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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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247 Private
Frederick John Lyne

12th Battalion



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12th Australians Lyne F. 247.

(K. Oct. 6/17 Det D/B)

"I buried Pte. Fred Lyne (12 B.) abt. Oct. 5th between 2 and 3 miles behind our front line at Westhoeke Ridge. It was not a burial ground and I don't know whether a cross was erected. We were back in reserves when he was killed, a shell landed in our trench a few yds. from me at abt. 2 in the afternoon, the others escaped, but he was reported missing. I dug him out afterwards and carried him to his grave. I reported this at the time to the Batt."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: In original Batt: a farmer, from Swansea, Tasmania.

Informant: Pte. Wills Nichols 6326,
12th Australians, B. Coy. VII Plt.,
3rd Southern General Hospt.,
Oxford.

Home address:
72 Victoria St.,
Waverley,
Sydney.

Dec. 4/17,
J.M. Payne.

A. I. F. 12. LYNE, F. 247.

K. October 6th, 1917.

He was killed on Westhoek Ridge on October 6th by a big shell which knocked out about 15 men and wounded 2 others. This occurred at 2 p.m. Pte McCafferty, 2878, cook, B.Coy, was one of the wounded who escaped. I was at HQ at the time and got the facts immediately from men who saw the casualty.
He belonged to B.Coy.

SA.

Reference:- Lieut. L.M.Newton. Adj. 12th Battn. Hubersent.

Name, number &c. checked from Battn records.

Etaples
6.12.17.

Written Pte McCafferty 22.12.17

A.I.F. 12th Battn

LYNE
F. 247

Wounded

Shell shock and wounded 19-8-16
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 10-10-16

Mc hospital
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 24-10-16

Rejoined unit 1-9-16
Cert. by letter from 3rd Echelon 4-11-16.

London
20-11-16

H.

12. Australian I.F. Lyne. F. 247.

K. Oct.6/17.
Det. D/B.

"I was not far from Edward F.Lyne 247 (12.B.Vl) when he was killed at 1/2 way house, near Polygon Wood, one afternoon in Oct. while we were resting behind the front line waiting to go up. He was sitting against the Cook House in a Dug-out when a shell came over on the Dug-out and he was blown to pieces. I was in the trench just behind him, and saw the shell burst. I am sorry I do not know where he was buried, as we went straight up the line just afterwards, and went on to a different Sector. Cpl. Fagan (12 B VL) was standing beside me when the shell burst. He could confirm what I have said."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: Single, Tasmania, 21 mns.out. R.C. Ted.

Informant: Dvr. L. Saltmarsh. 4034.
B Coy. 12 A.I.F. Transport Section now.
3rd Southern General Hospital,
Home address: Town Hall, Oxford.
Powranna. Erkdale, Tasmania.

13/12/17.
H.M.Pickard-Cambridge.

12th Battn.
B.Coy. 6th Pltn.
A.I.F.

Lyne.
F. 247

"Killed 6.10.17"

I saw him killed at Ypres. He was caught by fragments of a shell that landed amongst a party of men whilst they were in a trench and which killed him instantly. I knew him very well, he came from Swansea, Tasmania. He was buried just behind the line at Ypres I saw his grave amd it was marked with a cross, bearing his number name and unit.

Witness:-
Pte.P.P.Payne 992
12th Battn. B.Coy. 6th Pltn.
3rd A.A.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
1.1.18.

H.
P.I.

2818 Pte McCAFFERTY Co. 19.12.17
Company Cook
B. Co.
12 Quest. Sup. Btn
Abroad

Abt
24 F/VNE
12 Bn AIF
K. 6.10.17.

Dr G. M. Parker
Swansea
Tasmania

11.3.18

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Re 244 Pte F. Lyne
12th Batt A.I.F.
K. in A. 6.10.14
Australian Dept sent.

P.S. application to D.G.R.B.
being made for photograph to be sent.

F. Lyne Esq.
Swansea.
Tasmania.

B. E. F.

Warley Essex

A. I. F

Huntriss Sgt A.H. No. 2936

Casualty as in list. K. Nov. 18/17 Det 8/B.

Date

Nov 18/17

This Huntriss was in a dug out with one ~~men~~ when a sniper hit the dug-out killing among them. ~~Informant~~ I was brought them out, and ~~Huntriss~~ Huntriss was buried at Messines Ridge. about a hundred crosses erected over them. Buried at the Cross roads. not in the same place as the men at the time of his death. He had been a sergeant formerly. //

Was it light or dark at the time?

held or lost?	Was informant eye witness? Yes
	If not, who told him, and when?

RECEIVED 6 FEB 1918 CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE S.W.

Informant's full Name and No. Cpl. W. J. Burns C 27

Regiment A. I. F. 30, 8th Brigade

Hospital Combe Lodge. Great Warley Essex

Home Address Hill Street

Quirindi N. S. Wales.

