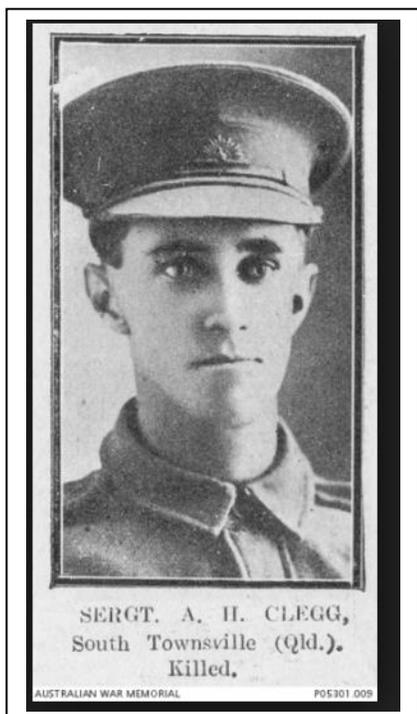


Naours Silent Soldier Profile

CLEGG, Alfred Henry.

Enlistment Number

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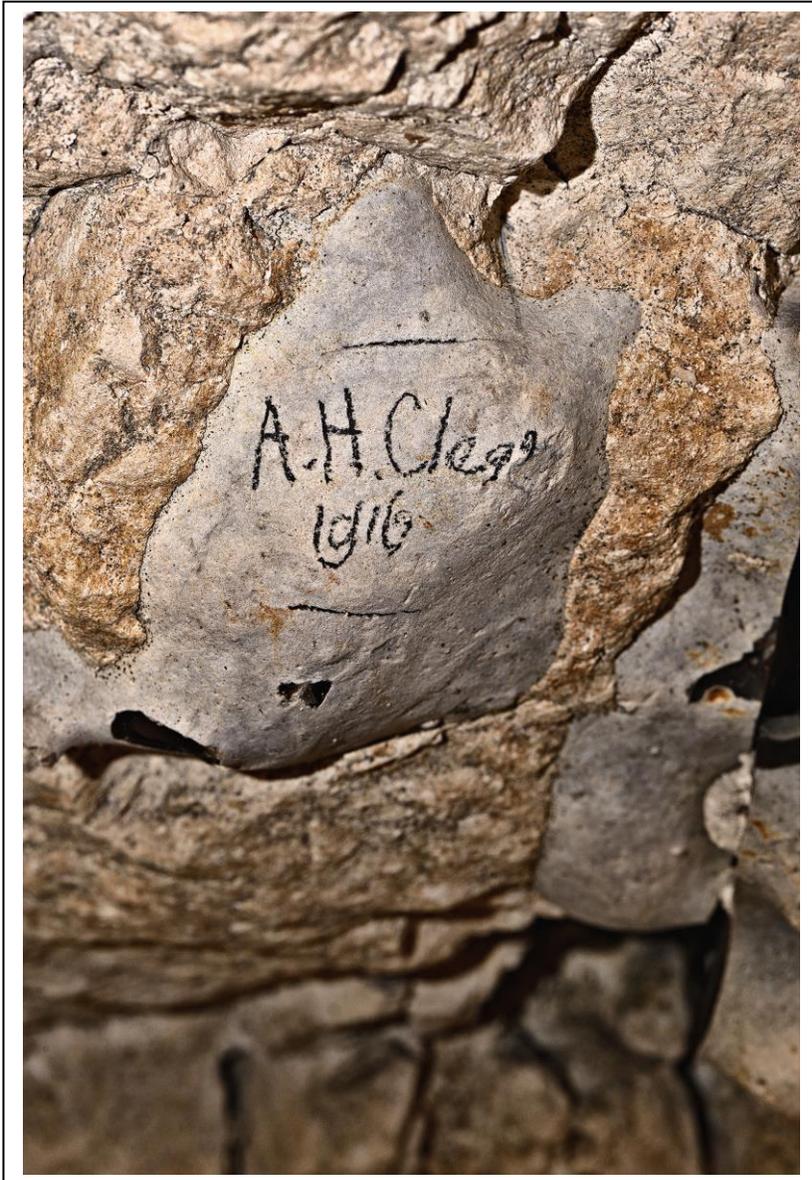
Source; Australian War Memorial.

