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Pages 31st Battalion ADT  
 67th Battalion ADT  
 1st Battalion A.I.F. (late 1st Battalion)

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental Number... 3377  
 Regiment or Corps... 1st Battalion A.I.F.  
 Rank... Surname... COYNE Christian Name... David Emmet  
 Religion... Age on Enlistment... years... months  
 Enlisted (a)... Terms of Service (a)... Service reckons from (a)...  
 Date of promotion to present rank... Date of appointment to lance rank...  
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b)...  
 or Corps Trade and rate...  
 Occupation... (Sheet 3) Signature of Officer

Date	Report	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., 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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
24/3/18	CO 31st Bn B.213	To HQ. Physical & Bayonet Fighting School 1st Bde Sports unit	Field	17/3/18	E 8/47
29/3/18	do	Repd as above		25/3/18	E 8/65
2A	{ 9/4/18 Admin. HQ 50 This Soldier's Promotion has formed subject of investigation & finding has been made as follows Entries referring to Siding movements & track from Embarkation to 3 1/2-18 are amended to read in accordance with above ruling	(He) App'd 600 bpl	Egypt	8/7/16	112/561/95 DO 28/11/4/18 171
4A		(EOD bpl) Revt'd to private	.	18/7/16	
8A		(He) App'd 600 bpl	.	31/7/16	
9A		(EOD bpl) Revt'd private	England	25/10/16	
9B		(He) App'd 600 bpl	"	9/11/16	
50	CO 31st Bn B.213	(Sgt) Died Wounded accidentally	Field	15/5/18	E 8/72
51	14th A. F. Amb	Mult. Bomb. Wtd. legs.		15/5/18	AK 261/86
52		Adm. Arms Chest Neck		15/5/18	
53	61st B Co	Mult. Bomb Wounded legs Arms Chest	Admitted	15/5/18	AK 261/86
54	61st B Co	do	Died of Wounds. In the field	15/5/18	AT 2149 AK 261/86
55	12/9/18	1st Bde 3rd Bchln (Multiple Bomb Wtd. for all over body fractured right leg & inner ear accidental)	France	15/5/18	VL 718 149/5706/34 VL 836 VL 838

(4) In the case of a man who has re-engaged...  
 (5) Signaller, Showing Smith...  
 Classified DIED OF (ACCIDENTALLY) INJURIES RECEIVED  
 3/6/18. 149/5706/34 557907/30.  
 NAA: B2455, COYNE, DAVID

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Date	From whom received				
50 25/5/18	Co. [unclear]	Buried at Niqua Court Military Cemetery ( <del>Plot</del> 11. c. 6) Coy. Chap. Ser. Ar. O'Neill. attached to [unclear]			8/8/73 A.T. 27319
23/5/18	Daaly, R.				

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~~Adj & Chief Paymaster, London on~~

AUSTRALIAN SECTION, 3rd ECHELON. G.H.Q.  
 BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

11 [unclear] Lieutenant  
for D & C Records

RL

*Wf*

MIRIAM Q'LAND

MACKAY

D COYNE

REGRET CORPORAL DAVID COYNE ADMITTED HOSPITAL THIRTYFIRST JANUARY  
SEVERE ILLNESS WILL ADVISE ANYTHING FURTHER RECEIVED

BASE RECORDS 12/2/17

345538

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Head-quarters,  
one Memorial Plaque in connexion with the late.....

No. 3347 Sgt. D.E. Coyne,

31st Battalion.



Signature *David Coyne*

Date *Nov 30 1922*

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria,  
within seven (7) days.

D.2033/0.22.—C.13680.—5M.

RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, one Victory Medal in connexion with the late

No. 3347, Sgt. D. E. COYNE,

31st Battalion.

Signature

*David Coyne*

Date

*7/4/1923*

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.

D.2049/4.22.—C.5128.

F O L L O W    C Y

WANTED FOR CAPTURE

2520<sup>B</sup>

REGIMENTAL NUMBER

3347

NAME IN FULL

Coyne David

UNIT

31<sup>st</sup> Btn

REPORT

Rptd C.I.P.L. 2749 was reported Accidentally

Killed 15<sup>th</sup> May 1918<sup>3</sup>

C.I.P.L. 2541/2520<sup>B</sup> of London 19/1/18. Rec BR 21/9/18/185

linked on by Section to

KW.

