

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**567 Private
John Stuart
Henderson**

8th Battalion



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A.I.F. 8.

HENDERSON, J.S. 567.

D/W. June 30/18. Det. D/B.

At 3 p.m. on June 30 at Passchendaele he was in a shell hole when he was hit in the body by a shell and died the same day. He was buried in the shell hole. I was 20 yards away and pressing forward and did not see him after. Cpl. Holmes C Co., gone to England gassed, was nearer to Henderson and told me details. Henderson was about 5 ft. 6, 22, fair and jolly.

Reference: A.E.W. Thomas, 5239. C Co.
No. 11 Con. Camp Bucly Nr. Rouen. 12.9.18.

JWA.

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Written Cpl. H. H. H.
23.9.18

Navre.

22nd. September. 1918.

8th. Australians.

Henderson. J. S. 867.

D/W. June. 30/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was wounded by a M.G. Bullet at Strazeele and died of internal Hemorrhage. I did not see him but the S/Bearer who carried him out told me. He died at the C.G.S. and was probably buried at Borre. He came from Horsham, Victoria. He was in the same Platoon.

Inf:- Private. J. O. Grant. 6395.
8th. Australians. A. 3.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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8th Battn.
A.I.F.

HENDERSON.
J.S. 567.

"Died of Wounds 30-6-18"

Re 567.Pte.J.S.Henderson. late 8th Battalion. I am sorry to say I am unable to give much detail as regards death, etc, of same. He was sent as an advance guard for cut platoon at Passchendaele "Ypres" about Oct 22nd 1917. and our arrival in the line next night, I learned that most of the party had been wounded and he was included as one of the badly wounded. Later I was told by our Company Clerk (Cpl Gould) that Pte Henderson had died of wounds, but this was before June 30th 1918. I presume he died, and was buried at some C.C.S. or hospital in France.

Letter from:- 1467.T.Holmes.Cpl.

Note:- Not sent on. 8th Battn.A.I.F.SPURBRIDGE.

Evidently refers to another man.

Casualty date 30-6-18.

London.

7-10-18.

M.I.S.

P I.

8th Battn.
A.I.F.

HENDERSON.
J.S. 567.

"Died of Wounds 30-6-18"

It was in front of Merris and we were in line and were ordered to go forward that night. We went 80 or 100 yards and dug in, while digging in he got badly knocked and was carried cut by S/B. One of the Bearers was Pte Jack Lee, A.Coy, 8th Battn. and the other Pte Carmichael. A.Coy. He was the same platoon as myself (No 3)

Informant:- Haines.J.R.1794.

8th Battn.A.Coy.

T.St.J.P.S.

SOUTHALL.

London.

4-10-18.

H.G.

Note:- Written J.Lee. 25-9-18.

P I.

A.I.F. 8th Bn

John Stuart

HENDERSON

567

"Died D/B"

D/Bounds 30-6-18 - S.W. chest, left penetrating, fractured ribs right side & injury to liver at advanced dressing stn Borre
information rec: from 1st A.F. Amb.

Buried Borre British Cemetery 1 1/2 mile E. of Hazebrouck D.G.R.E.
L.S.B. 1696

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 15-1-19.

London
15-1-19

P.I.

8th Batn.
A.I.F.

HENDERSON,
J.S. 567.

"Died of wounds -30-6-18."

"I was the Stretcher Bearer on the spot at the time Pte. Henderson was hit by Machine Gun fire a bullet went in his right shoulder and passed through his body lodging between his ribs on the other side. I dressed him, and in Company with another stretcher bearer carried him back to our support line where we were relieved by another squad of bearers who carried him on to the dressing station. An hour or so later I carried another lad to the dressing station and being a friend of Pte. Henderson's I enquired how he was. I was told he had died. He was buried by the 8th Batn padre in a small Cemetery near Strazele. This is an 8th Batn. Cross over his grave.

He was a medium height man fairly dark, about 27 I should say.

Letter from:-J.H.Leo, No. 512,
8th Batn. A.I.F.

A.I.F.
London,
21-1-19.

P. I.

27.1.19.

52 Alderney Street

Eccleston Square

S.W.1.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of 25th received, and should very much like you to accept my very best thanks and appreciation for all the trouble you have taken in the case of Pte J.S.Henderson. *8 Bth*

567

I remain

Yours Sincerely

D. Templeman.

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28 JAN 1919

Exp. P.E.
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J.S.