Name:	Alfred Henry Clegg
Service Number:	34
Rank:	Corporal
Occupation:	Clerk at Railway Depot. Cairns.
Place of Enlistment :	Cairns
Enlistment:	13 th March, 1915.
Marital Status:	Single
Age at Embarkation:	20
Place of Birth:	Charters Towers, Qld.
Family Information	Mrs A.V Clegg. Allen St, South Townsville.
Enlisted with:	26 th Battalion A company.
Date of embarkation:	24 th May, 1915.
Place of embarkation:	Brisbane
Ship embarked on:	HMAT A11 Ascanius.
Ship returned on :	n/a
Other details:	
Military Career:	Had been in the Military Cadet Corps before enlisting.
Fate:	Killed in Action 29 th July 1916 Pozieres. No Known Grave . Remembered on wall at Villers Brettoneux, Australian Memorial.
Miscellaneous;	<i>In August of 1914, Clegg enlisted for service outside Australia and planned to take part in the capture of German New Guinea. Due to trouble on the troopship this was abandoned.</i>

Biographie

Gilles Prilaux

Alfred Henry Clegg habitait Railway Depot, Cairns dans le Queensland. Il s'inscrit à l'âge de 20 ans le 13 mars 1915 dans la compagnie A du 26ème Bataillon. Il embarque depuis le Queensland à bord du HMAT A11 Ascanius le 24 mai 1915. Il gagnera ses galons de sergent à Gallipoli le 11 décembre 1915. Il partira d'Alexandrie vers Marseille le 15 mars 1916. En juin et en juillet 1916 il sera souvent signalé malade de la grippe, puis il repart au front et sera tué le 29 juillet 1916 dans le secteur de Pozières.



The Story of Alfred Clegg.

Alfred Henry Clegg was born in Charters Towers Queensland. He was the son of Son of Alfred Vincent Clegg and Prudence Rosina Clegg, of Allen St., South Townsville, Queensland. Alfred was living at the railway depot and working there as a railway clerk in Cairns in Queensland when he enlisted at the age of 20.

He joined on the 13 March 1915 in Company A of the 26th Battalion. He embarked from Queensland aboard the HMAT A11 Ascanius on 24 May 1915. He won his sergeant's galleons at Gallipoli on 11 December 1915. He left Alexandria to go to Marseille on the 15 March 1916.

In June and July 1916, he was often reported sick with influenza and had to leave the fighting. When he finally returned to the front, he was killed on July the 29th, 1916 in the sector of Pozières at the age of 22.

Alfred has no known grave and his name can be found on the Australian War Memorial roll of Honour wall, Villers-Bretonneux in France.

