

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

3117 Driver  
William Henry  
Hammond

15th Field Artillery Brigade



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15th Bde  
A.F.A.

HALFOND  
Dvr. W 3117

"Died of Wounds 30.12.16"

I was a signaller to this Bde at the time and remember the telephone message coming through from 59th Bty that he had been sent to the D.S. near Guillemont.

Reference. A.E. Ringwood 3144  
15th Bde, A.F.A.  
Dartford,  
2.3.17.

London  
8.3.17.  
L.P.J.

H.

15th A.F.A.

HAMMOND W. No. 3117.

D/W. 30th December 1916. Let D/B.

He was 59 Batty. He was wounded near ~~St. Germain~~ <sup>Grinchy</sup> by a big shell that got three of them. His leg was taken off. ~~They~~ <sup>They</sup> got him to the Dressing Station between Fromes Wood and ~~St. Germain~~. He died and was buried in the cemetery alongside the Dressing Station and a Cross was put up. The 15th Brigade has been broken up now.

Inf:- Pte Mc. Grath No. 2871, Shoeing Smith.  
Now. 6 Brigade 17th Batty.  
Emb. Leave Boat.  
Calais. 24.7.17. OR.

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15th. Aust. Field Artillery.

Hammond, Driver W. 3117.  
18th Battery, D Sub-Section

D/W. Dec.30/16. Det. D/B.

" On Dec. 30/16 Hammond was standing by a dressing-station at Ginchy corner. He was hit by high explosive shell & was taken into the dressing-station where he died. He was buried in the cemetery at Guillemont & the burial service was read, & a cross erected over his grave. He came from Carlton, Melbourne, where he used to work on a brewery cart."

Eyewitness:- Yes.

Description:- Dark, of medium height, about 50.

Informant:- Driver J.A.Charles, 1436.  
18th Bgde. A.F.A., 18th. Battery.  
5th. Southern Genl. Hosp., Milton.

Home address:- Broome Crescent West, Wonthaggi, Victoria.

25/5/17.  
O.C.Willis.

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27th June 1917

AUSTRALIAN, Field Art.  
15th Bde.

HAMMOND, W. 5117

D/W 30th Dec. 1916 Det. D/B

Hammond was in the 59th Battery. He died of wounds at the Dressing Station on the Ginchy Road; both his legs were blown off and he was buried in a Military Grave Yard near the dressing station. The boys of the Battery have put a cross on it and information can be got at the Battery as to the exact locality. His initials are W.H.

Informant: Gunner J. Hibbert 3549  
6th Army F.A.B. 17th Battery  
Australian Camp, Rouelles

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A.I.F. 15th F.A. Bgds  
late 22nd Btn.

HAMMOND  
Dvr W. 3117

"D of Wds 20-12-16"

Died of Wounds 30-12-16

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 7-3-17

Died of wounds at 4th Fld. Troops Wood In Station -  
Buried at Guillemont Rd Military Cemetery  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile S.W. of  
Guillemont

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 26-7-17.

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London  
28-7-17.

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8th June 1917

AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

15th Bde.

Hammond, W. 3117

D/W. 30th Dec. 1916 Det. D/B

Hammond was in ~~the~~ the 59th Battery. I placed the cross on his grave in a Military Graveyard just opposite the Montauban Dump, close to the Railway Station. I can point out the spot.

Informant: Fitter J. G. Austin 2455  
A.F.A. 15th Brig. 17th Battery  
(Formerly 59th Battery)  
Australian Camp, Rouelles

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