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7579 Lance Corporal Raymond Goulbourne Teese

5th Battalion



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A.I.F. 5th Btn

TEESE
R.G. 7579

"K/A. 10-4-18"

Killed in action 10-4-18
ert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 30-5-18.

London
30-5-18

5 A.I.F. TEESE, R.G. 7579

K. Apr. 10/18. Det D/B.

We were billetted behind Nieppe Forest in a farm house. when the Huns started to shell the buildings, and a fragment of a shell hit Teese in the stomach and practically cut him in half. He was buried next day but I cannot say where, another beside him was killed, and one wounded ; the next day we left."

Eyewitness. Yes.

Description. Snowy haired, very light. Nicknamed Snowy. He played football for the 2nd Aust. Training Batt.

Informant. Pte. Wm. Vandeffeen, 7581
5th A.I.F. A. III
Coombe Lodge Hospital.
Great Warley, ESSEX.

Home address.
Horace Street,
Sea Lake, Victoria.

E. Wontner.
19.6.18.

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5th Battn.
A.I.F.

R.C. ~~WRSEY.~~ 7579.

"Killed in Action" 10-4-18.

At Caestre was killed in billets. He was brought down to Harspirt next day and buried at Borre. I saw the body taken for burial at Cemetery. Driver T.B.Brown, Pte Walseon, and another buried here same time.

Informant:- A.Wilson. 144.
W. 32. HAREFIELD.

D.P.Dickson
London.
21-6-18.

M.

1 copy Bowden

5th A.I.F.

Teese Pte. R.George 7579
C.Co.

(K.Apr. 10/18.) Det. D/B.

Teese was a friend of mine. He was a great footballer. I called him Dick, but I know his name was George. He was killed at Castre; he was in billets in a barn when it was struck by a shell and he was killed on the spot and was buried in the same place.

Eye Witness: No.

Description: Nickname Dick.

Informant: Pte. Harry Hammond Digby 7456
5th A.I.F. C.Co. XI Pl.
Horton (County of London) War Hosp
Epsom

Home address:
James Street
Fort Ferry
Victoria,
Australia.

I wtn. Barton
Dorothea M.Barton
21.6.16.

Havre

21st June 1918.

A.I.F. 5.

Teese R.G. No. 7579.

K. 10th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well, he was in the same platoon. He came from Essendon, Victoria, was a married man with 2 children, and played football for Brighton and Essendon. On the 10th April we were in billets at Castaires. At night Fritz started a bombardment and the billet in which Teese was were blown all to pieces. Two men were killed one being Teese. I was in the billet close by and helped to take out his body which was buried by the Pioneers at Bauer. The grave is marked by a little cross, and a big cross with the names of him and another two men is also there.

Inf:- Pte M.J.Walsh 6845.
A.I.F. 5. B. Vll.
Austra. Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

C.W.G.

5th Battn:

Teese, R.G. 7579.

K. 10/4/18.

It was just outside Cassel we had taken over a mill for billets. About 8 o'clock that evening 4 or 5 fellows were sitting over a small brazier fire when the Huns started to bombard us. An H.E. shell lobbed right on top of where they were killing Teese and an English private and wounding several of our own men. I saw the whole occurance. Teese was wounded in the throat, heart and side and lived for about 5 minutes he was moaning all the time. I do not know where he is buried.

5th Battn:

Hogan, J.M.Pte. 6627.

A 11. Dartford. 28/6/18.

R.D.B.

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A.I.F. 5. TEESE, R.G. 7579.

K. April 10th 1918.

I knew Teese for about nine months and we came over from Australia together in the S.S."Themstockles", OnAugust 4th 1917. He was tall, clean shaven, fair hair and complexion, about 25 years old, came from St Kilda, Victoria, and was a professional footballer. About April 10th we were in billets near Castra near Meteren and during the night the Boche shelled the place and Teese was hit by a fragment of metal and killed outright. I saw him after his death and he was buried at a small ground near Castre village. I have had his gravepointed out to me and there was a cross on it.

Inf: H.W.Sole. 75/57. A.II.
No. 53 Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 25.6.1918. HH

Havre 25th June 1918.

A.I.F. 5. Teese R.G. No. 7579.

K. 10th April 1918. Det D/B.

He was in B.Coy. I knew him pretty well, he came over in the 25th reinforcement to the 5th, leaving Melbourne 4th August 1917. On the 10th April we were somewhere in the direction of Strazeele. We were in reserves. I saw Teese lying by the side of the road, dead. He was killed by part of a shell (stray). We were on the way to the front line. I don't know what happened to his body afterwards.

Inf:- Pte F. Darragh No. 11472.
A.I.F. 5. B. Bl.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

HPG.

