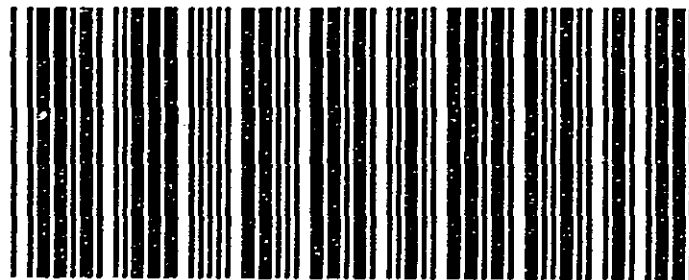


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**5411 Private  
William Douglas  
Hawkins**

**15th Battalion**



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HAWKINS, W.D. 5411.

K. February 1st, 1917.

He was in my Coy and Battrn(A.I). I think his people live in Kent and if I had their address I would write them with details. I tried to find their address. Cpl. Jack Henderson of A.IV (formerly in A.I) up line told me he was with Hawkins when he was shot through head by a sniper and killed instantly at Quidecourt on night of February 1/E, 1917. All got bombed out of the trench an hour or two later so that his body had to be left there. We regained ground about a month later and held it.

PHE.

Reference:- Lt. B.W.Simon. A.Coy.  
L/C School.

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17.1.18.

A.I.P. 15

HAWKINS, W.D. 5411

K.Feb.1st.1917. Det:

I knew him. I can only tell you that he was shot through the head at Fiers. We were attacking the Germans strong point when he got killed. I do not know where he is buried.

Informant: Cpl.A.H.Hew. 4567

No. 1 C.O.

BOULOGNE. 23.5.17.

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March 27<sup>th</sup> 1917

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29 MAR 1917

Dear Sir,

Would it be

possible for you to give  
me any particulars about  
my brother to 5411.

Pte. W. D. Hawkins. A. Coy.  
15<sup>th</sup> Batt: Australian Imperial  
Force. He has been missing  
since February 1<sup>st</sup> 1917.  
believed killed.



2 The Australian Head-  
quarters cannot tell us  
anything beyond believed  
killed. He was twenty  
three years old the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept-  
1916. I should be very  
grateful to you if you could  
let me know

I remain

Yours truly

Winifred Hawkins

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Miss W. Hawkins  
Warwick House  
Tadstone

about

5411 W.D. Hawkins  
15<sup>th</sup> Bn.

The Australian Red Cross Society  
(B.R.C.S.)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No.

7389

Date

July 27 1918.

Regimental Details of  
Soldier enquired about.

No. 3736,  
Sgt. F. H. Lovell,  
4.8th Battalion

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Details of Casualty.

{ Wounded

Information wanted.

{ Location & Condition

Information obtained.

Final Draft to.

Miss W. Hawthorn

Worwick House

Maidstone

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5411 Hawthorn W. D.

15 Bm.

29/9/19



Information obtained  
locally (if any) or from  
letters.

Enquiry included in  
W.S.M. Cable

Enquiry included in  
Deferred Cable

Name and Address of  
Enquirer

Relation of Enquirer to  
Enquiree.

State if Next-of-Kin.

No. 129 of 29th May 18

Mrs Christensen  
326 - Rye Road  
W. Cederwille

(Mother)

Yes. On cards Henry Heig Secretary.  
M. R. D.

Warwick House  
Tonbridge Rd  
Maidstone.

10<sup>th</sup> June 1917

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To The Secretary,  
Wounded & Missing  
Enquiry Bureau.

Dear Sir or Madam.

I received your  
letter last evening in which  
you gave me the particulars of  
my Brother's death No 5411 Pte  
W. D. Hawkins, for which I thank  
you very much. It is indeed  
a great relief to know that  
he suffered no pain and I.

am most-grateful to all  
who has taken part in  
finding out for me.

I remain,

Yours Gratefully

Winifred Hawkins.

8th June 1917.

Miss W Hawkins,  
Warwick House,  
Maidstone.

Dear Madam,

We have now received from - No.4567 Cpl A.H. Hew,  
an unofficial report on the death of your brother No.5411  
Pte W.D.Hawkins, 15th Btn, A.I.F.

Informant, who on May 23rd was in No. 1 Canadian  
General Hospital, B.E.F., says that your brother was shot  
through the head at Fiers, in an attack against a German  
strong point, death being instantaneous. Unfortunately he  
cannot tell us where he was buried.

We are pursuing all possible inquiries and will advise  
you immediately of any further details that we receive as we  
fully appreciate your anxiety.

Trusting that it will be a consolation to know that he  
suffered no pain and assuring you of our deep sympathy in your loss

Yours faithfully, V/L

SECRETARY.  
V/L