

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**6999 Private
Samuel Edward King**

15th Battalion



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15th Battn.
A.I.F.

King.
S. E. 6999

"Died of Wounds 16.8.17"

Wounded at Messines. Bullet in stomach. I was with him when wounded. He was taken to dressing station, died there. I knew him well, he comes from Brisbane and I came over with him from N.S.Wales.

Witness:-

7005 Lipp

D.P. Dickson.

W.3. Harefield.

London.

19.11.17.

B.

15th A.I.F.

S. E. KING. 6999.

D/W. 26.8.17. Det. D & B.

We were on the Messines Front in support lines. On the night of the 15th & 16th August several of our Plat. including King and myself, were on a ration party. As we were returning, King was shot through the stomach. It was by M.G. Fire. I was close by and saw him fall. Pte. Noble, B Co. 8 Pl., carried him to the D/S. He was reported D/w the next day. His grave has been seen by some of our Plat. I am afraid I cannot recollect their names. King was in B Co. 8 Pl.

Reference: Pte. E. Leitch, ^{B. Co.} 70003. 8 Pl.

No. 8 General, Row n. 5.1.18.

BT.

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written Pte. Noble 17.1.18*

15th Battn.
A.I.F.

King.
S.E. 6999

"Died of Wounds 16.8.17"

All the information I know concerning 6999 Pte.S.E.King is -
Dark complexion, height about 5'6", weight 9 to 10 stone
Married man from Queensland. 23rd Reinforcement 15th Battn.
8th Platoon, B.Company. He was wounded at Messines on or about
the day of the 15th Aug.1917. He was hit with a Machine Gun
bullet through the left side a few inches below the heart. He
was then immediately taken to the dressing station. He died a few
days after and was buried in a soldiers' cemetery not far from
Neuve Eglise.

Letter from:- 6534 Pte.W.T.Noble
8th Pltn.B.Coy.15th Battn.

London.
7.3.18.

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13th. March April 1918. e

15th. Australians.

King, S. E. No. 6999.

D/W. 16th. August. 1917. Data. D/B.

I knew Private, S. E. King he was in my Platoon, B. Company, 8th. Platoon, and I have a note of his name and No. 6999. He was carrying rations to the front line at Buna Walk when he was hit in the side by a M. G. I instructed two of my Platoon (Private, W. P. Noble, No. 6534, was one one of them) to carry King to the D/Station which was about 200 yards away. I heard that he died there. I can not say where he is buried.

Inf:- Sergeant, S. E. Rose. No. 340.
15th. Australians.
B. Coy. 8th. Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles. B

RUM.

15th A.I.F.

King. Pte. S.E. 6999
B. VIII.

(D/W. Aug. 16/17.)

"I certify that at Messines on Aug. 16/17 S.E. King was wounded by a machine gun bullet in the stomach whilst holding the line. He was with carrying party. He was taken back. He was buried near Neuve Eglise. It was at night that he got hit."

Eyewitness: No. General report and Cpl. Laveny.k. 5714
B Coy. VIII Pl.

Description: 5'3" dark.

Informant: Pte. W. Straing. 5803.
15th A.I.F. B. VIII.
Kitcheners' Hospital, Block A.
Brighton.

Home address:
Kaban,
Via. Herberton,
Queensland.

D. Fazakerley-Westby.

B. 2d 2nd

(17.1.18)

Pt. NOBLE

B Coy. 15th Battn

A.I.F. B.E.F.

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6999

S.E. KING

15th Battn A.I.F.

D/W 16 & 17

21.1.18.
A.2.B.

Ack. P. 8
24.2.18

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M. 11.11.

6999

S. E. KING

15th Batt

8/W 16-8-17

B 1.1.

Miss Deakin

Secretary

I will give you all the information I know concerning 6999 Pte S. E. King. Dark complexion. Height about 5 ft 6 in. Weight 9 to 10 stone. Married man from Queensland. 23rd Reinforcement 15th Battalion 8th Platoon B Company. He was wounded at Thiepval on or about the day of the 15th August 1917. He was hit with a machine gun bullet through the left side a few inches below the heart. He was then immediately taken to the dressing station. He died a few days after and was buried in a Soldier's Cemetery not far from Neuve Eglise.

Yours faithfully

6534 Pte D. J. Noble

8 Platoon

B Company

15th Battalion

A. I. J.