

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

**1945 Private
William Martin Moore**

55th Battalion



18108150

Havre

6th October 1917

55th AUSTRALIANS

MOORE, W.E. 1945

K. 3rd April 1917 det D/B

He was in D. Company and lived at Pass, N.S.W. Roy Williamson
of the 55th Bn. D. Co., still with his unit, wrote and told his
father all details about Moore's death. I do not know his father's
address.

Informant: C.W. Sharp 2242
55th Australians D.Co.
No. 2 Gen. Hospital (Quai) Havre

RBS

*Has letter been
acknowledged?*

*Further Pte Williamson acknowledged
asking whether his letter has been received
18-10-17*

Havre

6th October 1917

55th AUSTRALIANS

MOORE, W.M. 1945

Z. 3rd April 1917 det D/B

He was in D.Co. and came from Exeter, N.S.W. A single man, about
20 years of age; fairish. He was hit by a bomb at daybreak pretty
well all over in the ~~house~~ at Dognies. He was taken to a
Dressing Station where he died shortly after. I do not know
where his body was buried.

Informant: R. Short 2780
55th Australians D.Co.
Australian Camp Rouelles

RBS

C

S

A. I. F. 83.

MOORE, W.M. 1945.

K. April 3rd, 1917.

Moore was wounded badly by a shell in the sunken road leading up to the front at Bullecourt. He died later at a P/S. I was carrying rations up and passed him coming down. Cpl R. Williamson, his mate, was with him at the time. He was buried by Batta Pioneers close to the P/S. He was hit in the afternoon of the 3rd April.

HH.

Reference:- Cpl. W.G. Pattenden. 1716.
No. 7 Can. Gen. Hp.

Staples
18.10.17.

56th Batn
A.I.F.

MOORE
W.H. 1945

"Killed in Action 2.4.17."

I've wrote to Mrs. Moore and given all the details that I knew. I also informed her that he had a decent burial so as to cheer her up but I'm not sure if he was buried on the field or back near one of the aressing stations. He was first reported wounded so there is a chance he was buried right back.

Letter from:-

F.R. Williamson. 1988

In the field.

22.10.17.

P.S. Mrs. Moore received my letter.

London.
5.11.17.

S

55th Battalion.
3rd Rfts.

No. 1945. MOORE. W.M. Pte.

"Killed 2/4/1917"

Moore and I were in "D" Coy. On the 2nd April 1917 we went over at Vaux, near Bullecourt. Shortly after going over Moore was severely wounded and was unable to carry on. We had to go on, and I do not know what became of Moore. Roy Williamson (in D. Coy. 55th Battn. 3rd Rfts.) of Yass, a mate of Moore's, was with him when wounded".

Informant;- No. 2776, WALES, H.A. 55th Battalion.
No.4, Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

B.M.
28.1.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

55th Battalion. A.I.F.
3rd Reinforcement.

MOORE.
Private W.M. 1945.

"KILLED. 2.4.17."

I went from Australia in the 3rd Reinforcement Moore who was a cobbler of mine. We were together in Geulburn Camp as Acting Corporals. On the 2nd April we were in a charge on Doignes Village. Moore was very seriously wounded by machine gun fire. At the time he was just beside me, and I assisted to carry him to a trench about 20 yards away, when the stretcher-bearers took charge of him. He was unconscious. He being one of my best cobbles I enquired the next morning for him, and was told that he was dead. We then advanced, and I was wounded in the next go myself. He was a really good fellow and was recommended as a Non-commissioned Officer.

INFORMANT;- Signaller C.E. Dunsha, 1896,
55th Battalion, A.I.F.

Home address;- 92 Regent Street,
NEWTOWN.

B.M.
No.4 Australian General
Hospital, RANDWICK.
25.3.18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

See only

October 19th, 1917.

Pte. Roy Williamson,
D. Coy, 55th Aust. Infantry Bttn,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Pte. Williamson,

We are making enquiries on behalf of our Sydney Bureau concerning No 1945 Pte. W. M. Moore, 55th Battalion, A.I.F.

"Killed 3rd April 1917".

We have been told that you wrote to the late soldier's father giving him all details of his son's death and burial.

We would be very grateful to you if you will tell us whether you have had any acknowledgment of your letter, or are satisfied that it has been received. If not, ^{as} ~~but~~ so many letters are lost in ^{these} ~~these~~ days, may we trouble you to give us these details again in order that we might send them out to Sydney again in duplicate. If Mr Moore has received your letter we do not wish to distress him by repeating all the evidence.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

VD
G.S.

ack
P.C.
30-10-17

Concerning 1945 W. M. Moore

55 Battalion

W/A 2-4-17

In the Field

S

22-10-17

3.

Sec. Aus. Red Cross Socy.

Inquiry Bureau.

Dear Miss Deakin,

I wrote to Mrs Moore
& given all the details that I knew.
I also informed her that he had a
decent Burial so as to cheer her up
but I'm not sure if he was
buried on the field or back near
one of the dressing stations. He
was first reported wounded so
there is a chance he was
buried right back.

I remain

Your faithfully

F.S.

Mrs Moore received F. R. Williamson
my letter O.K.

1945.