

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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340 Private
Charles Leslie Doble

45th Battalion



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A.I.F. 24th Battn.

DCBLE
not NOBLE
C.L.340

"KILLED IN ACTION 31.8.18"

Details not stated

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs List 5.12.18

London
6.12.18

done 20/12/18

A.I.F. 24th Battn.

DOBLE^{C.I.} 340.
Armstrong, W.J. 6276.

"Killed 31.8.18."

I saw Doble's body (A. Coy Runner) after he had been killed instantly by shell at Mont St. Quentin on August 31st about 8 p.m. About 20 men were killed by the same shell. One Platoon was passing another in Gottlieb trench; just before that, Doble had rescued a comrade under fire and had done very good work; he was runner to Captain Mahoney M.C. (since killed) and was an exceptionally good runner.

Etc. Armstrong who was a volunteer runner (originally signaller) was killed instantly by same shell. They were all buried in the trench where they were killed and crosses were erected.

Doble:- Small, sandy-headed, about 23 years, from 19, Cecraminster Street, Brunswick, S. Victoria. Armstrong:- From Whitfield, School teacher, good athlete and a good fellow, about 25/26 years.

Informant:- Lieut. W.B. Gow,
24th Battn. A. Coy,
France.

H.C.H.
London
19.12.18.

J.P.H.

M.

Note:- Both above were mentioned in previous report
(E.M. Ellen).

24th Btn.

DOBLE. C. L.
Pte. 340.

Killed in action 31/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, slightly built, fair complexion, about 24 years of age, known as "Snowie". Casualty was going into the front line at Mount St. Quentin. I was in the same party. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly and Lieut. Newtown and Sgt. Mr. Love, Sgt. Jolly, Pte. Helen and Pte. Taylor. I was 30 yds. away at the time of his death and I do not know where they were buried."

Informant:- Pte. F. S. Dean,
No. 111, 24th Btn.

Private address:-

C/o Ince Bros.
174 Swinston Street,
Melbourne.

Buried 62 C N.W. I 8 C 30.

T.C.F.
20/12/18.

Red Cross Searcher

Batt. Orderly Room

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

A.I.F. 24th Battn.

DOBLE
C.L. 340.

"Killed 31.8.18"

Mont St. Quentin, killed by concussion when in the trench; he is buried in the trench with C.L. Doble, 340, Armstrong, 6276; were killed same time and buried in the grave with a lot of 18th men. I saw them buried but I don't remember their names on the cross. The grave is right in front of village. I knew them well; were in my Coy.

C.L. Doble, 340, Killed 31.8.18.

W.J. Armstrong, 6276, killed 31.8.18., are the same as above. Inquiry should be made if the names are on the 18th Battn. Cross erected over 20 of 18th Battn. men ^{now} carries these names.

Informant:- 4656 Balchie,
Anzac Buffet.

D.P. Dickson.

London

23.1.19.

J.E.A. Note:- 340, Doble C.L. 24th Battn. Burial 62.C.N.W.
18.C.30. H.S.E. Red X Searcher,
Battn. Orderly Room,
B.F.F. 4.12.18.

M.

84th Batta.
A.I.F.

DOBIE.
C.I. 340.

"Killed in Action 31-8-18"

Killed in Action 31-8-18. at Mont St Quentin.

Buried 62 C. N. W. IS C 30.

Cert: by Red Cross Searcher.

Battalion Headquarters.

FRANCE. 4-12-18.

London.
31-1-19.
I.E.A.

M.

A.I.F.
24th Bttn.

DOBLE.
C.I. 340.

"Killed 31.8.18."

The night before we went over when we were just settling down into our trench about 14 men of my coy (including 3 officers) were killed by a shell. Doble was one of those who were killed instantaneously. It was South of St Quentin. Knew him very well. It was on Aug. 31st.

Informant:- W. Fielding. 6939.
Aust. Vet. Corps.
A.Coy. Late 24th Bttn.
A.I.F. Ward 3.
Fulham Military Hpl.
6.2.19. (Quite Intel)

Amy Urlin.
London.
15.2.19.

H.

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

DOBLE.
C.L. 340. Pte.

"Killed in Action 31-8-18"

I saw Doble killed by a shell in the line. He was severely wounded in the body and died immediately without speaking. We were advancing so I am sorry I can't give details of his burial. It was at Mont St Quentin in the daytime.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

- Description:- medium height, fair.

Home address:-

Victoria.

N.S.Wales.

Informant:- Thomas. G.6907. Pte.

(Accurate and Intelligent)

24th Batt. A.I.F.

King George Military Hospital.

Alice Hoare-Ward.

London.

15-3-19.

D.W.B.

M.

A.I.F.
24th Btn.

DOHLE, C.I.
Pte. 340

K. 31/8/18

I knew casualty. He was a man about 5'8", well built, fair complexion, about 26 years of age, known as "Charlie". He was an original, am and embarked on the Troopship "Euripides". He came from Brunswick. Casualty was a Co. Runner and was going up to the front line with a message at Villers Bretonneux when a H.E. Shell exploded behind him killing him instantly. I was 20 yards away when the shell exploded and I saw casualty's body about 1/2 hour later. He was most severely wounded about the body. I do not know where he was buried.

Informant:- Pte. H.E.V. Turner, 201
24th Btn.

Home address:-
30 Grey St.,
S. Yarra.

T.C.F.
25/4/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

24th Battn. A.I.F.

BOBLE

Pte. C.I. 340

K. 31/8/18

Buried Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, 1.4E., SSP. 4439/2

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

15/12/19