12th.Hrs.
A.I.F.

LYNE

Lynne
Frederick 247.

"Killed in Action 6.10.17"

Entrance Germany

Cert.by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
17.10.19.

H.2.P.I.

Miss Ruth S. Taylor,
1st Australian Auxiliary Hpl,
Harefield.

January 16th, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you of further unofficial evidence about the death of No 247 Pte. FREDERICK LYNE, 12th Battalion, A.I.F., and trust that it will be of some assistance to you.

Lt.L.H.Newton, the Adjutant of the Battalion stated that Pte. Lyne was killed on Westhoek Ridge, by a shell which exploded about 2 p.m. on Oct 8th.

6326 Pte. Will Nichols in confirming this report and stated that Pte. Lyne was killed when they were in reserves by a shell which exploded in the trench about 2.p.m. He dug him out and buried him about 3 miles from the front line at Westhoek Ridge, reporting the circumstances to battalion Headquarters. He adds that Pte. Lyne came from Swansea Tasmania where he had been farming.

4034 Dvr.L.Saltmarsh, when in the 3rd Southern General Hospital, Oxford stated I was not far from Edward F. Lyne 2-7, when he was killed at Halfway House, near Polygon Wood, one afternoon in Oct. while we were resting behind the front line waiting to go up. He was sitting against the Cook House in a dugout when a shell came over on the Dugout and he was killed instantaneously. I was in the trench just behind him and saw the shell burst. I am sorry I do not know where he was buried, as we sent straight up the line just afterwards, and went on to a different Sector. Cpl.Pagan was standing beside me when the shell burst."

992 Pte.P.P.Payne, stated that he saw Pte.Lyne killed instantly at Ypres by fragments of a shell which burst amongst a party of men in the trench and he has seen the grave marked by a cross bearing his name and regimental particulars.

Should we obtain further particulars of Pte. Lynes death we shall immediately advise you and trust that it will be of consolation to his relatives to know that he met with an instantaneous death.

Yours faithfully,

LMW

SECRETARY

Dear Miss Deakin,

Recent Jn. In the particulars about 247 Pte G. J. Hayes, Inv. sent-Home on to his Mother & Shall if possible see his Grave if Spare to Home. He was my friend & I feel sad to think I shall not see him.

Yours Sincerely
Reeks. S. Taylor.

No 1 C.A.H.
C 18-1-18.

L. Ltr. Le. 23-11-17.

Inquiry Bureau.
Red. X.

If possible to procure I should be so obliged for any particulars you could quickly get re the following Soldiers.

241. Pte. Frederick John Lyne. 12th Battalion 3rd Inf: Brigade. A.I.F. (Killed in action. 6-10-17)

1516. L/C. Driscoll. 12th Battalion. Inf. 3rd Brigade. A.I.F. (Died of wounds 14.11.17. 9th Can: Gen: Hosp:) G.S.W. Chest. Heart failure).
Report

368 Pte C.J. Ryan. 12th Battalion 3rd Inf: Brigade. A.I.F. (Reported Somewhere near Ypres & in Hosp: Somewhere in France & am very anxious to locate him at once. Wd 9/10 Report with C.D.B.D. in September but have not heard from him since. Kept both his Next of kin & in Hosp: but no address or date given.)

P.C.

21-11-17

Dear Sir

The first two on enclosed Page I should like of particulars of Forth for my own sake & for their Relatives to whom through my desire I will faithfully send any Reed for Copy Set for me. I feel Thrilly Heart I had not had my Name Put against them on Arrival in England. Glad Heard from Driscoll up to last Opening of September.

Yours Sincerely
Rich. J. Tighe.

I will gladly Pay all Expenses & Postage &c &c Incurred.

Dot Cust: Ques: Hospital
Hampstead Path.
Middlesex.

The Secretary
Wounded & missing Enquiry Bureau
57 Victoria St.
London. S.W.

SWANSEA,
Jan 21. 1918

B.W.S. 11.3.18

Dear Sirs

Could you either by yourselves or by enquiry from the "G.R.U." Head Office – find out for me the exact position of the grave of No 247 Private Lyne. F. "B" Coy – 12th "Australian" Infantry? Also could you arrange for the G.R.U. people to get a photograph of same later & forwarded to his father – Fred Lyne Esq – Swansea. Tas. Your address was given to me by the Hobart Red X Information Bureau – to whom I wrote for the G.R.U. address which I have mislaid. Pte Lyne was killed on Oct 6th 1917 somewhere in the neighbourhood of Wipenhoek Ridge – I was one of 12 killed by the one shell – & I understand all were buried together. Thanking you in anticipation of the information.

Yours truly
(Dr) G. W. Parker
(late Capt. A.I.F.)