

PRIVATE HARRY LORRAINE CATHIE



Born at Queenscliff, Victoria on 15 January 1892

Living with his widowed mother and brother at 74 Gipps Street, East Melbourne in 1914

Worked for the State Savings Bank of Victoria as a clerk in 1915

Enlisted in the AIF on 15 July 1915 in Melbourne after initial rejection with a 'defective chest'; allocated to 24th Battalion, 7th Reinforcements training in Seymour with the rank of private

Embarked in Melbourne on HMAT *Commonwealth* on 26 November 1915, and posted to 8th Battalion in Egypt on 24 February 1916

Arrived at Marseilles on 31 March 1916 with 8 Battalion, part of the British Expeditionary Force in France

Fought with 8th Battalion occupying front line of trenches at Fleurbaix near Armentières for the last two weeks of May 1916

Endured continuous heavy German shelling throughout this time

Killed in Action on 29 May 1916, one of his Battalion's casualties of twelve killed and sixteen wounded

Buried at Y Farm Military Cemetery at Bois Grenier

His mother Kate granted a war pension of £2 a fortnight from 30 August 1916

Personal effects returned to Private Harry Cathie's mother, then living at 205 George Street, East Melbourne were a safety razor, torch, tobacco pouch, pocket book, 2 envelopes, French book, pipe lighter, pencil, knife and his leather belt

DECEASED

CARD CHECKED

Statement of Service No. 3061 Name *Cathie Harry Lorraine*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Relocations, Classifications, etc.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>1st Depot Bn Seymour Nov 1915</i>		28.7.15	17/1/16	
	TRANSFERRED 8 BATT	16/1/16	24/2/16	<i>8 B 216 7/1/16</i>
	<i>Allocated and proceeded to join 8th Batt A.I.F. Victoria</i>	24-2-16		<i>A.P. 4176 24-2-16</i>
	<i>Taken on strength of 8th Batt A.I.F. Alexandria</i>	24-2-16		<i>A.P. 4556 D. O. 29/5/16 24-2-16</i>
	<i>Proceeded to join D.C.F. Alexandria</i>	26-2-16		<i>A.P. 6460 26-2-16</i>
	<i>Disembarked at Marseilles</i>	31-3-16		<i>A.P. 5163 31-3-16</i>
	<i>Went to Toulon France</i>	22-4-16		<i>A.P. 2200 B215/15</i>
	<i>Adm. 12 G.C.S. Pyrenees France</i>	23-4-16		<i>D/O 56-5220 23-4-16</i>
	<i>Diso to Unit on 124CC S. Pyrenees France</i>	2-5-16		<i>A.I. 422 29-4-16</i>
	<i>Rejoined Bn from Hosp France</i>	4-5-16		<i>A.I. 573 6-5-16</i>
	<i>Killed in Action France</i>	29-5-16		<i>A. 202 B215 G11 15-6-16</i> <i>D/O 42-5207</i>
	<i>Buried "Y" Farm Military Cemetery Bois Grenier France</i>	29-5-16		<i>A.I. 1626</i> <i>D.O. 44 0627/16</i>

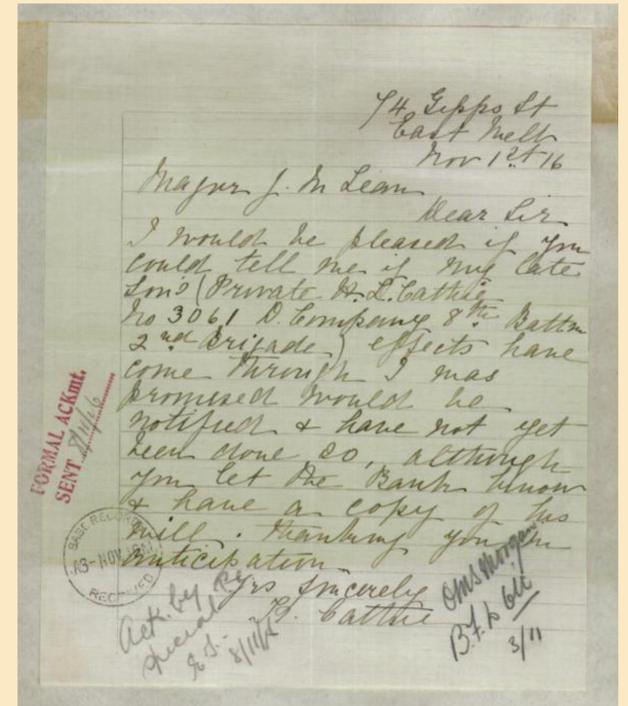
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I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

Service record. NAA



Three recruits. Harry Lorraine Cathie standing. He was 5ft 4ins. AWM DASEY1753



Letter from Cathie's mother seeking news of his effects. NAA



Front line trenches, Fleurbaix, France, 1916. AWM P00437.017



Soldiers of 2nd Division in trenches in the Bois Grenier sector, June 1916. AWM EZ0007