

6851 Private
LEY Cyril Edwin Halse

11th Battalion

11.2.17.

Bronchitis

(Wife) Mrs. H.J. Ley

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Sir Edward Stone has received word that his nephew J. (Tom) Coghlan at present at the front in France, has received his commission as major of the 14th Field Co. Engineers 5th Australian Division. Major Coghlan is the only son of the late Rev. F. Coghlan, who may be remembered as at one time curate at St. George's Cathedral. He enlisted in Melbourne as sapper, and went to Egypt, where he was employed in connection with the construction of defence works along the Suez Canal, and was subsequently engaged in blowing up Turkish wells in the desert, for which he was twice mentioned in despatches. Afterwards he was moved to France, where he gained the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The following notice appeared in the London "Times":—"Captain (T. Major) J. Coghlan, Engineers. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of transport, carrying material for road construction forward. The material was urgently required, and he got it forward in spite of heavy enemy shelling, going about under intense fire, encouraging his men. On several occasions when the road was blocked he led parties to clear it, thus saving many casualties and enabling the work to go on. His gallantry and organising ability were responsible for the road being completed." Major Coghlan's mother, who is Sir Edward Stone's sister, resides in North Adelaide.

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remains in quarantine

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

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier Ley Cyril Edwin Halse
2. Unit and Number (if known) 11th Battalion No 6851
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) York District Eastern State West Australia
4. What was his Birthplace Adelaide Terrace Perth W A
5. Date of Death Feb. 11th 1917
6. Place where Killed or Wounded Died illness Salisbury Plains

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling clerk
2. Age at time of Death 35
3. What was his School Fremantle High School
4. What was his other Training Civil service
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) —
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)—

Cousin to Major Tom Boghlan

9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—

Name H. J. Ley Ford St York West Australia
Relationship to Soldier wife
Address York West Australia

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

Name Sir Edward Stone (uncle)
Address Perth West Australia

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