M. 54/921.

XXX 4780

DESPATCHED

26th February, 1925

Sir,

the late No. 3347, Sergeant P. W. Coyne, 31st Battalion, your son,  
the site of his grave in  
the Vignacourt British Cemetery is now officially registered as:-

Plot 2, row D, grave 6.

Mr D. Coyne,  
Marian,  
Mackay, N.S.W.

TELEGRAM.

No. 01539

E.T. No. 1.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, VICTORIA.

MK

B.316/11.16.— This Message has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations.  
C.15064. **GF. 245** All communications to be addressed in writing to the Deputy Postmaster-General.

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15 FEB 17

STATION FROM, No. OF WORDS, AND CHECK.

REMARKS.

**Marian 34 2/6 3.50P.M.**

**Base Records Victoria Barracks Melbourne**

**Emmet**

**Your wire advise if David Coyne or David Steven Coyne**

**admitted Hospital any particulars what Hospital information Not**

**sufficient show if my son reply urgent**

**David Coyne Marian**

**8.11P.M.**

CORRESPONDENCE SECTION.

FEB 16 1917

RECEIVED.

*3347*  
*31st Bn*  
*McCobby*  
*157*

NOTE.—The figures at the bottom represent the time lodged at Sending Station and time received at this Office respectively.

Don't forget to advise any change  
of address to—

BASE RECORDS,  
MELBOURNE.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental  
number, rank, full name, and unit  
of Soldier referred to are to be  
stated.

PS.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.

VICTORIA BARRACKS.

MELBOURNE. December 19th, 1918.

Dear Madam,

Forwarded this day, per separate ~~parcels~~ <sup>is one</sup> registered post, ~~package~~ <sup>package</sup> containing personal effects of **the late No. 3347 Sergeant D. E. Coyne,** **31st Battalion, received ex "Australcrag"** as per inventory attached. All goods despatched from this office are securely fastened and sealed. BEFORE OPENING, KINDLY INSURE THAT SEALS ARE INTACT AND PACKAGE HAS NOT BEEN TAMPERED WITH. Any discrepancies to be immediately brought to notice, accompanied by the packer's note enclosed in the parcel.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether <sup>same</sup> come safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt slip.

(Enclosure.)

Yours faithfully,

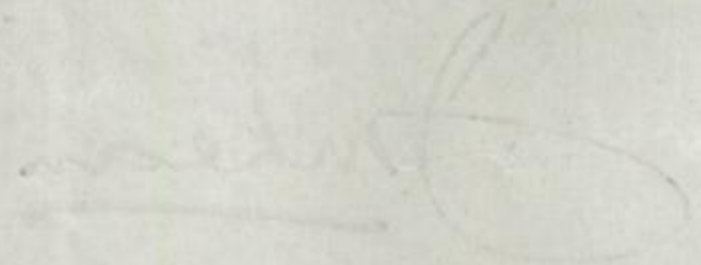
PARCEL POST

*J. McLean*

Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE  
BASE RECORDS OFFICE  
MELBOURNE  
Mrs. D. Coyne,  
Mariah,  
Mackay,  
QUEENSLAND.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of the sender, is located at the bottom center of the page. The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat stylized.

Don't forget to advise any change  
of address to—  
BASE RECORDS,  
MELBOURNE.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental  
number, rank, full name, and unit  
of Soldier referred to are to be  
stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE.

VICTORIA BARRACKS.

MELBOURNE. 21st December, 1918.

PFH.

Dear Madam,

Forwarded this day, per separate ~~parcel~~ registered post, is one package containing personal effects of the late No. 3347 Sergeant D. E. Coyne, 31st Battalion, received ex "Australcrag" as per inventory attached. All goods despatched from this office are securely fastened and sealed. BEFORE OPENING, KINDLY INSURE THAT SEALS ARE INTACT AND PACKAGE HAS NOT BEEN TAMPERED WITH. Any discrepancies to be immediately brought to notice, accompanied by the packer's note enclosed in the parcel.

