.F.

We beg to inform you that we have received the following unofficial report from - 248 C/M.S., H.C. Pettman, who was interviewed in billets in France. He stated:-

"Cpl. Kenny was wounded by a shell exploding through the roof of the Orderly Room. At the time he was attached to the 5th M. G. Coy., but was really a 25th Coy. man. I saw him in the evening of the day he was wounded, about 8 p.m. He had been wounded about 5 p.m. in the neck by a piece of shell. When I saw him he was conscious, and I know that the Divisional Padre was with him all night. He was hit at an old Chateau that used to be used as an old Comps School, in the Corbies Sector, and after being wounded was taken to the dressing station at Aubigny, where he was buried close by at a Military Extension Cemetery. Map reference - Sheet 62. DO - 2. D.98. He was buried alone. We erected a Cross and put a railing round. He was one of the finest lads we ever had, most popular, and known to everybody. I remember the Adjutant thought so highly of him at the formation of a Battalion that he took him with him to assist the Hqts. Staff"

Hoping that the above unofficial report will be of some assistance to you, and again assuring you of our sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

SECRETARY.

T. B. Cull

August 8th, 1918.

Miss Rogers.
195 Alton Road.
N. 16.

Dear Madam.

In further answer to your enquiry for -

422 Cpl. E.G. KENNY. 5th Machine Gun Battalion. A.I.F.

We beg to inform you of another unofficial report given by a man of his unit at No 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Marefield.

503 Cpl. W.C. Gamble stated that he saw Cpl. Kenny after he had been killed by a shell when in Battalion Headquarters and he helped prepare his body for burial in a small cemetery off the Main Road at Aubigny near Corbie. The grave is marked by a good cross and a large wreath of beads. Cpl. Gamble described him as 21 years of age, fairly tall, with a fair complexion and he says that he had been a clerk.

Should we obtain further particulars we shall immediately advise you and trust that these details have been of some assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

T.W. L.A.W.

AUSTRALIAN CANCELS

AUGUST 8th, 1918.

Woodhead D.C.M., A.3971	2nd Battalion	Sufficient
Wylie E.C. 7057	2nd "	"
Briggs F.W. 2858	3rd "	"
Smith H.S. 6871	3rd "	"
Walsh W. 4584	3rd "	"
Scott A.C. 188A	5th "	"
Cleland W.R. 7109	5th "	"
Sargent W.J. 5484	6th "	"
Griffiths S.A. 7493	7th "	"
Marshall R.W. 3162	7th "	With Unit
Irons G.C. 7002	8th "	Sufficient
Wemyss R. 18	10th "	"
Westcott W.W. 2882	12th "	"
Wolff A.C. 3506	13th "	"
Whitman T. 4929	15th "	"
Scott J. 5426	16th "	"
Peake W.E. 5615	19th "	"
Cordwell F. 357	21st "	"
Gard E.P. 6094	22nd "	"
Pippard A.V. 4507	24th "	"
Zula R. 735	24th "	"
Coward J.O. 3529	29th "	"
Nancy G.T. 825	29th "	See Hancy
Skehan H.T. 2142	29th "	Sufficient
Grant A.G. 4583	31st "	"
Tice G. 4611	31st "	"
Smith M. 3395	34th "	"
Doyle D.L. 1802	38th "	Same as Boyle already cancelled.
Foulkes W. 773	35th "	K-Sufficient
Hughes H. 1397A	35th "	" "
Browning H.G. 137	41st "	Sufficient
Ewers D.E. 2261B	44th "	"
Stephen W.W. 914	44th "	"
Bricknell A.C. 2965	45th "	"
Parker Bgl. A.G. 2975	45th "	"
Brodic J.A. 3119	46th "	"
Hanson A. 4208	46th "	"
Effenev G.W. 3070	47th "	P of W
Bell J.W. 4745	55th "	Sufficient
Furlan L.H.A. 5485	57th "	"
Humbert G. 2434	60th "	"
Llewellyn E. 2148	Gen. Staff Office 4th Div.	"
Cantwell J.L. 2712	1st Mach. Gun Battn.	"
W. H. H. 3677B	1st "	"

Miss Rodgers,
195, Albion Road.
N. 16.

10th August, 1918.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your letter of the 7th inst., in
reference to:-


422 Cpl. E.G. Kenny, 5th Machine Gun Battalion.

we regret that through a mistake on the part of the clerk who
closes the letters the blank slip of paper was enclosed in
our letter to you, of 9-8-18.

We have not received a copy of the map reference of Cpl.
Kenny's grave.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY. 

Sept. 23rd, 1918.

Miss F. Rogers.
195 Albion Road.
N. 16.

Dear Madam.

With further reference to your enquiry for - 422 Cpl.
E.G. KENNY. 5th Machine Gun Battrn. A.I.F. We regret to inform
you of further unofficial reports confirming those previously
sent you.

523 Pte. J.E. Mathieson of the same unit, interviewed
recently in hospital in France stated that he knew Pte. Kenny well
and described him as of medium height, clean shaven, young and
very quiet. He had been transferred to the Battalion Headquarters
which was at a Chateau at Farloy on the Somme near Aubigny. The
enemy was shelling the village and he was wounded by a shell.
Informant thinks he was killed instantly but he helped to carry him
to the Doctor, and then to the cemetery just outside Aubigny where
many Australians are buried. The grave was marked by a cross bearing
his name.

654 Pte. G. Weinheimer interviewed on a hospital ship stated
that:- "On the 20th April at Corby Kenny was in Headquarters which
was a big Chateau. I was about 100 yards from it. In the afternoon
about 3 p.m. a shell got Headquarters going right through and down to
the Cellar where Kenny was. He was wounded in the abdomen and taken

On a stretcher to the Dressing Station which was a good way off. They put him on a Motor Lorry but he died very soon after he was put on it. The body was buried at Corbey. He has a cross on his grave, it's a good grave."

We have removed his name from our enquiry lists as we feel that further enquiries would only lead to a confirmation of the reports already received, but if any information reaches us we will advise you.

Trusting we have been of some assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *J. D.*

Secretary.

D.S.

November 18th, 1918.

Miss Rogers,

195 Albion Road.
N. 16.

Dear Madam,

In further reference to your enquiry for details of the death and burial of 488 Cpl. HENRY 5th Machine Gun Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have received an unofficial report from 6938 Pte. P.J. Watts now with the 25th Machine Gun Coy, A.I.F. interviewed in billets in France - you may care to have the account of the casualty in his own words:- "On April 20th about 4 p.m. at Hoquilly near Corbie, Cpl. Henry was in the Battalion Orderly Room and I was standing just outside the door when I heard a shell coming which hit the roof. He came staggering out and fell down just outside, hitting his head against the wall. He was wounded when he came out and we took him to the doctor. I helped to undress him and saw he was wounded in the left shoulder just by the neck, and very seriously in other parts. He was then taken to the D/S and I understand died just about an hour later.

Buried at the cemetery just outside Aubigny, grave marked with a cross. Battn colours on which I have seen He was practically unconscious from the first moments I saw him. At the time he was a Cpl. one of the best fellows we had, south Australian, about 5'9" clean shaven, medium build, age about 22. Joined the A.I.F. with a new company, formerly in Blighty."

This report is confirmed by unofficial accounts from the following men of his unit - 411 Pte. A. Boon, 3440 Pte. G.C. Nelson, 3014 Cpl. W. Croucher, and 6914 Pte. P. Young. Hoping this information may be of some consolation to you.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) ¹⁰

SECRETARY.