

Attestation & Military Records

1.	Name:	STAPLES James, Francis
2.	Service/reference number:	4374
3.	Branch of Armed Forces:	Infantry
4.	Unit/s:	29th Infantry Battalion 11th Reinforcement
5.	Brigade:	8th Brigade, 5th Division A.I.F.
6.	Rank:	Private/Lance-Corporal
7.	Age at Enlistment:	27
8.	Service occupation:	Infantry
9.	Civil occupation:	Labourer
10.	Cause of death:	Natural Causes
11.	Medals, Honours, Awards:	Croix de Guerre [Belgian Decoration]
		British War Medal
		Victory Medal
12.	Gender:	Male
13.	Height:	5' 10"
14.	Weight:	170lbs
15.	Chest:	36"/40"
16.	Complexion:	Dark
17.	Eye colour:	Blue
18.	Hair colour:	Brown
19.	Religion:	Anglican
20.	Identifying feature/s:	Dental – Teeth require attention (upper)
21.	Address:	Cooma, New South Wales
22.	Appointment:	Promoted to the rank of Lance-Corporal on 07/06/1918
23.	Battle/s:	The Battle of Polygon Wood
24.	Birth:	13th October 1886
25.	Burial/Cemetery:	
26.	Civilian Employer:	
27.	Death:	09th September 1969
28.	Discharged:	29th May 1919
29.	Disembarkation:	16th February 1919 (H.T. 'Takada')
30.	Embarkation:	03rd November 1916 (HMAT A19 'Afric')
31.	Enlistment:	30th May 1916
32.	Illness:	
33.	Married:	Single
34.	Memorial:	Plaque in the NSW Garden of Remembrance
35.	Missing in Action:	
36.	Combat Wounds:	Wounded in action (GSW right leg – fractured patella severe) 29/07/1918.
37.	Previous Military Service:	
38.	Prisoner of War:	
39.	Return to Australia:	24th December 1918