Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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868 Private
William Galbraith

25th Battalion



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25th Battn.
A.I.F.

GALBRAITH.
W. 868.

"Wounded and Missing 2-9-18"

I saw Galbraith. D Company. badly wounded by shell in buttock at Mont St Quentin about 7.a.m. Woods, Pitt, Mackay, and I carried him back to R.A.P. and I heard after that he died at a Casualty Clearing Station.

Galbraith was fair, slim, medium height, about 26 years, An Englishman by birth.

Informant:- Pte.W.H.Gibbs. 6009.
S/B. 25th Battn. D.Company.
BELGIUM.

H.E.H.
London.
13-3-19.
H.G.

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A.I.F. 25th Btn

GALBRAITH
Wm. 868

"Wded & missing 2-9-18"

Died of wounds France 2-9-18 - previously reported Wounded
C. of E. held 19-3-19.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 28-3-19.

OFF.M.

London
5-4-19

A.I.F.

25th Bttn. Died of Wounds 2.9.18.GALBRAITH.W. 868.
25th Bttn. Killed in Action 10.6.18.Real.A.S.6378
26th Bttn. " " " 2.9.18.Keith.Frank. 4817.
26th Bttn. " " " 3.10.18.Fleming.V.J.5006
26th Bttn. " " " 3.10.18.Dray H.J. 6529
28th Bttn. " " " 4.10.17.Griffen.A.W.386.

C of E 25419.

Proceedings of C of E held Marchienne au-Pons 19.3.19.for the purpose of enquiring into & determining the fate of the under mentioned personnel.

868 GALBRAITH.W.25th Btn.M.2.9.18. 6379 Real.A.S.25th Btn.M.10.6.18.
4817 Keith.F,26th Bttn.M.2.9.18. 5006 Fleming.V.J.26th Btn.M3.10.18
6529 Dray.H.J.26th Btn.M.3.10.18. 386.Griffen.A.W.28th Btn.4.10.18.

President Capt.C.C.Craig.28th Bttn. On 2nd day of Sept. 1918,Pte.Keith was a member of a Lewis gun team that went into action near St Quentin on this date.He was seen to move forward with the company when the attack was launched. He has not since been seen or heard of. Enemy shell fire was extremely heavy on this date.

Finding.After careful consideration of the evidence produced before the court. The court declare as follows:-

868 GALBRAITH.W.25th Btn.D/W.2.9.18. 6278 Real.A.S.25th Btn.K/A 10.6.18
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Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs.22.4.19.

London.
29.4.19.

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25th Battn.

GALBRAITH

W. 868

(Attached) Coy. Sigs.)

Killed 2nd Septr. 1918

I was standing within ten yards of him at 6.30 a.m. on the 2nd Septr. 1918 near Peronne and saw him hit with a piece of shell on the back resting on the side of the mount. He lived for about 10 to 15 minutes after beeing wounded but was unconscious and then he died before the stretcher bearers had time to attend to him. In the company he was called Galy by all who knew him. He was buried at Peronne.

Informant:- 6331
Sig. J. M. Hanlon
25th Battn.

L. W. Gwynne
H.M.A.T. "Port Dennison"
14/11/19.

1.5.19.

868

W. Galbraith

25 Btn

D.7 Ts. 2918.

See under

4817

Frank Keith

2.6. Btn

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No. 50.3
Pte W. Galbraith
22nd Battalion
A.I.F.

25-1-18

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above who died in your Hospital on 24-11-14 and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

With apologies for troubling you.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY.

NOTE. We have been informed by various C'O's and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience. Unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above, we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

To The O.C.
2nd Casualty Clearing Station
B.E.F.

Died 24.11.14
Buried Military Cemetery

No 2 Casualty Clearing Stn
B.E.F.

2.2.18

To the Sec. A.R.C.S.

Madam

In answer to your enquiries about the death of the late Pte W. Galbraith. I find there is very little else to say. His Mother Mrs A. Galbraith was given all particulars I will however tell you in case the letter never arrived.

He was admitted here on the 23rd Nov/17 Suffering from very serious Bomb wds of wrist arm they also very severe penetrating wound of Abdomen. Everything that could possibly be done for him was done & he received every care & attention but died here at 1.15 p.m. on the 24th. If you will write to The Graves Registration Committee B.E.F they will tell you where he is buried

Yours faithfully
Winifred Tewan