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J.S. Henderson
8th Battⁿ

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Studley Court V. A. D.
Stowbridge

September 26th 1918.

Secretary Red Cross,

In answer your letter of the
23rd inst, re 567 Put. [J.S. Henderson late 8th
Battalion, I am sorry to say I am un-
able to give much detail as regards
death, etc, of same.

He was sent as an ad-
vance guide for our platoon at Paschendale
"Ypres" about Oct 22nd, 1917, & our arrival
in the line next night I learned
that most of the party had been wound-
ed, & he was included as one of the
badly wounded. Later I was told by
our Coy clerk, (Cpl. Gould) that Put.,
Henderson had died of wounds - but this
was before June 30. 18. I presume he died,
& was buried, at some C.B.G. or hospital
in France.

Yours etc

1467. J. Holmes. Cpl. 8th Battⁿ

acknowledged
19/7/18.

18/9/18.

52 Aldiney St
Edmonton Square
S. W. I.

Sir,

Would it be possible for you to give me any more information re death of 567 Pte J. S. Henderson, A Coy 8th Batt: 1st Australian Div: A.I.F. I have through the A.I.F.

Casualty Office heard that he died of wounds. 30.6.18.

but they have no record of the bleeding etc or base
to which he was taken, or what the wounds were,
+ I think he should have been taken to one, as if
he died in the field it is usually reported (killed in
action). If you could get any more detailed
information in this matter, I should be very greatly
obliged to you.

I remain

Yours Truly

Dorothy Templeman

Miss D. Templeman,
52, Alderley Street,
Eccleston Square,
S.W. 1.

July 20th, 1918.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter dated 18-7-18, regarding
567 Pte. J.S. HENDERSON, 8th Battalion, A.I.F.

We beg to inform you that we have no further news of him up to date. There is no record as yet of where he died but it is quite possible that he may have died of wounds on his way back from the line in which case he could not be reported as Killed in Action. However, we are pursuing our enquiries, and will let you know any further details as soon as possible as we realise how anxious you must be.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Jan McMillen*
Secretary.

January 17th, 1919.

Miss D. Templeman,
52 Alderney Street,
Eccleston Square.
S.W.1.

Dear Madam.

In further reference to your enquiry for 567 Pte. J.S. ~~HENDERSON~~. 8th Battalion, A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have received a report from 1st Australian Field Ambulance to the effect that he died of wounds in the left chest, fractured ribs and injury to the liver, on 30.6.18. He was buried in the British Cemetery at Boore $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles E of Hazebrouck. D.G.R.N.L.S.5 1696, being the identification number of Pte. Henderson's grave.

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you as soon as we obtain further particulars.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

V.W.P.

January 25th, 1919.

Miss D. Templeman,
52 Alderney Street,
Eccleston Square.
S.W.1.

Dear Madam.

With further reference to your enquiry for 562 Pte. JOHN STUART HENDERSON. 8th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you we have received the following unofficial report from 512 Pte. G.H. Lee of the same Unit to whom we wrote for information.

"I was the Stretcher bearer on the spot at the time Pte. Henderson was hit by machine gun fire, a bullet went in his right shoulder and passed through his body lodging between his ribs on the other side. I dressed him, and in company with another stretcher bearer carried him back to our supports line where we were relieved by another squad of bearers who carried him on to the dressing station. An hour or so later I carried another lad to the dressing station and being a friend of Pte. Henderson's I enquired how he was. I was told he had died. He was buried by the 8th Bttn padre in a small Cemetery near Strazeele. There is an 8th Bttn cross over his grave. He was a medium height man, fairly dark, about 27 I should say."

Hoping this report may be of value to you and again assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

G.W.G.

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Sept. 30th, 1913.

Miss D. Templeman.

52 Aldermy Street.

Exeter Square.

S.W.1.

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Dear Madam.

