

LANCE CORPORAL CLAUDE VIVIAN RADFORD – ANGASTON

First World War

Claude Vivian Radford was born in Angaston on 25 May 1891 to parents Hermon and Mary Radford.

His father, Hermon, was in his late sixties when Claude was born and died in 1898 when his son was just 7 years old.

Claude attended the local school in Angaston and was involved in football, tennis and cricket. Claude worked as a carpenter with J&A Wishart in Angaston.

Claude enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F) on 29 February 1916, aged 24 years and 9 months and was sent to Egypt and posted to the 50th battalion, becoming a member of the machine-gun section.

Shortly after arriving on the Western front, fighting around Mouquet Farm, the 50th Battalion took heavy shell-fire and Claude was evacuated with shell shock.

After his recovery, he returned to his battalion.

In early 1917, Claude was promoted to Lance Corporal after the village of Noreuil was taken into Australian Hands.

Claude was killed in action at Messines Ridge, Belgium on 10 June 1917, aged 26 years.

Lance Corporal Claude Radford's body was never recovered and his name is recorded on the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing in Ypres, Belgium.

Lest We Forget.

