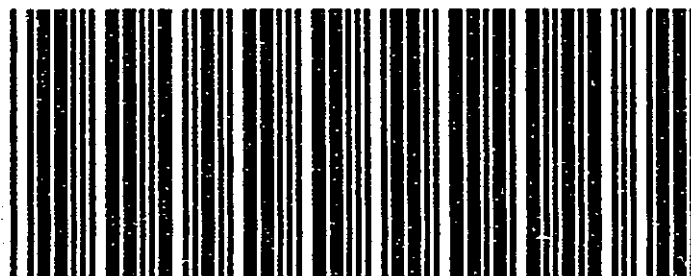


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William David Baldie**

24th Battalion



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Letter Section

24th. Bn "D" Coy

BALDIE
2/Lieut. W.D.

K.I.A. 5-10-18.

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He was about 5' 8" high, dark complexion, clean shaven, thin, about 33 years of age and a very cheery disposition.

Informant : 762 A. Judd Ste. J.P.
24th. Bn.
C/o Mrs. Eastcott.
Churchill St.
Maryborough. Victoria.

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London.
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24th Btn.

BALDIE, W. D.
2nd Lieut.

K. in act. 5/10/18

During the attack on Montbrehain at 6.15 a.m. on October 5th, 1918, the Casualty occurred while we were advancing on the extreme left flank on the outskirts of the village, when a shell burst right amongst several men of his section including Lieut. Baldie, a piece of shell hit him on the head and he was killed instantly. I was with the next section about 25 yards to the right and a little to the rear at the time. We had to continue on and I am positive he was absolutely killed outright. I also saw his body about two hours later. He is buried and cross erected at Montbrehain Military Cemetery, Map Reference Sheet 62 B. C 25. C 31. He was of medium build, dark complexion, about 25 years of age, and came away with 19th Reinforcements from Melbourne on "Ascanius". He was of cheerful disposition and well liked."

Private address:-
409 Eyre Street,
Ballarat.

Informant:- Cpl. F. Saffin,
No. 6388.

C.R. Sweeny.
H.M.A.S. "Chemnitz"
5/9/19.

24th Battn.

BALDIE
2/Lieut. W.D.

"Killed in Action 5/10/18."

At 10 a.m. on the morning of the 5th October, about 3 Kilos behind Montebrehain, I saw Baldie about 3 yards away hit through the head, and killed instantly by a bullet.

He was buried with others of the 24th Battn. A cross made from Fritz Ammunition Boxes, with his name inscribed on it and placed where he was buried.

Lieut Baldie was tall, about 5ft 11in. 28 years, came from Western Victoria, known to the boys as Baldie, came over on the "Ascanius" 4th May 1917.

Informant:- 6814

R. ELLIS

24th Battn.

Home Address:- P. O. South Melbourne.

G. R. TILBURN
H.M.A.T. "Ceramic"
27/8/19.

A.I.F. 24th Battn.

BALDIE
William David
2/Lieut.

Killed in action 5.10.18

Buried Montbrehain Cem D. Row Grave 9 Plot 2
Lt Speddings List

London
30.5.19

P.T.

A. I. F. 24th Btn

BALDIE
2/Lt. M. David

"Dtls 2/3 photo"

Killed in action 5-10-18 - no burial report
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 15-2-19.

London
17-2-19

P.I.

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The Salvation Army
With the Australian Expeditionary Forces

W. BRANWELL BOOTH, General

JAMES HAY, Commissioner

Australian

National Headquarters:

99 Bourke Street, Melbourne

9th Feb. 1919

The Secretary.

Aust. Red Cross Society.

Dear Sir.

Will you kindly obtain particulars, for me, concerning the death and burial of Lieut W. Balder 24th Battalion A.I.F.

His sister, Mrs A. W. Leaned, desires a photograph of his grave and has asked me to see about having some sent to her.

Thanking you in anticipation

yours truly

No 36853.

L. J. P. Gouett

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Dental Clinic

No 1 Aust. Con. Depot

Haure, France.

February 28th, 1919.

36853 Gnr. L. J. B. Govett.
Dental Clinic.
No 1 Aust. Conval. Depot.
E. F.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry on behalf of Mrs. A. W. Govett for details of the death and burial of her brother 2/Lieut. W. D. BALDIE, 24th Battalion, A.I.F. We beg to inform you that he has been officially reported killed in action on 5.10.18. We have put his name on our enquiry lists, and will do our best to obtain particulars. We will advise you as soon as we succeed. In regard to your wish for a photograph of the grave, we advise you to write direct to the Graves Dept,

A.I.F. Headquarters.
130 Horseferry Road, S.W.1.

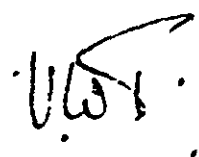
giving them at the same time a permanent address, as it may be several months before a copy is available.

Please convey our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Govett in her great loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.



June 4th, 1919.

36853 Mr. L. J. B. Goyett,
2nd Group. No 1 Command Depot
Sutton Yony. Wilton.

Dear Sir,

We beg to advise you that 2/Lieut. WILLIAM
DAVID BALDIE, 24th Battalion. A.I.F. who was killed in
action on 8.10.18 is now officially reported to be
buried in the Cemetery at Montbrehain, which is 9 miles
N of St. Quentin, the map reference of the grave being
Row D grave 2, Plot 2.

We hope that it may be some consolation
to his sister to know that his grave is registered and that
it is being cared for.

Please assure her of your sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

vwp
(Miss)

SECRETARY.

24th Battn.

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K/A. 5.10.18

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Informant:-762A

Pte. J.P. Judd
24th Battn.

private Address :- C/o Mrs Eastcott
Churchill Street,
MARYBOROUGH Wic.

H.L. Playdell
H.M.A.T. "Persic"
29/8/19.