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In further reply to your enquiry for details of the death and burial of - 567 Pte. J.S. HENDERSON, 8th Battalion, A.I.F., we beg to forward you the following report from 5239 Pte. A.E.W. Thomas, A.I.F. who was interviewed in the 11th Convalescent Camp, B.E.F. He states that at 5 P.M. on June 30th at Passchendaele Pte. Henderson was in a shell hole when he was wounded in the body by a shell and died the same day. He was buried in the shell hole and informant was 20 yards away and pressing forward did not see him afterwards. Cpl. Holmes, C.No., was nearer to Henderson and told details. Pte. Thomas and the latter describes him as 5'6", 22" fair and jolly."

We have written to Pte. Thomas and as soon as we receive a reply we shall advise you and trust it will be of some consolation to you to know that Pte. Henderson was killed instantly. Any further reports we receive we will at once forward to you.

Once more assuring you of our deepest sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

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SECRETARY.

Adj. Gen. Hospital R.A.M.C.

Det. ... R.F.M. S.E. 5.

52 Alderney St

Exeter Square

S.W.I

1/10/18.

Dear Madam,

Yours dated 30th to hand to-day containing information
of death of ⁵⁶⁷ ~~Mr~~ ^{8 B.M.} S. Henderson. I should like to thank
you very much for the trouble you have taken to get
that news through for me, knowing how difficult these
things are now. Should you have any other reports
through I should be very grateful if you would forward
them. It is certainly some small consolation to know
he could not have suffered, being killed instantly.

Again thanking you,
Remain

Yours Truly

(Miss) D. Hempleman.

2nd October 1918.

Miss D. Templeman.
52 Aldermy Street.
Eccleston Square. S.W.1.

Dear Madam.

In further reply to your enquiry for details of
the death and burial of -

567 Pte. J. S. HENDERSON. 8th Battalion. A.I.F.

We beg to state that we have received the following unofficial
report from 6395 Pte. J. O. Grant, of the same unit who was
interviewed in an Australian Camp in France.

He states:- that Pte. Henderson was wounded by a machine
gun bullet at Strazeele and died of internal hemorrhage. Grant
did not see him but the Stretcher bearers who carried him out
told him that he died at the Casualty Clearing Station and was
probably buried at Berre. He came from Horeham, Victoria, and
he and Grant were in the same Platoon."

We are continuing our enquiries and any further
details we obtain we will at once forward to you and trust
that it will be of some consolation to know that his death
took place not long after he was wounded.

Once more assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

SECRETARY.

JB.

October 8th, 1918.

Miss D. Templeman,
52 Alderney Street
Eccleston Square.
S.W.1.

Dear Madam.

In further reply to your enquiry for details of the death and burial of - 567 Pte. J.S. HENDERSON, 8th Battalion, A.I.F. We beg to inform you of the following unofficial report from a man of the same company.

1794 Pte. J.R. Haines states that they were in the lines in front of Morris when they were ordered to go forward on the night of 30-6-18. They went 80-100 yards, as they were digging themselves in Pte. Henderson was badly wounded and carried out by stretcher bearers. He gives the names of the stretcher bearers as Pte. J. Lee and Pte. Carmichael both of A. Coy, of the 8th Battalion.

We are writing to these men for further reports, and when we receive their replies will at once advise you. Again assuring you of our sympathy and trusting that we shall be successful in obtaining definite information.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

Secretary.

J.B.

For God, King and Empire.



PATRONS:
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
SIR R. MUNRO FERGUSON.
THE HON THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE
SENATOR G. F. PEARCE

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
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ELIZABETH HOUSE,
ELIZABETH STREET,
MELBOURNE.

WITH THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

Reply to No _____ Coy _____ Batt _____ Brigade _____

January 2, 1919
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To the Secretary Eng Bureau P.S. Henderson
8 Bm
P.O. No. 50.618

Dear Adam:

With regards your letter received here yesterday. Judging by the letters it has taken some time to find me. With regards Pto.

P.S. Henderson also by I was the Stretcher Bearer on the post at the time Pto

Henderson was hit by machine gun fire a bullet went in his right

shoulder & passed through his body lodging between his ribs on the other

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back to our support line where we were relieved by another squad of

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Reply to No

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I was told he died. He was buried
by the 8th Btn padre in a small
cemetery near Strazle. There is a
8 Btn cross over his grave. He
was a medium height man and fairly
dark about 27 I should say.

Yours faithfully

J. H. L. 6519
8 Btn A.I.F.

J. H. L.