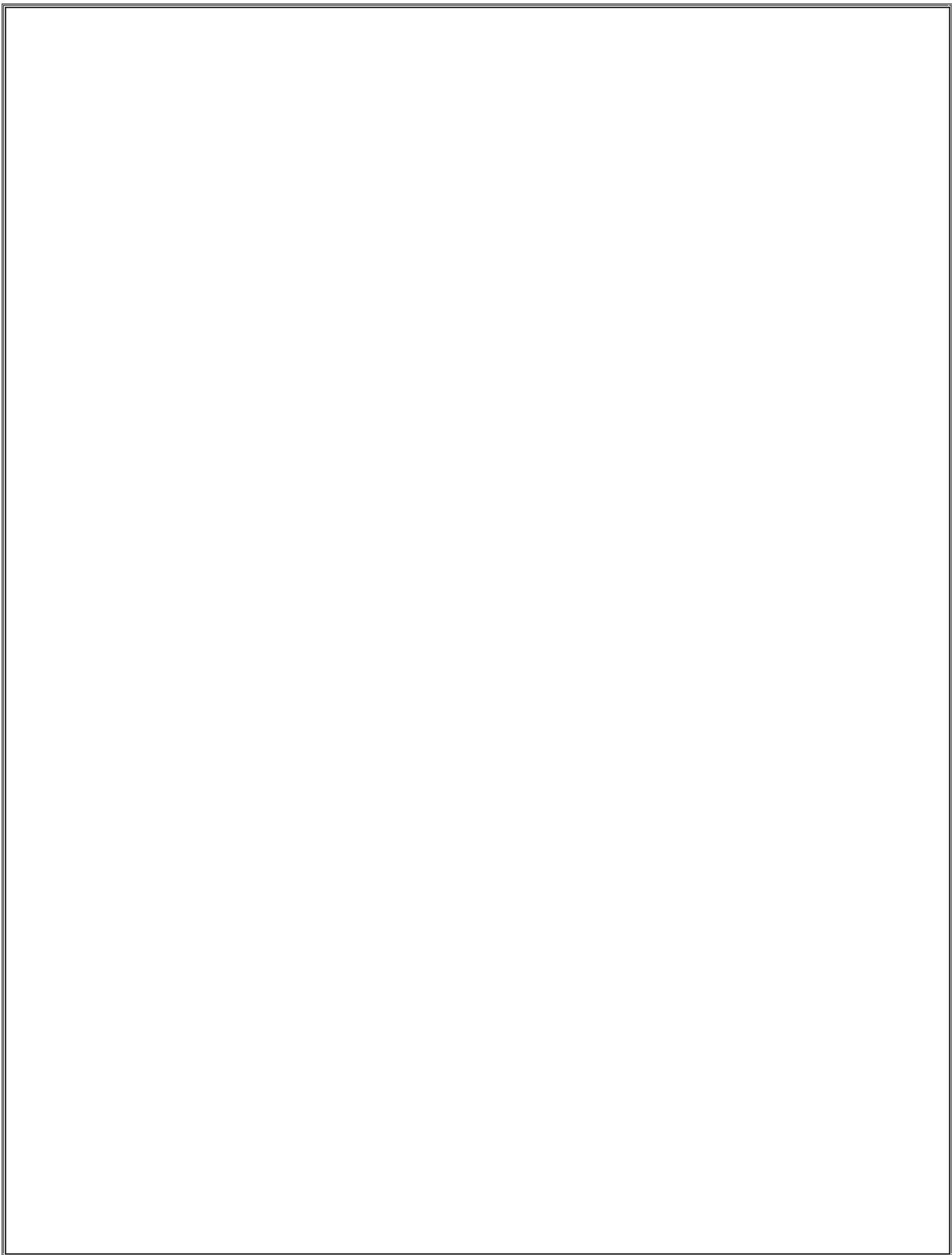
In the war unit diaries for the 29th July, it states;

“Four waves had lined up in advance on tramway at 11:10 p.m.. The casualties up to this point were very slight-approximately 6. While waiting to advance, there were indications that the enemy had his suspicions aroused as he sent up green flares as early as 11:43 p.m and kept flares up incessantly from that time.

Evidently there were hostile listening posts well forward of enemy first line. The fact is borne out by the number of dead found in NO MAN'S LAND subsequently.Communications with companies proved difficult. The telephone lines were out early and the majority of the company signallers became casualties. We were forced to use runners freely. There were no communications with the artillery and no Artillery Liason officer reported. “ (Australian War Memorial. War diary 26th battalion July 1916, page 2)

In his records from the Australian War Memorial, you can find many letters from Alfred's mother asking for his medals and the details of his grave. In those days, the frustration of trying to see their final resting place for those left behind in Australia was high. If their family member was killed in action, it was assumed that there would be a grave to mark this. However, for many this was not the case. Alfred Henry Clegg was one of these.

