

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
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**3602 Private
William Henry Lamond**

51st Battalion



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To
2/cpl Stedman
III Platoon B. Co.

51 Battery
a. i. f.

about
3602 Ft W. H. Leonard
a. Co

51 Battery
a. i. f.

To July 1 / 18

written 2.10.18
mrs.

51st Battn
A.I.F.

LAMOND,
Will Henry 3602

"WOUNDED"

Adm. 56th Gen. Hpl. 6.4.18. = G.S.W. Leg.
Cert. by Hpl. Index.

Discharged No. 5 Convalescent Depot 10.4.18. No further
report.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 4.5.18.

London.
6.5.18.

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A. I. F. 51st Bn.

LAMOND, W. H. 3602.

K. July 1/18. Det.D/B.

About July 1st between 10.0 and 11.0 p.m. we were in support trench in front of Hamelst and just behind Hamel, when a shell burst right on the trench. I did not actually see it burst as I was in a bay about 20 yards further along. However, I went along the trench to the spot at once and saw Lamond lying there dead. He must have been killed practically instantaneously, as he had not spoken at all. The S/Bs were close at hand and carried him out of the area. Three other men were wounded by the same shell but they managed to walk out. We were relieved on the 3rd and those who took over from us advanced and took Hamel. Lamond belonged to A.Coy. and was a Lewis Machine Gunner. I had known him for about 2 months. He was of medium height, dark, with a black moustache.

Reference: Sgmr.H.Walker, 2750, A.Coy. H.Q.

No.12 General, Rouen, 25.9.18.

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A. I. F. 51st Bn.

LAMOND, W. H. 3602.

K. July 1/18. Det.D/B.

He was my step-brother and was killed in Hamel. I have made all enquiries and have satisfied myself as to what occurred. I have written home. He was in a fire bay with 3 other men and had just finished carrying rations when Fritz sent over 3 whizz-bangs, the 3 one falling right in the trench. It wounded the other 3 men and killed Lamond. It was 1.15 a.m. when this happened. The S/Bs buried him near the Church at Hamlet.

Reference: Pte.C.H.Moss, 750,

Cyclists Base Depot, Rouen, 26.9.18.

GPO.

51st Battn. A.I.
A.I.F.

W.H. LAMOND.
3602.

"Killed in Action 1-7-18"

I saw him killed by a H.E. shell instantly through the heart in front of Hamel. Was in supports. Was in a machine Gun Taken by S/Bs and buried in Hamaletta. Enlisted W. Australia. About 40 5ft 10. thick set and fair.

Informant:- Pte Pember. W.C.S. 3193.

51st Battn. A.I.

No I Command Depot.
SUTTON VENY,

E.T. Carter.
London.
27-9-18.
S.A.

P.

51st Battn.
A.I.F.

LAMOND
W.H. 3602

"Killed 1-7-18"

He was in A.Coy., and was A/Cpl. at time of casualty, when I saw him killed near Hamel. He walked a few yds. when hit, then dropped dead. I was on duty at the time, and could not go over to him. The others told me his neck was broken, evidently from concussion of shell that landed beside him. He was talking to 2 other boys at the time at his dug-out, and they were both wounded. I cannot remember their names. Casualty happened about 5 in the evening of 1-7-18. I knew him fairly well, but do not know from which state he came. He was a married man. I cannot give any details of burial, but he was sure to be buried as we were in supports at the time. Refer to Cpl. G. Haywood, A.Coy. 51st Battn., who is now in France, for he, I think, may know details of burial.

Informant. Briggs. Pte. F. 3788

A.Coy. 51st Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W. Oman
London
2-10-18

Note:- Written Cpl. Haywood. 28-9-18.

Letter returned marked "not with unit" 4.10.18.

51st Batta.
A.I.F.

W.H.

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LEMOND.
3602. Pte.

"Killed in Action 1-7-18"

I knew Pte LemonD was killed by a shell in the support line at Hamel on July 1st 1918. He was buried at the Military cemetery attached to the church at Hamalet. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- No.

Description:- Short, thick set, dark moustache, "Billy".

Home address:-

C/O Mrs Patful.

Magill Road.

Magill.N.S.W.

Informant:- Denman, Albert Edward 13735. Pte
(Intelligent & Accurate)

51st Batta. A.I.F. B.7.

Ford House Hpl.

DEVONPORT.

G.N. Jackson.

London.

10-10-18.

J.E..

Note:- Written L/Cpl Stedman. 22-10-18.

P.

51st Batta.
A.I.F.

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LEMOND.
W.H. 3602. Pte.

"Killed in Action 1-7-18"

LemonD was hit in the heart and killed instantaneously by shrapnel. He is buried in Church yard at Hamalet near Hamel and a cross is put up to him. Killed in front line,

Eye-Witness:- Not of actual death, but saw his just after. Witnessed his burial.

Home address:-

Informant:- Jackson, Thomas. 1945, Pte.
(Intelligent & Accurate)

51st A.I.F. H.Q.

11 Pennsylvania Hpl.

EXETER.

P.

M. Kestell-Cornish.

London.

10-10-18.

J.E.S.

51st Battn.
A.I.F.