(Enclosure.) I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether same come safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt slip.

Yours faithfully,

Registered Packet No. 9986 G. P. O. Melbourne.

~~PARCEL POST~~ *J. McLean* Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

In all communications, please state the name, rank, and service number of the sender, and the name and rank of the recipient, and the name of the office or station.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BASE RECORDS OFFICE  
VICTORIA BARRACKS  
MELBOURNE

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VICTORIA BARRACKS  
MELBOURNE

Mrs D. Coyne,  
Marian

Mackey.

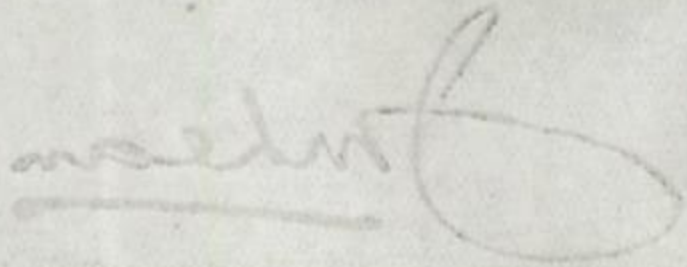
Dear

package

As per instructions, all goods despatched from this office are received, packed and sealed. It is requested that you ensure that the goods are packed in a strong and suitable manner, and that the packages are properly addressed to the recipient. The name and address of the recipient should be clearly stated on the outside of the package.

It is much obliged to you if you will kindly let me know whether the goods have been received, by signing and returning the enclosed receipt card.

Yours faithfully



E.K.

No 3347.

----- Sergeant David Emmett Coyne,

31st Battalion,

Australian Imperial Force. -----

wounds accidentally received, -----

61st Casualty Clearing)  
Station. )

15th May,

18.

Cables Nos. C.I.B.L.

2559, 2749, 2841, and C.I.B.L.2846, from the Commandant, A.I.F.

Headquarters, dated London 23rd May, 9th August, 19th and 21st  
September, 1918, respectively, the two former confirmed by Mail,  
from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London, 27th May,  
and 12th August, 1918, respectively. -----

18th November 18.

Major.

No. 72,

communications are to be addressed to  
The Public Curator,  
Box 791, G.P.O., Brisbane.



The Public Curator's Office,

Box 791, G.P.O.,

BRISBANE, 8th November, 1918

W.

In your reply please quote name of Estate  
and Number.

Re 3347 Sgt. DAVID.E.COYNE-7th/31st Deceased, No.Sm/4580

SIR,

I have the honour to request that you will kindly forward me  
Certificate of Death of the abovenamed deceased soldier, who, I  
understand, died on active service on.....unknown.....191 .

Yours faithfully,

Public Curator.



THE OFFICER IN CHARGE,  
BASE RECORDS,  
VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE.

*Morgan*  
11/11

P.D.

## Australian Imperial Force.

KIT STORE.



110 GREYHOUND ROAD,  
HAMMERSMITH, LONDON,  
W. 6.

TELEPHONES-- HAMMERSMITH 1900, 1901.  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS-- "AIFKITS."

Inventory of Effects of- 3347 Coyne D.E. 31st. Btn. A.I.F.

Forwarded to- Legatee:- Mother.

Mrs. Coyne,  
Marian,  
Mackay,  
QUEENSLAND.

EFFECTS.

Ex. 3rd Echelon France (3/2188) 17.6.18.

Wrist disc & chain, Disc, Tooth comb, Pocket  
toilet case (mirror damaged), Unit colors, Pocket book,  
Films, Photos, Cards, Wallet, 2 Francs note, Letter.

**AUSTRALIAN**

D/S. 37340

In all communications regimental number,  
rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred  
to are to be stated.

B.R. Form No. 6.

**B.K.**

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE.

VICTORIA BARRACKS.

MELBOURNE.

