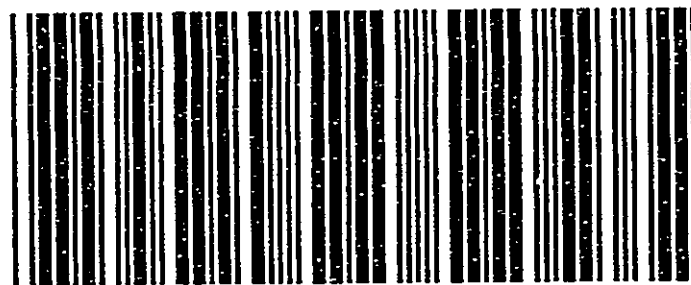


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Lieutenant
John Wilfred Fenton

5th Field Artillery Brigade



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5th F.A.B.
A.I.F.

FENTON, M.M.
Lieut. John Wilfred.

"Gassed May June"

Died at 8th Red Cross Hpl Boulogne. 19-6-18.

Cert: by Hpl Index and A.I.F. Hqs 29-6-18.

London.
29-6-18.

M.

6th Fld. Artillery Bgd. A.I.F.

FENTON John W. (M.M.) Lt

"Died" 21.7.18.

With reference to your letter of the 2nd inst. I have to inform you that the Matron of the Hospital on the death of the above mentioned Officer, wrote to his father, giving him full particulars of the wound, death and burial of his son.

Letter from:- O.C.

No. 8 Red Cross Hosp.

Baltic and Corn Exchange.

London.

21.7.18.

M.

5th Bde. 15th Bty.
A.F.A.

PENTON
Lt. J.W.

"DIED OF WOUNDS"

I saw Lt. Fenton gassed at Ribemont on 31st May, at the gun pit, the shell bursting at his feet. He was taken back as far as Boulogne, and died in Hpl. I believe, at that town, but I cannot say which. Sgt. Watson, D/W, gassed same time.

Informant. Joske. H.D. 3998
15th Bty.,
Hut 19,
WESTHAM.

W.A. Rand
London
9-9-18
H.E.A.

M.

5th F.A.B.
A.I.F.

PENTON "E.M."
J.W. Lieut.

"Died 19-6-18"

Re the above named officer. I called at the No 8 Red Cross Hospital to-day. He died on June 19th and was Buried at Terlingham Military Cemetery on the 20th June and his grave number is 6831. He died from the effects of Mustard gas. He came into the Hospital on the 3rd June - being admitted on the 1st June to the 5th Australian Field Ambulance and went from there (5th Australian Field Ambulance) to the 20th C.C.S. on the 1st June. I saw the Matron and she turned up the letters written to the relatives. She had written four letters in all, giving the fullest particulars of his death and she has received letters from Australia kindly and sympathetically acknowledging the letters.

Letter from:- H. Shannon.
Hotel Christol.
Boulogne - Sur- Mer.

London.
2-1-09.

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O. C. Draft

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Red Cross Hospital
B & F

John W. Fenton M.M.
5th Field Artillery
Brigade 257

2 of 2
19-6-18

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12th Batten.
A.I.F.

W.J.

BROOKS.
6247.

"Sick"

Ad: 30th General Hpl. Calais. 11-6-18.

Cert: by Rouen letter 22-6-18.

Suffering from Influenza. Has been doing very well. To England. 23-6-18.

Cert: by Calais letter 25-6-18.

London.
28-6-18.

P. I.

No. 3. RED CROSS HOSPITAL.

(BALTIC & CORN EXCHANGE)

A.P.O. S.II. B.E.F.

4-7-18.

Miss Vera Deakin,
Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society.

M.M.
Lt John W. Fenton, 5th Field Artillery Brigade
A.I.F.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your letter of the 2nd inst: I
have to inform you that the Matron of this Hospital, the
death of the above mentioned Officer, wrote to his father,
giving him full particulars of the wound, death and burial of
his son.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. H. Downes
Major. R.A.M.C.
O.C.

