643/17

Major
STEELE, Alexander
Distinguished Service Order & Distinguished Conduct Medal
o/c 11th Battalion
7/10/17
Killed in Action
b (Mother) Mrs. E. Steele

4545
7 Jan 1931

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier Alexander Steele
2. Unit and Number (if known) 9th-11th Batt. Major D.S.O. D.C.M.
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
   Town (if any) Mt Gambier District ____ State South Australia
4. What was his Birthplace Mt Gambier, S.A.
5. Date of Death 7/10/17
6. Place where Killed or Wounded Remus Wood, Broodseinde.

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling S.S.M. Australian Military Forces.
2. Age at time of Death 29 years
3. What was his School Public School
4. What was his other Training? —
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia —
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) Yes. Instructor at Duntroon College
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment— Enlisted as Sergt. in 9th Bat. took part in Landing. won D.C.M. & 2nd Lieut. 25 April 15. Later held Steele's post with M.G. Section. Rose quickly to Capt. & made Major with D.S.O. for clever handling of situation at Pozieres. Fought in every big stunt in France & waiting confirmation as Lt/Col. when killed. A great musician, winning Championship Ballarat in 1908.
8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—
9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
   Name Mrs E. B. Steele
   Relationship to Soldier Mother
   Address "Mairhome" Mt Gambier S. A.
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
    Name Brig. Gen. Maclagan.
    Address H.Q.

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