

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5886 Private
John Michael Hassett**

22nd Battalion



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22nd Australian I.F.

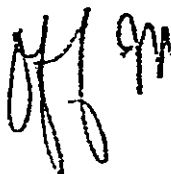
Hassett, J. M. 5886.

M. May 3/17.

"I saw a man called Hassett (22.D.XIV) killed instantaneously during the attack at Bullecourt on May 3rd. We went over at 4 a.m. and took ground and held it. He fell while we were advancing, about 150 yards from our objective and about 500 yards from our old line, out in the open in No Man's Land. I was only two yards from him, and went up and looked at him. I am positive he was quite dead. I had to go on and leave him. I was wounded myself about 10 a.m., and came away that evening".

Eye-Witness: Yes.

Description: A barber, I think, from Brunswick, single, Roman Catholic, 16th Reinforcements. Left Victoria on Oct. 2nd in the Nestor.



Informant:- Pte. William Hayes, 5948.
22nd Austral. I.F. D Coy., XIV Pltn.
3rd Southern General Hospital,
Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

Home address:- 9 Avenue,
Maylands, West Australia.

7.7.17.

F.H. Pickard-Cambridge.

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Statement made by No. 5948 Pte Hayes W.J. 22nd Btnre No. 5886 Pte Hassett J.M. 22nd Btn
Reported Missing 3.5.17

At bullecart on May 3rd 1917 about 10 a.m. I saw Pte Hassett hit by a piece of shell. He fell on the edge of a shell crater and whilst there was hit several times by machine gun bullets. I was in another shell crater about 10 yds away. After the firing had slackened I went over to Pte Hassett and examined him and I have no doubt whatever but that he was dead. He was still in the same position at 6 p.m. on the same date. The area was heavily shelled on the following day.

I knew Pte Hassett well as he was in my platoon. His parents lived at Brunswick, Victoria.

Dated at Gdāfōrā this 11th day of August 1917.

(Sd) W.J. Hayes.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sdg) J. Johnstone.

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Statement made by No.5565 Pte Carroll E. 22nd Btn

re No.5886 Pte Hassett J.M. 22nd Btn
Missing 3.5.17

No 5886 Pte Hassett J.M. 22nd Btn was hit on 3.5.17 in No Man's Land before we reached our first objective. I believe he died from the effects of the wounds.

Dated at Perham Downs this 1st day of September 1917.

(Sgd) E. Carroll.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) R. Dooley

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ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON.

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Statement made by No.5948 Pte Hayes W.J. 22nd Btn

re No.5886 Pte Hassett J.M. 22nd Btn
Missing 3.5.17 *bel. K*

Saw Pte Hassett killed at Bullecourt on May 3rd about 10 o'clock in the morning, he was about 6 yds from me at the time, when I left him he was there that was about six hours afterwards; there was a heavy bombardment in the evening and also the following morning, he was also riddled with machine gun bullets, he was hit by a piece of shell also.

Dated at Tidworth this 5th day of September 1917.

(Sgd) W.J. Hayes.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) G. Cambridge.

G. M.

22nd AUSTRALIAN.

HASSETT. J.K. 5886.

M. May 3/17.

"I saw Pte. J. Hassett (22.D.XIV) blown up by a shell on
May 3rd at Bullecourt."

Eye Witness:-- Yes.

Description:-- A barber and hairdresser from
Brunswick, Melbourne.

Informant:-- Pte. Edward Carroll, 5565.
22nd Australian, D.Coy. XIV Pltn.,
3rd Southern Gen. Hosp.,
Cowley Section.
Oxford.

Home address:- 31. Park St,
Glenferrie,
Melbourne,
Victoria.
Australia.

30.7.1917.
Janet M. Payne..

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22nd Battn.
D. Coy.
A. I. F.

Hassett.
J. M. 5886.

"Missing 3.5.17"

Refer to Pte. William Hayes 22nd Battn. D. Coy. who saw him killed at Bullecourt 3rd May 1917. Shot in the forehead, death instantaneous.

Witness:-

Pte. H. A. Milne 5954.
22nd Battn. D. Coy. 16th Platoon.
32d Aust. Aux. Hospital.
at Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.
30.7.17.

Note Written Pte. Hayes 19.7.17.

Off.M.

22nd Battn.
D. Coy.
A. I. F.

Hassett.
J. M. 5886

"Missing 3.5.17"

I saw him killed by a bullet about 9.a.m. on that date at Bullecourt. Death was instantaneous. I knew him well, there being no other of that name in Company. He came from Brunswick, Melbourne and was a hairdresser there before enlistment. I could not say for certain if he was buried or not.

Witness:-

Pte. W. J. Hayes 5948

22nd Battn. D.Coy.

3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital.

Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.
10.8.17.

Off.M.

22nd Battn
A. I. F.

HASSETT
J.M. 5886

"Missing believed killed 3.5.17.

Killed in Action 3.5.17.

Cert. by A.I.F. Edgtr 3.11.17.

London.
8.11.17.