The O.C.,
No 8 British Red Cross Hospital,
B. H. F.

July 22nd, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We beg to acknowledge and thank you for your letter
of 4-7-18, about -

Lieut. J.W. FENTON. 5th Field Artillery Brigade,
A.I.F.*

and note that the Matron has already sent full particulars
of his death and burial to his Father. In these days of
uncertain delivery of mails her letter may very easily be
lost at sea and as all our reports can be sent to Australia
in duplicate, we should be very grateful if you would send
us what details you possess so that we may be certain that
at least one letter arrives in Australia.

We have received an enquiry by cable from our Melbourne
office to which we are obliged to reply as it may not have been
sent on behalf of his Father. Relatives in Australia only rely
very greatly on our help to obtain information which they, so
far distant, are unable to get for themselves for they do not
know that in some hospitals it is the usual rule for the
Chaplain or the Matron to write to them direct and we trust
therefore that you will understand our position.

With many apologies for troubling you once more in the
matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)



Secretary.

DATE OF BIRTH

8.11.18.

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The

of

8 Radx Hospital B.S.F.

Lieut J.W. Fulton "M M"

5 Field Artillery Brigade

B.S.F.

~~19.6.18.~~

died

19.6.18.

OF DISCHARGE

ON THE 10

1918.

FRONT

France

EDS-7 1294

ON AS TO		Battalion and Regiment.		Co.	Pla- toon	Casualty.
ank		13 A.S.T.				14.4 Jul/18 Det 217
BY		Battalion and Regiment.		Co.	Pla- toon	Home Address.
ank		13 A.S.T.				Arucly Sydney H.S.W.

OF INFORMANT

(in first person).

His leg was blown off. -
well. He was
corner, alongside two
old communication
towers in July.

RECEIVED
5 NOV 1918
MILITARY
RECORDS

C.S. 11
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THE FOLLOWING:

at, give name, number, etc.,
the man who told him.

Informant says a man was killed,
death instantaneous, and was
body buried, and if so where?

" Just back: -
Toul. Little corner near belt:
H. 217

Where any other man of same
in Co. or Battalion?

Signature of
Searcher

Phil Riadore

Date of Report

Nov. 12/18

December 26th, 1918.

Mr. Shannon.
Headquarters.
Australian Red Cross.
Hotel Bristol.
Boulogne

Dear Sir,

We have received enquiries for details of the death and burial of Lieut. J.W. FENON. "M.E." 5th Field Art. Brigade. A.I.F. who died in No 8 Red Cross Hospital. We have been twice written to the O.C. of the hospital but have received no answer.

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Also for 3842 Pte. J.V. JANNING. 6th Battery. 2nd Field Artillery Brigade. A.I.F. who died of wounds on 30.3.18. in 54th General Hospital.

We should be very grateful if you could obtain any particulars of their deaths or burials.

With many apologies for troubling you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Jackson
per V.W.P.
Secretary.

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TO BE ADDRESSED TO
THE COMMISSIONER
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B.R.C.S.
A.P.O. 3. B.E.F.

HOTEL CHRISTOL
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER.

Australian Red Cross
APO 3

BEA France

Dec 29th 1918

Lieut
J. W. Fenton M.M.
53 A.B.
died 19.6.18

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Wounded & missing Enquiry Bureau

Dear Mrs Draker

I have your letter of the 26th Dec asking for details of the Death & Burial of Lt. J. W. Fenton of the 5th Field Artillery Brigade A.I.F. I called at the No 8 Red Cross Hospital today. He died on June 19th and was Buried at Terlingham Military Cemetery on the 20th June and his grave number is 6831. He died from the effects of Mustard Gas. He came into the Hospital on the 3rd June - being admitted on the 1st June to the 5th Australian Field Ambulance and sent from the 5th Australian Field Ambulance to the 20th C.C.S. on the 1st June. I saw the Mother and she turned up the letters written to the Relatives. She has written four letters in all



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Yours sincerely

At. Shannon