To this day, Alfred Henry Clegg does not have a set grave but his name lies on the wall of Villers Brettoneaux, Australian memorial.



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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 34

Name Arthur Henry Clegg

Unit Infantry

Joined on 13th March 1915

D/13189

KILLED IN ACTION

W. J. ... 24/1/18 ...

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? ... Arthur Clegg
- 2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Charleston Towns in the County of Queensland
- 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Yes
- 4. What is your age? ... 20 years 7 months
- 5. What is your trade or calling? ... Clerk
- 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... To
- 7. Are you married? ... To
- 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Mrs. Arthur Clegg, All Saints St., St. Johnsville, Island
- 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... To
- 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... To
- 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... Corporal, Citizen Force "8' Coy." } still serving
- 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... To
- 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... To
- 14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... and you prepared to be consecrated for Eastern your small ...

I, Arthur Henry Clegg do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife.* † wife and children.

Date 13/3/15 Arthur Clegg
Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

Casualty Form-Active Service.

No 34.

Regiment or Corps "A" Coy 26th Battalion A.I.F.

Imperial No. 34

Rank Sergeant

Name CLEGG, A.H.

Period of Service (a) War & 4 Mos Service reckons from (a) 13.3.15.

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os.

Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Report	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
	Proceeded to join M.E.F. Gallipoli Peninsula	Alexandria	4.9.15	
C.O. B.213	To be Sergeant (temp) vice Forbes evacuated	Gallipoli Peninsula	11.12.15	O.1810 3/85. B.213
C.O. B.213	Disembarked ex Mudros To be Sergeant vice Forbes evacuated	Alexandria	9.1.16	D.3461. O.1810 32/2124. Q.26.
Embkn Roll	Proceeded to join B.E.F.	Alexandria	15.3.16	
Disembn Roll	Disembk'd ex Alexandria	Marseilles	21.3.16	L.R.5063. O.1810 57/3561
C.O. B.213	P.U.O. To 7th Fld Amb.	France	12.6.16	A.Q.744.
7th Fld Amb	Admitted & tfd to Div. Resting Station	France	12.6.16 14.6.16	A.T.1613.
2nd Div Rest Stn	P.U.O. Admitted	France	14.6.16	A.T.1611.
2nd Div Rest Stn	Discharged to unit	France	22.6.16	A.T.1866
C.O. B.213	Returned to unit	France	23.6.16	O.1810 57/3585. A.Q.747.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered. (b) e.g., Signaller, Shooting Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

P.T.O

State whether he leaves a will or not

(a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not yet to hand

(b) in Small Book (if at Base) do

(c) as a separate document do

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-Generals Office at the Base

Hewson

Lieut.

Officer I/C Records

Station and Date ANZAC SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force, 4th October 1916.

Wt. 12929/4141 400,000 12/15 JFW

FORM B 2804

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
8.7.16	C.O. B.213	N.Y.D. To 5th Fld Amb.	France	6.7.16	0.1810 65/3906. A.Q.1044
8.7.16	5th Fld Amb	Admitted & tfd to Div. Resting Station	France	6.7.16 7.7.16	A.T.2370.
8.7.16	2nd Div Rest Stn	Influenza. Admitted	France	7.7.16	A.T.2364.
15.7.16	2nd Div Rest Stn	Tfd to Clearing Hospital	France	10.7.16	A.T.2545.
15.7.16	N.Mid.C. C. Stn	Influenza. Admitted	France	10.7.16	A.T.2482.
22.8.16	C.O. Memo	Killed in action	France	29.7.16	0.1810 88/5382. V.L.60 312/41/1 29.8.16.

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Lieut.
Officer I/C Records.

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A. H. Legg
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Bauns* in
the State of *Queensland*
this *13th* day of
March 19 *18*, before me—

Amund Deupen *Lieut*
Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

CARD CHECKED.....

