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No. 544 Private.
McEwan James Craig.

2nd Btn

8.8.15.

Killed in action
(Father) Mr J. McEwan^e

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier *James Kerrig McEwen*
2. Unit and Number (if known) *2nd Battalion A. I. F. - C. Company*
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
Town (if any) *Levesal Place* District *Tamworth* State *Queensland*
4. What was his Birthplace *Stewarton Parish - County of Ayr Scotland*
5. Date of Death *8. 8. 15*
6. Place where killed *undated*

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling *Dairy Farmers Servant*
2. Age at time of Death *23 years*
3. What was his School *Stewarton Public School*
4. What was his other Training *None*
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia *Britain Age 18 years*
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) *No*
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—

Reported Twice Wounded

8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)— *No*

9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
Name *James McEwen*
Relationship to Soldier *Father*
Address *Albra View, Troon, Ayrshire, Scotland*

10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
Name *Mr Swain*
Address *Loonoo Loonoo Road, Via Tamworth, N.S.W.*

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NOTE—... CARES

Avenue House,

Stewarton. 24.6.15.

I have much pleasure in bearing my testimony to the character of Mr McEwen, for many years farmer in our Parish, quite in my neighbourhood. I knew Mr McEwen as a hard working, steady, and able farmer.

Mrs McEwen and daughters were recognised as most capable dairywomen. The boys were well-behaved steady lads, and promised to make able men. The children were all educated under me, and were very intelligent and well-behaved boys and girls. I had great pleasure in teaching them. I shall be very pleased to hear of Mr McEwen's success in his application for his own as well as for his families' sake.

(Signed)

A. LESLIE WATT.

Stewarton.

*A. Leslie Watt Deed since this was
Given*

*father of
Mr McEwen*

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I have known Mr James McEwen for the last twenty-one years. I knew him first in Ayrshire—Stewarton parish. There he was held in high esteem and much trusted by the whole countryside, and was an elder of the Church.

When he left Ayrshire he went to my own native parish of Lanark, where again, as I had unique opportunities of knowing, he was greatly liked and respected. In a word, he is a man of most excellent character, upright and honourable in all his dealings.

He is a man of brains and of hands,— a capable farmer, careful and diligent—and knowledgable both with regard to land and stock.

(Signed) THOS. CASSELS.

Wellpark Manse.

Greenock.

24 June 1915.

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