

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2169 Private
William Rowland Greig**

48th Battalion



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48th Battn.
A.I.F.

GREIG
W.R. 2169

"Died of Wounds 26-6-18"

Re Pte. W.R. Greig. He was wounded in back and arm
and died 1-20 a.m. 26-6-18. He is buried at Crouy -
Plot 3 - Row C - Grave 8. At the time of his death
I wrote full particulars to his brother.

Letter from:- The Matron,
5th C.C.S.,
B.E.F.

London
29-8-18

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Re the death of No. 2169 Pte. Greig W.R., "A" Coy, 48th Bn.
I will be pleased to furnish any information I can. On the night of June the 24th or 25th, we were on ration fatigue, and Pte. Greig who was Storeman for A. Coy, was a member of the party; on arriving at the ration dump an enemy aeroplane dropped a bomb which wounded Pte. Greig; he was quite conscious when taken to the Dressing Station. He was reported to have died about two days later. On being relieved from the front line, I saw his grave in a soldiers Cemetery between Vaux sur Somme and Sailly-le-Sec. Map reference Sheet 69 D. J.27.45.40. In giving a personal description of Pte. Greig, I am afraid I cannot help you much there, but I hope this will help you:- Height about 5ft. 7ins., fair, Grey eyes, Medium build, weight about 11 stone, quiet disposition. I might add here that he was well liked by all who knew him.

Letter from:- Sgt. A.W.H. Carter,
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London
12.12.18.
J.E.A.

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I am enclosing this short note in with Sgt. Carter's letter, thinking that any slight information I may give would be helpful to the enquirer. I am Quartermaster Sergeant of "A" Company and Pte. Greig was recommended to me by the Company Commander as a suitable Storeman. I found him excellent in every way, both in assisting me in issuing rations and clothing etc., During his period of service we invariably shared the same bivouac or dugout and had all things in common. It was on one occasion when he was taking the rations up to the Company in the line, and it was while the ration party, including Pte. Greig and working under Sgt. Carter, were occupied with the rations (tins of tea and stew, bags of bread, butter, etc.,) that the enemy plane flew over and dropped a bomb which wounded him and eventually caused his death. This came as a great shock to all concerned and personally I feel the loss of a good Storeman and comrade. He was liked and respected by all who knew him, and in his passing the A.I.F. lose a good soldier and Australia a gentleman.

Letter from:- C/O M/S. Joseph Chamberlain,
France.

London
12.12.18.
J. E. A

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30.8.18

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H. R. Greif

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L. Eschner

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