

Obituary

Corporal Arthur Hanel

Born: 18 July 1880, Robe SA

Died: 22 May 1922, Keswick SA

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Obituary.—The death occurred at the Keswick military hospital on Monday night of Corporal Arthur Hanel, another victim of illness contracted whilst in the service of his country. The deceased soldier was a native and life-long resident of Millicent, where he was born 41 years ago. He was the third son of the late Mr Chas. Hanel and of Mrs Jessie Hanel, of Millicent North. Up to the time of the great war he was engaged in farming and grazing operations in this district. He was amongst the earliest of the volunteers, and was attached to the 27th battalion, which had a long and strenuous period of active service in France. Corporal Hanel was twice wounded, but returned to his battalion after each occasion. He was in France when the armistice was signed, and was retained for duty in England for about a year afterwards, and on the voyage home, after five years of military service, he became ill, the malady developing into paralysis of the spine. He was able to get home to Millicent, but his ill health continued for nine months, when he had to enter the local hospital. Three months later he was removed from there to the Keswick hospital, and remained there, a helpless invalid, for nine months prior to his death. Corporal Hanel was popular amongst his associates, but the wave of sadness caused by the news of his death was tempered by the knowledge that it had ended the great physical suffering that had been so long and patiently endured. The remains were brought to Millicent for interment yesterday afternoon. Corporal Hanel's comrades of the A.I.F. accorded him a military funeral. To the number of 25 or 30, they headed the funeral cortege, wearing uniform and with rifles reversed. At the graveside a military salute was fired, and Bugler Vic. Willshire sounded the "Last Post." Amongst the A.I.F. forces present in uniform were Captain F. M. White, Flight-Lieut. Ralph Skitch, and Lieut. Bratchell. The Rev. Mr Duncan, of the Presbyterian Church, conducted an impressive service at the graveside, in the presence of a very large gathering of mourners. In the town flags were flown at half-mast throughout the afternoon. Mr W. A. Campbell was the funeral director. A brother of the deceased, Private Victor Hanel, was killed in Palestine