Havre 26th June 1918.

A.I.F. 5. Teese R.G. No. 7579.

K. 10th April 1918. Det D/B.

He was in B.Coy. I knew him well, we came over in the same reinforcement the 25th to the 5th, leaving Melbourne on the 4th August 1917. On the 10th April we were in billets ~~Bacecca~~ behind Fletre. Teese was in the same room as me. A shell dropped in the room about 9.30 p.m. and a beam was blown on the top of Teese killing him instantly. He was buried two days after in Boves cemetery. I saw his grave, it had a cross on it. The ~~gecond~~ grave would be easily found.

Inf:- Pte F.J.Hotchin No. 7495.
A.I.F. 5. A. III.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

HPG.

Havre 27th June 1918.

A.I.F. 5. Teese R.G. No. 7579.

K. 10th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew Pte Reg(?) Teese of B.Vll, he came from Melbourne as a Corporal in the 25th to 5th reinforcement in the 'Themisthostles' A. 32., on the 4th August 1917. I saw his body in a little village between Vaastre and Montecat. He had been killed by shell in his billet. He is buried in the Military Cemetery at Bove along with Pte A.E.Barlow of the Vll Pltn, Pte Waldron of B.Coy. and an R.F.A. Man. There is a cross on the grave with the 4 names on it.

Inf:- Pte W.L.Halligan No. 7438.
A.I.F. 5. A. Il.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM

I saw the grave.

Pte G.C.Day No. 5358.
A.I.F. 5. B. Vll. Australian Camp. Rouelles.

RDM.

A.I.F. 5. TEESE R.G. 7579.

K. 10.6.18.

I think the date of the casualty was towards the end of April at Thistlehouck, near Caestre. A shell killed him and several others in a billet. I did not see the casualty happen but I saw them taking him away for burial. I think he is buried at Borre Cemetery near Hazebrouck but have not seen hisgrave. He was a Bn. footballer.

FHE.

Reference: L/C.J. Clark. 636. Hq.
22 Gen.Hpl.

Etaples.
29.6.18.

A.I.F. 5. TENSE, R.G. 7579.

K. April 10th, 1918. Det. D/B.

He belonged to B. Coy. and had only joined us shortly before he was killed. I did not see him killed but heard he was killed in a billet waiting to go up the line. From this official copy of a record which I am showing you you will see that he is buried with others at Map Ref. Sheet 27 - W19 - C9 - 4, in the Boore British Cemetery about 2 kilometres in fromt of Hazebruck. I did not know him well and cannot dexcribe but he was one of our best footballers and came from Brighton, Australia.

Inf. Sgt. C. W. Cutler, 1932, D.
Billets.
BOULOGNE. 29.6.18. ARD.

5th Battn.
A.I.F.

TEESE.
R.G. 7579.

"Killed 10-4-18"

He was sitting with a party of men round the fire in billets in a village about 3 kilos North of Castre at 9.p.m.about April 1918 when he was killed instantly by a shell splinter which went right through his heart. I was next door when it happened and saw him immediately after. He is buried close by but I did not see his grave. He came from Brighton, Victoria and was a married man with 2 children. He was about 22 and very fair. Was a good footballer. He was in B.Co & ande came with me with the 25th Rfts. His wife's present address is Mrs R.G.Teese. 231 Berkley Street. St Kilda. Melbourne.

Informant:- Pte.J.Williams. 7575.
5th Battn.A.I.F.
DARTFORD.

A.G.Campbell.
London.
3-7-18.
H.G.

1 copy B'lop M.

5th Battn.
A.I.F.

TEESE.
A.G. 7579.

"Killed 10-4-18"

I was in billets with him in a flour mill in a village about midway between Castre and Mont des Cats (th name of which I cannot remember) when he was almost cut in two by what was practically a direct hit from a 5.9.shell at 9.30.p.m. on April 20th 1918. The date given above is a mistake. I was wounded myself by a piece of the same shell and I saw Pte "Bill" Barlow of B.Co.5th A.I.F. killed instantly by a splinter from it which passed through his heart. Teese came with about the 25th Rfts. He was a very fair man of medium height and about 28. He was an athlete and footballer. He was in B.Co and the only Teese in the Company.

Informant:- Q/M/S. I.M.Atkinson.3697.
5th A.I.F. B.Co.
DARTFORD.

A.G.Campbell.
London.
3-7-18.
H.G.

1 copy Boulton M.

Mavre. 4th. July. 1918.

5th. Australians. Teese, R. G. 7579.

