

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2615 Lance Corporal
Francis James Blain**

32nd Battalion



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A.I.P. 52nd Bn

NEATH
P.J. 2615

"D/W. July Det: D.B."

Died of wounds 61st C.O.S. 25-7-18 - S.W. hip, left buttock, thigh
& arm, buried Vignacourt British Cemetery 8 miles N.W. Amiens
Cert. by Hpl Index & A.I.P. Regs 2-10-18.

London
3-10-18

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Avre.

26th. October. 1918.

32nd. Australians.

Blain, F. J 2615.

D/S. July. 25/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew L/Corporal Blain, A. 1. but attached to H.Q. working on the Water Tanks.. I was told that he died of wounds at No. 61. C.C.S. at Vignacourt in July. I was wounded and going through the station at the time. He is buried in the Military Cemetery there.

Inf:- Private. O. A. Michalanney. 5032.
32nd. Australians. A. 2.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

OP.

32nd Battn. A.I.F.

Blain
T.J. No. 2615.

Died of Wounds 25.7.18.

Of A. Compy., 1st Platoon. On 24th July out from Heilly during the night. He was on ration fatigue, when hit by piece of shell, abdomen wound. He was taken to D/Stn. and died at 61st C.C.S. Was buried in Military Cemetery from this C.C.S., I have seen his grave, cross erected. Was an Englishman and a I/Cpl. I did not see him after he was wounded.

Informant:- Sgt. R.E. Hyman,
32nd Battn., A. Coy,
1st Platoon,
3rd A.A.H.,
Harefield.

A.D.G.
25.10.18.
London,
31.10.18.
J.E.A.

P.

32th Battn.
A.I.F.

BLAIN
F.J. 2615

"DIED OF WOUNDS 25-7-18"

Admitted 61 C.C.S. 24-7-18

Disability - Shell Wounds
Forearm, left. (Fractured Ulna)
Hip, left.
Buttock & Thigh, left.

Died - 10.20 a.m. 25-7-18

Buried - 26-7-18

Letter from O/C
61st Casualty Clearing Station
B.E.F.
10-10-18

London
1.11.18

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32nd Battn.
A.I.F.

BLAIN.
P.J. 2615.

"Died of Wounds 25-7-18"

I was at the 61st C.C.S. in July, when L/Cpl Blain (32.A.) was brought in wounded. He died there, and was buried at Vignacourt in the Military Cemetery, close to the C.C.S. I saw his grave. I heard that he was wounded by a shell while out on fatigue. This happened right behind the line.

Eye-Witness:- He saw his grave.

Description:- From England, tall and fair, wounded at Ypres last year and in England for

Home address:- nine months.

Yeldham Buildings

Yeldham Road.

Hammersmith. London.

Informant:- Long. Wm.R.4314.Pts.
(quite intelligent)

32nd Battalion.A.I.F.

A.111.

3rd S.G.H. Town Hall.

OXFORD.

Hilda.M.Pickard-Cambridge.

London.

7-11-18.

J.E.A.

P.

O.C. Draft.

3.10.78

To the

O.C.

6th Casualty Clearing Station
B.S.F.

2615. Pte J. Blain.

32nd Battalion

As per F.O.

Disd. Wounded.

25.7.18.

Jm W.

cemetery.

I was wounded same time and came home, going out again in Jul

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RECEIVED
13 SEP 1918
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

Any Nickname? _____ Christian Name? _____

Any Tattoo Marks? _____ Scars? _____

When last seen, and where? at the time Date Apr. 22/18.

Was it light or dark at the time? light

If killed, was body buried, and where? as above

Engagement or Circumstance? do. Place? Nr. Albert.

Was the ground held or not? held

Were you an eye-witness? yes

If not, who told you, and when? _____

Give man's No. and Rank, if possible } _____

Any other man of same name in Battln.? _____

Searcher's opinion of Informant Quite all right.

Searcher's Name Edward E. Holt Evans.

Dated 9/9/18. PB

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J. J. Blain:

Admitted to C.C.S. 24.7.18

Disability Shell Wounds

Forearm L (fractured)

Hip L.

Buttock & Thigh L.

Died 10.20 am 25.7.18

Buried 26.7.18.

No. 61 C.C.S.

10 OCT. 1918

H. J. Blain
Lt. Col. R.A.M.C.
Comdr. No. 61 Casualty Clearing Station

2615
J. J. Blain
32 Battalion
D of W 25.7.18

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO

"THE SECRETARY."

WOUNDED AND MISSING

— ENQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



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36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

The O.C.

*61st Casualty Clearing Station.
B.S.F.*

3.10.18.

2615. Pte F.J. Blain. 32nd Battalion A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 25.7.18. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Ths. W.

Secretary.