

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2207 Private
Grant Henry Lewis

57th Battalion



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57th Battn.
A.I.F.

LEWIS.
G.H. 2207.

"Killed 9-4-18"

He was of B. Company, VI Pl. Near Bouzincourt on the Somme in lines, 9th or 10th April, about 5.30. in the morning - hit by piece of shell in temple, died within 10 or 12 mins. - was unconscious. Buried just behind farmhouse near the line, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile outside village, on bank of canal. I was in burial party, cross erected with name.

Came from L^{arg}. P.O. via Benalla, Victoria. Christian name Grant. I was at school with him. His private effects were handed in to one of the officers to be forwarded to his people.

Informant:- L/Cpl. A.L. Gardiner, 1926.
57th Battn. B.Cc. VI Pl.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London.
23-7-18.
H.G.

M.

57th Battn. A.I.F.

LEWIS.
G.H. 2207.

"Killed 9.4.18."

Two Platoons of the 57th Battn. went up the night before and took up a position in a barn, outside Bousencourt. In the morning Lewis was outside on gas guard, when a shell coming over killed him. I had just left the post half an hour. No. D/B.

Inf.:-

L/Cpl. Selgleish. G.R.
B. Coy.
SOUTHALL.

London,
30.7.18.
T. St. & P.
E. I. S.

M.

57 A.I.F.

Lewis, Pte. G. H. 2207.
(K. April 9/18. Det. D/B).

"I did not see Lewis killed, nor after he was killed, but I was close by. He was killed by a stray shrapnel shell during bombardment on the left of Willers Bretonneux. We held our position. I know he was buried in a farm to the left of Hamel, close by. I did not see his grave, but I helped to take up the cross for it."

Eye-Witness: Ho.

Description: Very dark man, in E Co., came from Victoria.

Informant: L/Cpl. Walter Dobinson, 2000,
57 A.I.F., B Co. VI Plat.,
Horton (County of London) War
Hospital, Epsom.

Home Address: Westos, Gladerville,
Sydney, N.S.W.

P.L. Waterhouse.
14.8.18.

57th Battn.

LEWIS,
G.H. 2207

K. 9/4/18

I knew casualty, he was a short man, well built, dark complexion, about 30 years of age, known as Grant. Casualty was No. 2 on my gun at Hammell. An H.E. shell exploded near the gun a piece entering his right temple, killing him instantly. I was five yards away from him at the time the shell exploded and I helped to carry his body in to a farm house which was our headquarters. He was buried on the Canal in front of Hammell and I helped to bury him. A cross was erected over the grave with his name, number and unit on it.

G. A. Rowley,
1989

Private Address:-
Tynong, P.O.
Gippsland

T.C.F.
13/6/19

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