Entitled to 1914/15 Star.....

Statement of Service of No. 34 Name Olegg A. Jb

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
	To be Sergeant (Temporary)	11.12.15.		Part 285/3 11.1.16.
	To be Sergeant (Temporary)			Part 285/3 11.1.16.
	To 9 Comp. (Dier) France	12.6.16		PT 3561 3.7.16
	Repair Balm from Dier France	23.6.16		PT 3581 3.7.16
ADMITTED.....	HOSPITAL N.Y.D. Belgium	6.7.16		PT 5906 20.7.16
	Proceeded to join B.S.F.			
	Gallipoli Peninsula. Alex.	4.9.16.		
	Discharged at Thauron.			
	Alexandria.	9.1.16.		P.3461.
	Proceeded to join B.S.F.			
	Alexandria.	15.3.16.		
	Discharged at Alex.			
	Marseilles.	21.3.16.		L.R. 5063.
	Admitted to Hospital France.	19.6.16.		
	Resting Station. France.	14.6.16.		A.T. 1613.
	P.W. O. Admitted. France.	14.6.16.		A.T. 1611.
	Discharged to Unit. France.	22.6.16.		A.T. 1866.
	Admitted to Hospital France.	6.7.16.		
	Resting Station. France.	4.9.16.		A.T. 2370.
	Influenza. Admitted France.	4.9.16.		A.T. 2364.
	Admitted to Hospital France.	10.9.16.		A.T. 2545.
	Influenza. Admitted France.	10.9.16.		A.T. 2482.
	KILLED IN ACTION France	29.7.16		PT 88/5382 31/8/16 C.M. 370

See copy B 113 Enigma

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

WAR CASUALTY SCHEDULE *20/11* *C* *1/12/16*

No. *34*

Rank *Sergeant* Name *CLEGG A. H.*

Unit *26th Battalion*

Casualty *29.7.16 Killed in action B.L.P.L. 370/6997 B. 11.10.16*

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST"
Pamphlet sent to *A. A. T. Clegg* on *1.8.21*

DATE.	PURPORT.	A. F. B. 2090A Received,	REF. NO.
17 SEP 1916	M.C. ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. <i>24.7.16</i>		
28/9/16	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS		
29 9 16	Local Dep. Pub. Curator asking for <i>2/cent.</i>		
17 10 16	<i>Reply sent</i>		
7 10 16	Esq MUIROO asking for <i>2/cent.</i>		<i>14/10</i>
20 10 16	<i>Reply sent to 7.10.16</i>		
6 11 16	NOK asking for Effects. <i>Defend pay</i>		<i>15/11</i>
18 11 16	<i>7. Ask for Rank 2/11/16</i>		
	CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF		
	Cable No: <i>B.L.P.L. 370 vide 2/372 29.9.16</i>		
13 12 16	<i>2/cent sent to Pub Curator 29. 9-16</i>		
13 12 16	<i>2/cent sent to MUIROO 7-10-16</i>		
4 12 16	L. Dep. Pub. Curator asking for Pay Book & Key. <i>(2/cent sent)</i>		<i>14/12</i>
12 3 17	DPM IMD asking for <i>2/cent</i> <i>Sir JACKSON RN D 12899.</i>		
1-2 8	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX- <i>amination</i>		
	<i>C. M. Form 7 Returned to Unit</i>		
	<i>Officer Authorised A.M.P.</i>		
	<i>2870 7/11 379. 2/11</i>		
	<i>2/cent B.R.M. 46/1066 & Booklet re Graves despatched 8/11/19.</i>		
	<i>2/cent acknowledged by printed card 22.4.20</i>		
	To Comdt. <i>W.H.</i> M.D. B.R.M. 62/376		
	1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1220 <i>26/8-97</i>		<i>2220</i>
26/11/20			

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