

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

**98 Private**  
**James Henry Bonella**  
**2nd Machine Gun Battalion**



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A.I.F. 8th Machine Gun Coy.  
2nd Machine Gun Battn.  
late 21st Battn. *not in m.c.*

BONELLA  
J.H. 98.

"DIED OF WOUNDS 24/5/18"

Adm. 26th Gen. Hpl.

Died of Wounds 24/5/18.

Cert. by Hpl. Index and A.I.F. Hqs List 9/7/18.

London  
10/7/18.

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*G.M.G. Coy.  
2nd M.G. Bn.*  
late 21st Battn. A. I. F.

BONELLA Pte. J.H.  
98.

"Died of Wounds. 24.5.18."

Re Pte. Bonella, he was admitted here on 20.5.18., suffering from severe Gunshot wounds of left thigh and left leg. He underwent an operating on 21.5.18. with good result, and eventually considered a suitable case for evacuation to the U.K.

In the evening of 24.5.18. he had a sudden attack of Heart Failure, from which he died at 8.5. p.m.

He was buried the following day in the British Military Cemetery at Etaples, according to the rites of the Baptist Religion, and his personal effects were despatched to the Australian Section, G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon, B.E.F. for transmission to the next-of-kin, on 29.5.18.

Letter from:- O.C.  
26th Gen. Hospital,  
Etaples.

London.  
17.7.18.

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28:10:16

"Missing"

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The Secretary  
A.A.W.

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31 OCT 1918

Australian Branch

British Red Cross Society

54 Victoria Street

London S.W.

No. 38 Pte J.H. Bonella

In reply to yours of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. I have  
to report that this soldier is still with  
this Unit. He was reported "missing" but  
subsequently rejoined his Unit.  
He was now taken prisoner nor was he  
in fact "missing in action".

P. Duggan M.  
21<sup>st</sup> Battalion

M.  
3 copies

O. C. Draft-

10-7-18

O. C.

26<sup>th</sup> General Hospital

B. E. 3

98. P<sup>t</sup> J. H. Bonello

~~6<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Coy. A.S. 8~~

~~2<sup>nd</sup> Machine Gun Bn~~

not 2<sup>nd</sup> In. G. Coy

1<sup>st</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Bn. A.S. 2.

2 of 10

24-5-18

D/W. Oct. 1/17. Det.D./B.  
K. Nov. 6/17. Det.D./B.  
K. Oct. 27/17. Det.D./B.  
K. Nov. 6/17. Det.D./B.  
K. Nov. 9/17. Det.D./B.  
M. Mar. 21/18.  
M. Mar. 21/18.  
K. Oct. 27/17. Det.D./B.  
K. Nov. 7/17. Det.D./B.  
K. Sept. 19/17. Det.D./B.  
K. Sept. 19/17. Det.D./B.  
W. and M. Oct. 4/17.  
W. and M. Nov. 6/17.  
D/W. April 22/18. Det.D./B.

K. Oct. 4/17. Det.D./B.  
K. Oct. 4/17. Det.D./B.  
D. Nov. 13/17. Det.D./B.  
K. April 15/18. Det.D./B.  
K. Oct. 4/17. Det.D./B.  
K. April 4/18. Det.D./B.  
D/W. April 26/18. Det.D./B.  
K. April 4/18. Det.D./B.  
K. Oct. 4/17. Det.D./B.  
K. Oct. 4/17. Det.D./B.  
K. April 14/18. Det.D./B.  
K. April 12/18. Det.D./B.  
K. Oct. 4/17. Det.D./B.  
K. April 14/18. Det.D./B.  
K. April 14/18. Det.D./B.  
D/W. Oct. 5/17. Det.D./B.  
K. Oct. 4/17. Det.D./B.

The Adjutant

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 1916.

2<sup>nd</sup> Btn  
A.I.F.

Dear Sir

We have on two occasions received reply paid cables from Melbourne asking for information about Lt Col. At James Henry Bonfilla, 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn A.I.F. We have had several conflicting reports about him that he was missing and then prisoner and was held prisoner in October 1916 that he is with his unit. Will you let us know if this is so, so that we may send on the good news to Melbourne?

With a apology thanking you in anticipation  
Yours faithfully.

Coy. Name. No.  
25th Batta.

|                  |        |            |
|------------------|--------|------------|
| Roberts, D.B.    |        | 19.7.16.   |
| Robertson, J.    |        | 1.8.16.    |
| Reese, W.        |        | 19.7.16.   |
| Ronson, J.       |        | do.        |
| Ryan, M.J.       |        | do.        |
| Sams, V.L.       | 1748.  | do.        |
| Sankay, J.J.     | 1996.  | do.        |
| Seard, J.J.      | 2036a. | do.        |
| Sinn, J.B.       | 3214.  | do.        |
| Smith, F.M.G.    | 1574.  | do.        |
| Smith, R.O.      | 3219.  | do.        |
| Smith, S.O.      | 3217.  | do.        |
| Stevens, J.G.    | 1755.  | do.        |
| Stodart, F.G.    | 751.   | do.        |
| Street, J.R.     | 746.   | do.        |
| Turner, A.W.     | 250.   | do.        |
| Turner, F.E.     | 2021.  | M.5.8.16.  |
| Walden, A.B.     | 2018.  | do.        |
| Walker, H.J.     | 259.   | do.        |
| Watson, G.H.     | 777.   | M.29.7.16. |
| Watson, G.       | 1013.  | M.5.8.16.  |
| Whitpaine, O.    | 275.   | M.29.7.16. |
| Wilson, E.       | 765.   | do.        |
| Winstone, A.E.F. | 1022.  | M.5.8.16.  |
| Wright, A.       | 2017.  | do.        |
| Yanson, G.S.     | 522.   | M.29.7.16. |

26th Batta.

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|---------------|-------|-----------|
| Adams, C.E.   | 2010. | M.5.8.16. |
| Adams, R.A.   | 3461. | do.       |
| Armstrong, H. | 1042. | do.       |
| Black, J.V.   | 244.  | M.5.8.16. |
| Bound, J.     | 1764. | do.       |

Coy. Name. No.  
26th Batta.

Brown, G.R.  
Campbell, J.  
Campbell, W.H.  
Carno, S.V.  
Clennett, H.C.  
Cole, G.  
Corcoran, F.  
Donaghue, P.D.  
Doyle, T.F.  
Duffy, C.C.

Dwyer, W.J.  
Edwards, H.  
Farrelly, J.P.  
Graham, D.J.  
Griddle, A.O.  
Hargreaves, H.  
Herbert, W.R.  
Holmes, L.L.  
Holmyard, H.  
Horsey, H.M.J.  
Hull, F.A.O.  
Hyde, P.  
Jackson, J.  
Jones, P.  
A. Leighton, F.S.  
Lewis, W.H.  
MacDonald, A.  
McArthur, J.O.  
McCabe, J.  
McGuinness, O.  
Merrick, P.M.  
Malno, W.B.