LAMOND
W.H. 3602

"Killed in Action 1-7-18"

Re Pte.W.H.Lamond, 3602. I am very sorry to say it is only too true he was killed at Hamlet on th 2-7-18. He had just returned to the Battn. after being wounded. He was killed by a shell which was put into the trench by Fritz. Death was instantaneous. He is buried in the Cemetery in Hamlet, at the foot of the spire. His wife's name and address is:- Mrs.E.W. Lamond, 75, Fairfield Street, Mount Hawthorn, Perth, W.Australia. He was short, rather thick set, also had a moustache.

Letter from:- Steadman. L/Cpl.E. 3444
FRANCE. 11-10-18.

London
22-10-18
J.E.D.

P.

A.I.F. 51st Battn.

LAMOND
W.H.3602.(L/Gnr.)

"Killed 1/7/18."

I was in the trench at Hamel Supports about 15 yards away from Lamond when a shell came over and killed Lamond, wounding three others. He was taken out and buried at Hamlet. The ground was held. Death was instantaneous. Description:- Short, stout - medium complexion.

Informant:- 3390 Pte. Gavin Hamilton, (Intelligent)
A. Coy, 1. Pltn. *51st Bn.*
Ford House Hospital,
Plymouth.

Home address:-
Johnston Street,
Collie. W. Australia.

F.A. Wyatt.
London
13.11.18.
H.G.

P.

A.I.F. 51st Battn.

LAMOND

W.H. 3602.Pte.

"Killed 1/7/18."

I Charles Heleus Radburn, knew William H. Lamond very well; he was a Sergeant, but in what Co., or Platoon I do not remember as he was not in my battalion. Exactly how he was killed I cannot say, but, on or about the 6th or 7th August I was in Corbie with my (16th) Battalion; we were at the time moving up to our line just outside Ia Hamel, and at Hamlet, about two miles out of Corbie, I saw his grave. It is situated in a little yard (which probably now forms part of the churchyard), just behind the Church there. It is marked with a cross with his name on. The ground was held. He was a sturdy fellow, medium height - hair neither fair nor dark.

Informant:- A6768 Pte. Charles Heleus Radburn, (very satisfactory.)
16th Battn. D. Coy.
15. Platoon.

Stirchley Section
1st S.General Hospital,
Birmingham.

Home address:-
Subiaco,
Western Australia.

H.E. Ekin.
London
14.11.18.
H.G.

P.

A.I.F. 51st Btn.

LAMOND

W.H. 3602

"Killed 1/7/18."

I knew W.H. Lamond well. He was a great friend of mine. We came over in the same battalion. He was killed on July 1st at a little village near Corbie on the Somme, I think it was called Hamlet. He had just returned from a wiring party when a shell struck him; he was hit in the chest and head. Death was instantaneous. He was buried in the village cemetery just behind reserve trenches, where we were before the 21st July attack. The ground was held.

Informant:- 3600 Pte. A.H. Bruce
51st Battn.
Cheerbrook Hospital,
Nantwich.

Home address:-
200 Lake Street,
Perth,
W. Australia.

R.M. Munn.
London
14.11.18.
H.G.

P.

Havre

24th Sept 1918.

Australians. 51.

Lamond W.H. No. 3602.

K. 1st July 1918 Det D/B.

He was killed by a shell in front of Hamel. He was in the same trench as I was. I did not see him killed, but I saw his body afterwards when the Pioneers were taking it away for burial. Sergt Tunnicliffe of the 51st Battn H.Q. one of the Pioneers will be able to say exactly where he was buried. Lamond was of medium height, and thick-set and had a dark moustache, and was an H.C.O. in the reinforcements.

Inf:- Sergt W. Riley No. 3926.

A. I. F. 51. A. III.
Hospital Ship.

WSM.

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30, GROSVENOR PLACE
LONDON, S.W. 1.



MC

Cpl G. Hargrave

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TO SENDER

A. Co.

*5th Infantry Division
Australian Imperial Force*

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London
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5th Div
4/10/18
1918

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

*Cpl G. Haywood
A. Co
51st Batt
A.I.F.*

28.9.18

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Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

3602 Pte W. H. Lamond 51st Batt - A.I.F.

who is reported killed July 1. 18

and have been told that you may be able to help us by
supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can
send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially
to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the
field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be
registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short
description of his personal appearance or any points that
might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number,
as without these particulars delay and confusion might be
caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have
written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Letter not addressed

7.11.18

Secretary.

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pc. 16.10.18
J.E.D.

3602
W.H. Diamond
5th Bn
K.M.A. 7.18

Somewhere in France

cd 11/10/18

Dear Miss Deakin

your letter to hand dated 2/10/18
re enquiry of Pte W H Diamond, No 3602, I
am very sorry to say it is only too true. he was killed at
Ypres on the 5/7/18 he had just returned to the
Battalion after being wounded. he was killed by a shell
which was put into the trench by Fritz's death was
instantaneous. he is buried in the cemetery in Ypres at
the foot of the spire. his wife's name & address is
Mrs E W Diamond

75 Fairfield St. Hawthorn
Melb. Perth W. A.

Description

Short rather thick set also had a
mustache. I hope this letter meets with your
requirements if not just let me know & I will
get further particulars. we both went into the
line together & there is no doubt about him
being killed. it is only too true.

Yours faithfully
J.E.D. C. Stedman J/Cpl
No 3602