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No.4254 Private
CROSS, George Leslie

21st.Battalion

4.10.17

Killed in Action
(Mother) Mrs.E.Cross

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

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier. *George Lesley 67088*
2. Unit and Number (if known) *425th 21st Battalion*
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) *Pt Melbourne* District *Melbourne* State *Victoria*
4. What was his Birthplace *Pt Melbourne*
5. Date of Death *4th Oct 1914*
6. Place where Killed or Wounded *Belgium*

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling *Labourer*
2. Age at time of Death *21 years*
3. What was his School *Pt Melbourne State School*
4. What was his other Training *Cadet*
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)
Pt Melbourne Cadets
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—

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

Relationship to Soldier

Address

10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—

Name

Address

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I also heard from one of his men that he went back to try get some of his men who were in another trench out of danger, but they must have all been killed together.

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Answer to Question 7.

Sgt. George Payne Cross 15044. 13th Bat. A. I. F. was amongst the first contingent that landed at the Dardanelles - afterwards, being wounded, was invalided home to King George's Hospital, London.

Was sent back to Egypt & from there transferred to France where he won the Military Medal for his conspicuous bravery near Mouquet Farm on Aug. 29th/30th 1916 under Maj. Gen. Sir. H. V. Bosc.

During an attack on Feb. 4th/5th 1917 he was congratulated by Maj. Gen. W. Holmes on his good work under heavy fire, but owing to such heavy loss of Officers in this attack, we heard nothing further of it. Although he had been "missing" since April 11th 1917, we heard nothing definite as to his fate until 8/1/19 when we received the enclosed unofficial report from the Aust. Red Cross who had so kindly made exhaustive enquiries.

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