

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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600 Private
James Logan
Freebairn

9th Machine Gun Company



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600 J. L. FREEBAIRN

9th M. G. Coy.

KIA 2-10-17

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March 9th 1918

Sect. Aust. Red Cross Society
Miss

In reply to your
enquiries about No. 600 J. L. Freebairn
Pte. 9th M. G. Coy. being killed
in action on October 2nd 1917.

I am certain it is correct as I
was with him when he was
killed & helped to bury him on
the battle field at Ypres.

He was a made of mine in
both civil & military life.

He was about five feet six inches
in height rather thick set with
dark hair. Being buried in

The battle-field his grave
would be unregistered.

Yours Sincerely

No 515 W. Saunders

gth Dist. M. G. Coy.

J. J. P. 2

Machine Gun Co. A.I.F.

Freebairn. 600. *f. L.*

9 Div. *Coy*

K. Oct. 2/17.

Det. D/B.

"I was told by Lt. Stanley Ross (9 - 3 Sect. - No. 96) that a man called Freebairn 600~~g~~ was killed instantaneously by a shell, about Oct. 2nd, during an advance at Passchendaele. Lt. Ross could probably give all particulars."

Eyewitness: No. Told by: *Coy* Lt. Stanley Ross (9 - 3 Sect.)
see above.

Description: Fr. Feclensbury 40 miles from Sydney. a miner.

Informant: Sgt. L. Gollen. 36

9 Div. 2 Sect.

Machine Gun Co. A.I.F.

3rd Southern General Hospital,

Redcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

Home address:

Gollen,

Post Office,

Vic. Wellington, N.S.W.

6/12/17.

H.M. Pickard-Cambridge.

Written by Lt. Ross 22.12.17

9th M. Gun Co.
A.I.F.

FRANKBAIRN
- 600

J.L.

Killed 2.10.17 ret. D/B.

L/Cpl. Clayton 9th M. Gun Co., who is now with Coy. could give information as to these. In answer to my enquiries he said all of these were dead.

Informant:- Wilson C. 609
9th M. Gun. Co.,
Hut 12,
Westham.
21.12.17

W.A.Rand.

London.
14.1.18

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9th M.G.Coy.
A.I.F.

Freehairn.
J.L. 600

"Killed 2.10.17"

I did not see the actual casualty but I saw him immediately after it happened. He was caught by a shell, which buried him, death being instantaneous. Casualty was at Ypres. I knew him very well, he came from the South Coast, Helensburgh, H.S.W. I do not know particulars of burial, and cannot refer to anyone, but the ground must have been held, and he was sure to have been buried near place of casualty.

Witness:-

Pte. A. Froggatt 503

9th M.G.Coy.

3rd A.A. Hospital.
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.

4.1.18.

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9th M.G. Coy.
A.I.F.

Freebairn.
J.L. 600

"Killed in Action 2.10.17"

Re No.600 J.L.Freebairn. I beg to inform you that this soldier was killed by a shell on the afternoon of 2nd Oct.1917 East of Ypres and was buried where he fell. The grave would not be registered,

Letter from:-

Lieut.Stanley Ross.
France 21.1.18.

London.
5.2.18.

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15th February 1918.

9th Aust. M.G.C.

Frederick J.L. No. 600.

K. 2nd Octr 1917. Det D/B.

He came from Helensburgh N.S.W. He was a wheeler in the mines there before the war. He was killed by a shell which burst near him and killed him right out. This was about the 4th Octr. It might have been the 2nd. It was near Somme. Gunner Dick Saunders of the 9th M.G.C. (now with the unit) who was his chum, was with him when he was killed. He was buried where he fell.

Inf:- Eto A. Jerrard No. 54.
9th Aust. M.G.C.
Australian Camp.
Revelles.

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Written Saunders
26.2.18

9th Mach.Gun Coy.
A.I.F.

Freebairn.
J.L. 600

"Killed in Action 2.10.17"

About No.600 J.L.Freebairn. I am certain it is correct as I was with him when he was killed and helped to bury him on the battle field at Ypres. He was a mate of mine in both civil and military life. He was about 5'8" in height, rather thick set with dark hair. Being buried in the battlefield his grave would be unregistered.

Letter from:- 515 W.Sauaders
9th Mach.Gun Coy.
France 8.3.18.

London.
18.3.18.

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Havre.

23rd. March. 1918.

9th. Australian M. G. Corps.

Freebairn, J. L. No. 600.

K. 2nd. October 1917. Dets. D/B.

I saw Freebairn killed at Sonnenheke when we were up in the front line; he was blown up by a shell, on October 2nd. We were relieved that night and left Freebairn just as he was. Freebairn was rather nuggety, dark, about 5' 8", and came from the South Coast.

Inf:- Private, W. H. Connell. No. 2189.
9th. Australian M. G. Corps.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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CANCELS

A.I.F.

9th. M.G. Coy.

FREEBAIRN. 600.

James Logan

ALL MAIL MATTERS

James Logan	<u>"Killed in Action 2.10.17"</u>	James Logan
No trace Germany.		
Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.		
London. 22.10.19.		S.

Mr. JACK SAUNDERS

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L Stanley Ross
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600 J. L. FREEMAN
9 M. G. Co.

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600 J.L. FREEBAIRN

9th M.G. Coy

K/A 2-10-17

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France

21 Jan 18

The Secretary

Anti Red Cross Society

London

Dear Madam

Reference your enquiry
regarding 170600 FREEBAIRN J.L. 9th MGC. I beg to
inform you that this Soldier was killed
by a shell on the ~~evening~~ afternoon of 2nd Oct 17,
East of YPRES and was buried where he fell.

The grave would not be

Registered.

Yours faithfully

(Lt) Stanley Rame.