**10th November, 1918.**

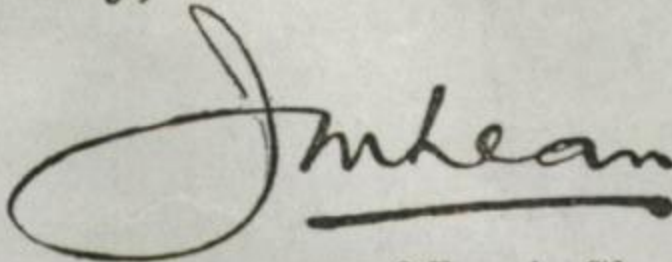
Dear **Sir,**

As requested in your communication of **8th instant,**

I beg to enclose herewith certificate of report of death of  
the late **No 3347, Sergeant D.E.Coyne, 31st Battalion.**

Yours faithfully,

The Public Curator,  
Box 291.G.P.O.  
BRISBANE, Q'LD.

 Major,

*Officer in Charge, Base Records.*

**Don't fail to send change of your address to Base Records, Melbourne.**

Pay Department.  
Victoria Barracks,  
BRISBANE, 30th October, 1918.

No.

The Officer in Charge  
Base Records Office,  
Department of Defence,  
MELBOURNE.

re the late No. 3347, Sergeant D. E. COYNE - 7th/31st Bn

I shall be glad if you will furnish me with a  
Certificate in connection with the Death of the abovenamed Soldier.

W. F. Spence, Capt.  
A/District Paymaster, 1st M.D.

"2"

D.T.

D.P.M.  
1st M.D.

58885

Certificate herewith as requested.

Major  
Officer i/c Base Records.

MELBOURNE.  
13/11/18.

EFM. 31/3347

LETTERGRAM:

MARIAN (Q)

DAVID COYNE

39402

YOUR SON CORPORAL DAVID EMMETT COYNE REPORTED ADMITTED  
VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT HOSPITAL CHELTENHAM ENGLAND SEVERE ILLNESS  
ADDRESS SICK NUMBER ETC THIRTYFIRST BATTALION AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL  
FORCE ABROAD AND ENDORSE WORD SICK IN RED INK.

16/2/17.

BASE RECORDS.

W.B.

*Wf*

MARIAN Q'LAND

DAVID COYNE

WSM

*Smnett*

~~XXXXXXXX~~ CORPORAL DAVID ~~SMETT~~ COYNE PROGRESSING FAVORABLY

BASE RECORDS

28/2/17

W.B.

3347/31

*Handwritten initials*

MARIAN Q'LAND

DAVID COYNE

WSM

CORPORAL DAVID COYNE STILL PROGRESSING FAVORABLY

BASE RECORDS

25/3/17

*Humming Capt*  
CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

8 DEC 1918

BRM 39/992

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE

re

No. 3347 Sergt. D. COYNE, D. Coy. 31st Batt.

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*DM*

**REPORT ON ACCIDENTAL OR SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES.***To be rendered in accordance with instructions on the back of this form.*1. Number, Rank, Name, and Unit  
of injured man.

No 3347 Sergt. D. Coyne

Date of Casualty.

15th May 1918

2. Nature, Location, and Severity  
of injury. (N.B. Field Ambu-  
lance to be notified at once if  
wound is believed to be self-  
inflicted.)Multiple Bomb wounds all over body.  
Fractured right leg. Injuries severe  
and accidental.(Sgd). T. R. Jagger (Capt)  
R.A.M.C.3. Short statement of the circum-  
stances of the case. (Signed  
statements of witnesses to be  
attached to this form.)

Statements attached.

(Sgd) N.M. Freeman

Lt. Col.

Co.O. 31st Bn. A.I.F.

4. Commanding officer's opinion as  
to whether the man was:—(a) In the performance of  
military duty.

Yes.

(b) To blame.

No.

(c) Whether any other per-  
son was to blame.

No.

(Sgd) N.M. Freeman. Lt. Col.

Commanding 31st Bn. A.I.F.

Date 19th May 1918

5. (a) Opinion of G.O.C. Brigade.  
(b) Disciplinary action taken or  
proposed, whether against  
injured man or another.

No disciplinary action.

(Sgd) C. Davis. Lt. Col.

Commanding 8th Brigade.

Date 20th May 1918.

[Continued Overleaf.]

