Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2414 Private
Thomas Monaghan

51st Battalion



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51st Battn.
A.I.F.

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Informant:- Cpl.L.M.Hoakes. 3099.
51st Battn. C.12.
DINANT.

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London.
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Informant:- S/M. D.Brooks. 1631.
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A.I.F. 51 MONAGHAN, T. 2414.

K.April 24/18.

On the right of the 24 April we were attacking and retaking Villers Bretonneux when he was killed at the German barbed wire, 70 to 80 yards from the edge of the wood, by a M.G.Bullet. He was hit in the head and killed instantaneously. I was only 2 to 3 yards away and saw the occurrence. I buried him on the morning of the 27th where he fell. No cross was erected. I was in the same section with him, No.9 Pl. C Co. He joined up early in April /18. He was fair, of medium height and about 30.

Reference: W.Drage, 7980. C.9.
No.11 Con.Camp Buchy Nr.Rouen. 21.9.18.

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TO THE
4th Divisional Paymaster.

2nd September, 1918.

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Yours faithfully,

(Miss) WTG

Asst. Secretary.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS,
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,
LONDON. S.W.1.

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To C.P.M.

Drivers promotion and reconciliation

re _____

May the attached letter and forms in reference to the above named soldier be forwarded to the C.O. of per your organisation in the field, and this section advised in due course result of inquiry.

LIEUT.
For Officer i/c Records.

3.6 Ohm Rd +
46 Grosvenor Place
SW1.

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TELEGRAPHIC & CABLE ADDRESS:
"ADMINAUST, LONDON.

TELEPHONES (10 LINES)
VICTORIA 8860.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO "CHIEF PAYMASTER" AND QUOTE

No.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

CHIEF PAY OFFICE,
130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

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