K. April. 10/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew him well. He came over with me in the 25th. Reinforcements to the 5th. Battalion. He came from Brighton, Victoria & had been a motor mechanic & played for the Brighton Football Team. About April 10th we were near the Mont de Cats & we were all in billets. About 9. p.m. Fritz put over a few shells & one fell on the billet where Teese was & he was badly hit; one leg was smashed to pieces. We took him outside the billet & he died within a few minutes. He was buried at Berre & a Cross erected.

Inf:- Private. G. L. Bennett. 7446.
5th. Australians. B. 7.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

CWSG.

5th Btn.

TEESE, R. G.
Pte. 7579.

Killed in action 19/4/18.

"I could not give a description of Casualty as he had just joined us, and I hardly knew him. He was killed on the 19/4/18 at Fleet, Flanders, by a bomb from an aeroplane. His body was brough down the following night with several others that were killed by the same bomb and I carted the bodies down. He was buried just outside the village of Borre and a cross was erected with his name and number on it."

Informant:- Pte. A. Wilson,
No. 144, 5th Btn.

Private address:-
287 Cecil Street,
Albert Park.

T.C.F.
25/10/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

5th Btn.

TEESE, R. G.
Pte. 7579.

K. in act. 19/4/18.

"He was a tall man, well built, fair, about 26 years of age. I do not know what Casualty was doing at the time of his death but his body was brought back to our lines at La Kreual, Hazelbrouck. He is buried at the Borre Cemetery and I helped to bury him. A cross was erected over the grave with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- Pte. W. D. White,
No. 221, 5th Btn.

Private address:-
127 Collins Street,
Melbourne.

T.C.F.
21/2/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

5th Btn.

TREBE, R. G.
Pte. 7579.

K. in act. 19/4/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 7 ins. well built, fair hair, about 25 years of age. Casualty was going up to the front line at Hettorin and had to camp for the night about ½ way up. We were billetted in a factory. A bomb from an aeroplane exploded on top of the factory, killing Casualty instantly. I was on the next floor down from where he was at the time the bomb exploded but I saw his body immediately after the explosion. He had a most severe wound in the left breast and he was buried at the Borre Cemetery."

Informant:- Pte. F. H. Jones,
No. 3948, 5th Btn.

Private address:-
Harley Street,
Sale.

T.C.F.
21/2/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

5th Btn.

TREBE, R. G.
Pte. 7579.

K. in act. 19/4/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. well built, fair complexion, about 24 years of age. Casualty was in billets at Caestre. I was in the same billets. An H.E. shell exploded on the billets killing Casualty instantly. I saw Casualty's body shortly afterwards lying out ready to be buried. He was most severely wounded about the body but I do not know where he was buried.

Informant:- Pte. C. A. Westbury,
No. 7587, 5th Btn.

Private address:-
Heywood, Vic.

T.C.F.
28/2/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

5th Btn.

TEESE, R. G.
Pte. 7579.

K. in act. 19/4/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. well built, fair complexion, about 23 years of age, known as "Snowie". Casualty was in billets at the Flour Mills, Fishoak near Caestre. He was in my platoon and I was in the same billets. Attached to the billets was a stable and Casualty went out to see some of his mates that were in the stable. He was sitting around a fire when an H.E. shell exploded in the stable killing Casualty instantly and an unknown English soldier. I was 25 yds. away at the time the shell exploded but I went immediately to Casualty's assistance and helped to bring him out, but he was dead on recovery. He was most severely wounded about the legs and body. He was buried at Borre and I saw his grave. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- Pte. T. F. Cass,
No. 6660. 5th Btn.

Private address:-
94 Gammon Street,
Yarraville.

T.C.F.
7/2/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE

5th Btn.

TEESE, R.G.
Pte. No. 7579

Kld. in Act. 19.4.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a well built man, about 5' 10" in height, fair complexion, about 24 years of age. Casualty was in billets near Hetterin. He was sitting in the billet when an H.E. shell came over and entered the billet knocking down portion of the building which fell on Casualty crushing him. I helped to get him out, but he was quite dead. I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:- T.R. Foxford,
No. 4479

Private address
Barker Street,
Bendigo.

M.A.T.
25.4.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

5th Btn.

TERRY, J.G.
Pte. No. 7579

Kld. in act. 19.4.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a well built man, about 5' 7" in height, dark complexion about 26 years of age. Casualty was in the front line at Hetteren. There was a raiding party organised and he volunteered to join them. They went out to raid the enemy's trenches, and a machine gun ~~xx~~ bullet penetrated his head killing him instantly. I was about 10 yards away at the time of his death and saw his body soon after he went down. I do not know where he was buried. I last saw his body lying on the field."

Informant:- T. Thomson
No. 4330

Private address
51 Cecil Street,
South Melbourne.

M. D.

H.A.T.
25.4.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.