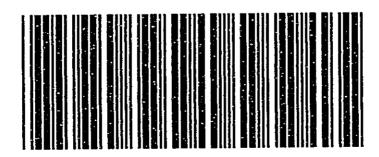
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"Died of illness"

He was admitted to this hospital on 24th Nov. 1916 and died on the morning of 26th. He had been at Holywood Convalescent Hospital for some time previously the onset of his illness was very sudden. On admission he was semi-conscious, but was able to take fluid nourishment. His relatives were sent for and a lady who told me she was his step-mother came to see him and remained with him to the end. He suffered no pain but sank into deeper unconsciousness and departed peacefully on the morning of 26th November. The Sister whom I appointed as special nurse was most devoted in her attentions to him and is now on active service in Mesopotamia. I regret that I cannot give further details as he was only about 30 hours under my charge. He had the best medical Officer in Hospital looking after him but the case was hopeless and nothing that we could do could save him. I watched by his bead for some time before he died and he looked as peaceful as a sleeping child.

Cert. by letter from M.Flynn, (Matron) Wilitary Hospital,

Victoria Barracks, Belfast, 10,2,17,

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To have just received an inquiry for particulars of his sufferings and death from his people in Brisbane and they will greatly appreciate all that you can tell us.

With many apologies for troubling you.

Yours faithfully.

P.M. C.A. W.

Secretary.

Feb.12th.1917.

The Matron.
Military Hospital
Belfast.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 10th. Inst, I wish to thenk you most gratefully, for answering so promptly and fully, our inquiries re the late 410. Pte. J. Leathron, 42nd. Battn. and for ell the care and attention you have bestowed on him.

It is a great comfort to his relatives to know that his last hours were passed under the devotion and care of yourself and your splendid nurses.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary. PM forture allelon

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