

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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560 Lance Corporal
Claude Hamilton Le
Quesne

5th Machine Gun Company



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5th M.G.Coy.,
AIF

LEQUESNE
C.R. 560

"Killed 9.10.17"

Refer to Pte. J. Lawler 5th M.G.Coy., whos is now in France he saw him killed at Ypres, and can give full details of casualty.

Witness:- L/Cpl. R. Hayes 553
21st M.GCoy.1
3rd A.A.Hospital,
Dartford

W.Oman
London.
24.1.18

Note written Lawler 23.1.18

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A. M. G. C. B.

LEQUESNE, C.H. 500.

K. October 9th, 1917.

I have seen Lequesne's grave just behind Zonnebeke close to a railway cutting. It was about 300 or 400 yards behind our trench last November. He was buried with another man of his Coy. The grave was marked with a stick and his name written on in pencil. He came from Victoria. He was about 5 ft 11, very fair, rather stout. We called him Claude.

EMR.

Reference:- L. Clarke. 2349.
No. 7 Can. Gen. Hp.

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12th April 1918.

5th Aust. M.G.C.

Lequesne C.H. No. 560.

K. 9th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

He came from Sydney N.S.Wales, single. He was killed by a sniper while in our trenches at Passchendaele being hit in the forehead and was buried on the spot where he fell. A big cross was made for his grave.

Inf:- Pto J.H.Evans No.563.
5th Aust. M.G.C.
No.2. Gen. Hqs. (Gai)

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Havre

5th Aust. M.G.C.

17th April 1918.

C.H

Lequenne O2 H. No. 560.

+ 4 others

K. 9th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

Orderly Room Sergeant P. Brown of the 5th Aust. M.G.C. will be able to give the location of the graves of all these boys and also further details as to how they were killed. He took the statement from the boys who were in the action.

Inf:- Opl W.A. McHamara No. 3120.

5th Aust. M.G.C.

Australian Camp.

Rouelles.

RDM.

Written Brown
25-4-18

"Killed 9.10.17"

I met Lequesne at Contay in May, 1917. He came from Balmain or Keenon. He was 5 feet 8 inches in height, fair - clean shaved. He was a big square man. I have a photograph of Machine Gunners and he is in the photograph. It was taken at Arras and I would lend the same to anyone who wished to have a copy made.

On 8th October, 1917, I took some munition to Lequesne at Ypres. He was there in charge of a machine gun. He was a Lance Corporal - the next morning I heard from some of his mates that he had been killed by a shell. I did not see him after he had been killed. He was liked by everyone in the Company. - a fine fellow.

INFORMANT :- Private H.G. Blackwell, No. 475
5th Machine Gun Company

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No. 4 Australian General Hospital,

RANDWICK.

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C. H. LEQUESNE

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Sgt R. BROWN 9. P.
Ordinary Room

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C. H. LEQUESNE

5 Aust. M. G. Coy.

K/A 9.10.17.

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