

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**796 Private
William Charles Hyde**

34th Battalion



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34th Battn.
A.I.F.

W.C.

HYDE.
796.Pte.

"Killed in Action 6-5-18"

I was present when Hyde was killed by machine gun fire, in an advance on a ridge just South of McLancourt. Death was instantaneous and he was buried where he fell.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:-

Home address:-

Informant:- Smedley J. Lieut.
34th Battn. A.I.F.

3rd London General Hospital.
WANDSWORTH.

John R. Clark Hall.
London.
18-10-18.
E.S.

S.

A.I.F. 34th Battn.

HYDE

W.C. 796.

"Killed in Action 6.5.18."

Re 796 Pte. W.C. Hyde, 34th Battn. He was killed on the 8th May 1918, near McLancourt and was buried on the field just close to where he fell. Quite a number of others are buried there. Hyde was killed during an engagement with the enemy. He was about 5ft. 8ins. high, fair hair and fair complexion. He had one or more teeth filled with gold. His features were thin.

Letter from:- 827 Sgt. A.E. Luxford,
Hc. 11 Mess,
C.T.B.
Warminster.

London
28.11.18.
J.E.A.

S.

34th Battn.
A.I.F.

HYDE.
796. W.C.

"Killed in Action 8-5-18"

He was killed at Morlancourt. I did not see it but I was acting C/S/M at the time. Sgt.A.E.Luxford now at O.T.B. Warminster, was present and can give full information.

Informant:- Sgt.J.Jackson. 799.
London. C.Coy. 34th Battn. A.I.F.
8-11-18. going to O.T.C.Oxford.
M.I.S.

Note:- Written Sgt Luxford 5-11-18.

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34th Batn.,
A.I.F.

HYDE;
W.C., 796.

"Killed in action - 8-5-18."

"On night of 8th May at Morlancourt during one of our attacks, was killed outright by burst of M.G.Bullets. His mate was killed alongside him. His body was not recovered up to time we left the following night, when we were relieved by 2nd Div. The 2nd Div. sent word through that they had buried all men who had fallen. The position is on a hill about 4 kilos from Morlancourt directly in front of town. He was mate of my Brother's. Came from Newcastle. Christian name Wm.

Informant:- Pte. R.A.Snedden, 2403,
34th Batn., H.Q.,
A.I.F.

A.D H.
London,
28-11-18.
J.E.A.

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A.I.F.
34th Bttn.

HYDE.
W.C. 796.

Killed 8.5.18.

I saw Hyde killed alongside of me at night abt 10 p.m. by M.G. bullet through forehead at Morlancourt - he dropped dead. We were going up to the front line to hop over that night. We were told that 2nd Div. Pion. buried him. Description as above is correct.

Informant:- Pte. O.H. Byrnes 2444.
34th Bttn. C.Co.
A.I.F. Le Havre 19.4.19.

H.E.H.
London.
30.4.19.
J.E.A.

S.

A.I.F. 34th Bttn.

HYDE.
W. C. 796.

Killed 8.5.18.

I saw Hyde's (C.Co) body within a few minutes of the time he was killed practically instantly by sniper's bullet through head at Morlancourt May 6th during a night attack. I took his paybook and handed it in to Coy H/Qs. I don't know abt burial. Tarasor was killed at the same time - they were both lying on the top of the Lewis Gun.

Hyde William C. - Came from New Lambton. N.S.W. abt. 5'9/
ruddy complex. abt. 32 yrs of age.

Informant:- Sgt. J. Wilson. 2019.
34th Bttn. C.Coy.
A.I.F. LeHavre 19.4.19

H.E.H.
London.
30.4.19.
J.E.A.

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34th. BATTALION A.I.F.
C. Company.

HYDE W. C. Private
No. 796.

Killed 8/5/18.

Informant described Hyde as about 5 feet 7 inches high, slight build, sallow complexion, aged about 27 or 28. Came from Cessnock or Maitland District, was a miner, was nicknamed Stagger.

Informant states that they both belonged to C. Company, No. 11 Platoon. On 7/5/18 the Battalion was in action astride the Bray-Corbey Road. They hopped over about 8 p.m. About 2 hours afterwards while some of the men were lying down in front of an enemy outpost, Fritz opened on them with Machine Guns and bombs and Hyde was killed outright by a Machine Gun Fire. Informant was touching Hyde at the time. Hyde never spoke after being hit and fell dead across a Lewis Gun. A chap named Tarason was killed at the same time and both men were left in a shell hole when the advance was continued. The battalion was later on released by the 17th. Battalion who probably buried Hyde. His pocket book and personal belongings were sent by Sergeant Moore to the widow. They were posted at Rivery Amiens, France.

According to Informant Hyde was a good sobber.

Informant:- R. D. Olsson, 7515,

C. Company, 34th. Battalion.

Home address:- C/- William Waugh,

Jambour, via Dalby Queensland.

W.H.C.
Victoria Barracks, Sydney.
28/4/19.

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19.11.18
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W.C. Hyde
34 Bn

Kia 8.5.18

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N. 11 Lt Col. Mess.
J. V. B.

Warrminster,

16. 11. 18.

(To Miss Deakin,

Excuse my
 tardiness in not answering your
 letter before, but I have
 been away on leave & I
 now take the first opportunity
 of answering your letter.

(Re 796 The W.C. Hyde 34th Bn.

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Trusting you may gain
something from his letters.

Yours Faithfully,
827 Sgt A.E. Treford.

J.E.H.