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# 3355 Gunner Walter Henry Lergessner

## 11th Field Artillery Brigade



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A.I.F. 11th F.A.B.
late 15th Btn

LERGESSNER
Walter Henry 3355

"K. in Action"

Killed in action 24-9-17
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 25-10-17.

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London
25-10-17

11th Bgde. F.A. Lergessner, W.H. 3356

K. 20/9/17.

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He was killed by a shell in a dugout while asleep. There were 3 others (Gun: McGill, Fitlewhite, and Gun: Rowe) killed at the same time and Sergt. McGowan was wounded. It happened about 11 p.m. I assisted to bury him in a cemetry on the Menin Road just outside Ypres. I saw the Cross which had all 4 names on it.

11th Bgde. Roberts, J.Bombr. 1522

13 A. Dartford. 20/11/17.

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Written Sgt. McGowan 24-11-17.

Havre 29th Nov. 1917.

FIELD ARTILLERY,
A.I.F.

LARGE-SEER, W.H. 3455
11th Bde.

K. 20.9. 17. Det. D/B.

He was in the 42nd Battery. I saw his body after he was killed near Hooge on the 20th Sept. I saw his grave. He was buried opposite the Menin Road dressing station, where there was a Military Cemetery. The grave was marked with his name and number. The Padre of the 10th or 11th Bde. buried him. I do not know his name.

Informant: Dvr. R.B. Zimmerman, 3464
11th Bde., 42nd Bty., A.F.A.,
Havre Hospital.

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AUST. F.A. 11 Bde. LERGESSMER. W.H. 3355.

K.Sept 20th.1917. Det.

He was in the 42nd Battery and came from Queensland. He was killed on the Passchendael front by Ypres in the first series of stunts. A shell landed and burst on the roof of a dug-out where he and two or three others were, and all were killed. Their dead bodies were recovered and buried close by. I had only left the Battery that same afternoon.
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No 3 Gen. Hospital.

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Le Treport. Dec 11th.1917

11th. F. Art:
A.I.F.

LERGESSNER.
W.H. 3355

Killed 20.9.17.

He was killed about 10 O'clock at night in a dug out by a shell which got three others and wounded one. Got the whole detachment. I saw him next morning dead. He was buried on the Bevin Road alongside the Dm. Station Came I think from Queensland. Medium height and brown. Fine fellow and a good gunner.

Inf: Sgt. W.T. Dedrick.
11th. Field Artillery.
Harefield.

W. Alison

London
28.12.17.

42nd Btty. 11th Bde.
A.F.A. A.I.F.

LERGESSNER
W.H. 3355

"Killed 20-9-17"

I saw him killed ina dug-out on the Menin Road. He was hit about the head and body and killed instantly. I knew him very well, he came from Brisbane, Queensland, and was the only man in the Btty. of that name. I saw his grave at the dressing station, at Hell Fire Corner, at Ypres, and it was marked with a Cross, bearing his No., name and unit.

Informant. Sagnol Gnr. A.E. 27974
42nd Btty., 11th Bde.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W. Oman
London
11-3-18

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Note:-
We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.