6. To 3rd Echelon Army "A."

Forwarded with reference to my Casualty Wire No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

(Sgd) E.M. Ralph. Lt. Col.

C.O.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

5th Aus. Division.

7. To D. A. G.,

G. H. Q., 3rd Echelon.

Died of Injuries (acc. received)

Forwarded for record. This casualty ~~should be reported as~~ is classified as/

(Sgd) H.S.G. Hall. Capt.

Staff Captain for A.A.C.  
Army.

Date 29th Sept. 1918

G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon. for D.A.G?

### INSTRUCTIONS.

1. These forms are to be completed in all cases of accidental or self-inflicted injuries, involving a soldier's absence from duty, whether due to the man's own act, or that of a comrade, or to other extraneous circumstances.

2. Where several casualties occur as the result of one accident, one form is to be completed for each Officer or other rank injured, but only one set of statements from the witnesses of the accident need be attached.

3. Full statements are to be taken by an Officer from the witnesses of the accident. These statements will be signed by the witnesses making them, and by the Officer who takes them, and will be forwarded with this Form. Where it is intended to take disciplinary action, copies of these statements should be retained by the Unit for use in lieu of a summary of evidence.

4. Where it is possible to obtain it, a statement from the injured man will also be forwarded. This, however, should not be used as evidence against him in any subsequent disciplinary proceedings.

#### Special Instructions as to Evidence in Cases of Self-Inflicted Wounds.

5. In these cases the statements mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 above should bring out all material points, e.g., statements to the effect that the witness was with the accused standing on the fire step (or sitting in a dug-out); that the accused was cleaning his rifle; position of safety catch, magazine, etc., if known; muzzle of rifle on toe of foot; hand on muzzle; that accused pulled trigger; that the rifle was afterwards examined and an empty cartridge case was found in chamber; that accused was seen to be wounded; what accused said ("I have shot myself," "I did not know it was loaded," etc.).

6. A soldier is specially trained in the safe use of his rifle and revolver, and evidence of any neglect of the ordinary precautions as to their handling in such cases usually has considerable bearing on the question of negligence. In cases of wilful self-wounding the fullest possible evidence should be obtained; unless the evidence is conclusive this charge should not be used. The charge will therefore usually be laid under sec. 40 Army Act—"Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in wounding himself through negligently handling a rifle," and an alternative charge to this effect should be made, even if the accused is to be tried under section 18 for wilful maiming.

**Casualty Form - Active Service**

Rank SERGEANT Private Surname COYNE Christian Name David Emmett (AM)  
 Regiment or Corps 4th Reinforcements, 31st Battalion A.I.F.  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months  
 Enlisted (a) 25/1/16 Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended { \_\_\_\_\_ } Re-engaged { \_\_\_\_\_ } Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. 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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
✓ 31st Bn.	D.O. 4/A142 (Details)	Egypt 1916 ✓	Embarked ...		
✓ do	5/A198 ✓	do 1916 ✓			
✓ do	3/512 ✓	1917 ✓	Disembarked...		
✓ do	3/499 ✓	1917 ✓			
✓ do	2/340 ✓	1917 ✓			
✓ do	2/314 ✓	1917 ✓			
✓ do	2/355 ✓	1917 ✓			
✓ do	7/1135 ✓	1917 ✓			
✓ do	10/1868 ✓	1917 ✓			
✓ do	13/1102E ✓	1917 ✓	Administrative Headquarters		
✓ do	27/3460E ✓	1917 ✓	do		
✓ do	38/5010E ✓	1917 ✓	do		
✓ do	39/5087E ✓	1917 ✓	do		
✓ do	42/5281E ✓	1917 ✓	do		
✓ 67th Bn	1/224E ✓	1917 ✓	do		
✓ do	3/1199 E ✓	1917 ✓	do		
✓ do	3 / 1272E ✓	1917 ✓	do		
✓ do	8/1653E ✓	1917 ✓	do		
✓ do	12/1872E ✓	1917 ✓	do		
✓ do	31E ✓	1917 ✓	do		

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted in Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c  
 (17591.) Wt. W 1887-P 1124. 1,000,000. 6/18. D & S. Form B/103. (E. 1256.)

