

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3815 Private
Harry Lacey**

29th Battalion



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A.I.P. 29.

LACEY, H. 3815.

H. Sept 25/27th 1917.

I knew a man called Lacey in B.VIII. and his number was about 3815. I don't know his initials but he was the only Lacey in B.Co. He told he he used to driver a loary in Richmoadn Victoria before the war. He was well built, about 5ft 8, clean shaven, dark and about 25. I don't know if he was married. I heard his name read out as missing after the action of the 26th Sept at Polygon Wood. I last saw him about a week ago with the Bⁿ atn which is resting at Devres and he was quite well then.

Inf: Pte P.A. McCann. 4090. B.VI.

No. 3 Can Can Hosp. BOULOGNE. 18.1.18. AGL

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not seen on

H.M.

Written by Lacey 20.2.18.

A.I.F. 29.

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I was A.Co clerk at Patricia Camp near Abeille (?-)
I well remember the paybook and wallet of Lacey being handed
in by a man in A.Co whose name I do not know. The effects
were sent on to Battn orderly room. I remember I wrote
a letter of sympathy signed by Lieut Haughton acting Company
officer, to his mtoher who was in England. I remember
this incident well and also remember that the Battn posted
him as missing in spite of this evidence.

Inf: Cpl. J.T. Clarke. 4017 A.Co.
No. 2 Aust Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 29.1.18.

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Official

29th Batta.
A.I.F.

Lacey,
H. 3815

"Missing 25-27.9.17"

Pte. A.G. Lacey 3814 B. Coy. VIII Pltn. called in at our office to-day in answer to a letter we had sent him concerning above, whose number is next to his, but Pte. H. Lacey's belonged to A. Coy. These two men had evidently been confused by Pte. McGann, they are not related to each other. Pte. A.G. Lacey knows that Pte. H. Lacey was killed, his personal belongings were handed to a man of A. Coy. by Pte. M. Flick B. Coy. VIII Pltn. 29th Batta. to whom the informant advises us to write - as he can give us information of Pte. H. Lacey's death.

London.
15.3.18.

Off.M.

A.I.F. 29th Bn

LACEY

Harry 3815

"MISSING"

Killed in action 26-9-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 18-4-18.

London
20-4-18

OFF. H.

A.I.F. 29.

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H. Sept 26th-27th 1917.

Coy
This was at the Polygon Wood stunt. I did not see anything of him on this occasion but a man in A.Coy after we came out handed his wallet containing amongst other things his false teeth to me. I was acting as clerk of the Battalion at the time. I handed them into the Batta. This was at Cheshire Camp. I did not know him by sight, he was in in A.Coy.

Inf: Cpl. J.T. Clarke. 4017. 29.A.III.
No. 2 Aust Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 5.1.18.

WG
W.H.M.

CC

Pte. H. Flick,
VIII Pltn, B. Coy,
29th Infantry Battn,
Australian Imperial Force,
B. E. F.

15th March, 1918.

Pte. Flick,

We have been making enquiries concerning -

3815 Pte. HARRY LACEY, 29th Battalion, A.I.F.

who is missing 26/27-9-17, and during the course of our enquiries we wrote to 3814 Pte. A.G. Lacey, who could not give us much information concerning the above, but told us that you had seen his dead body, and could give us details of his death. We trust that you can give us some definite information, as so far we have not been able to learn much about him, though we regret very much to learn that he was killed. For the sake of the anxious enquirers we shall be very glad to hear from you as soon as possible and if it is true that Pte. H. Lacey was killed, can you tell us anything about his burial?

With all good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

