Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3996 Private William Frederick Peters

8th Battalion



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A.I.F. 6th Battn.

PETERS
W.F. 3996

Killed in action 26.7.16

Enlisted 10.1.16 - age 29 years.
Born Bundaberg, Queensland.
Next of kin Father, F. Peters,
Bavelin Rd,
Bundaberg, Queensland.
Court of Enquiry List 26.1.19 H.Q.

London
2.5.19

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A.I.F. 8th Battn

PETERS
W.F. 3996

"Missing & Wounded"

Missing & Wounded France 26-7-16 Previously reported Wounded
Cert. by H.Q. I.B. 60.

Killed in Action 26-7-16
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters list 24-3-17.

London
28-3-17

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8th Batt.
A.I.F.,

PETERS
W.F. 3996

"M & W 26.7.16"

This man was in my platoon going up with it about 18th May 1916 and was I am sorry to say killed on 28th July 1916 while being relieved from trenches. He was a splendid soldier and a good fighter and one of my best men. He was wounded through the back by shrapnel with four others. I carried him to the safety of a trench some distance away but poor chap succumbed to his wounds about an hour later. He wasburied in a cemetery south of Pozieres. I may say that I wrote to his next of kin, Father, giving all particulars. whose address is:- Thos Peters,
Barolin Rd,
Bundaburd,
Queensland, Australia

Cert. by letter from Lt. P A Waters,
8th Batt. A.I.F.
France, 16.1.17

London
29.1.17

Off.M.

FRANCE.

A.I.F. 8. PETERS, W.F. 3996.

W.& M. 26.7.1916.

He was coming out of action at Posieres on July 26 and lagged behind a little. A shell caught him and wounded him very badly. He died about 10 or 15 minn. later. Pte. H.D. Carruthers, 3971, VI Pl, B.Co., was with him when he died. I had got separated from the platoon, and did not see the casualty, but heard about it soon afterwards. Peters belonged to VI Pl, B.Co. I know him very well.

Reference: Pte. J. Woronop, 3966, B.Co.
26 Gen. Hosp. Staples. 13.11.1916.

Written Pte Carruthers 28.11.16 SA.

8th A. I. F.

Peters, William, F. 3996.
~~B Coy. 11th Bn.~~?

(W & M. July 26/16.)

Informant states that on July 26/16 at Pozieres No. II Platoon went out. They were cut off from us without water for 48 hours. We were relieved. No. II. came in about 2 hours after. Lieut. Waters was fetching his men out and a shell burst and got 3 of them, Peters, Bond and another. Waters carried Peters (who was severely wounded) as long as he could and then left him. We do not know what happened to him after.

Reference:-- Cpl. Henry Cohen 3024,
8th A. I. F.
1st. Southern General Hospital,
Dudley Rd, Birmingham.

Home address:-- 132, Auburn Rd,
Auburn, Victoria.

Nov: 26th
Vernon.

Written L' Waters 21.12.16

France.

A. I. F. 8. PETERS, W. F. 3996.

W. & M/26th. July 1916.

I knew him quite well. We enlisted together. Pte. Dick Waltham, of B.Coy, Bembers (since Killed) told me he saw him lying dead at Pozieres, and took some photos from his pocket, which he gave me, and which I gave to Pte.Kenneth Chadburn, of B.Coy, L.G.S. now up the line. Waltham said he was hit by a shell, got up, walked a few yards, and dropped again, dead.

References: Pte. J.A.Watters, 3997, A. L.G.S., L.G.School.

Etaples.
2.2.17.
PHS.

8th A. I. F. W. F. PETERS, 3996.

Wounded & Missing 26.7.16.

Peters was in B Co. His No. was 3996 and his initials W.F. At Pozieres just as we were getting relieved my pal Daff told me he had seen Peters killed by a shell. Daff was himself wounded by the same shell.

Reference: Pte. E. Chadwine, 3994.

No.1 Australian, Rouen. 12.2.17.

FS.

A.I.F. 8th. PETERS, W.F. 3996

W & M. 26th July 1916.

Private Daffy (?) an original 8th man of B.Coy was with him when he was hit and was wounded by the same shell. Peters died on the way to the dressing station but Daffy got to hospital, rejoined the Regiment, and then went down with trench feet a month ago to Rouen. He was booked to go to Blighty, but I do not know whether he has gone.

Informant: Pte Collard. 3712.
H.S. "Brighton" or "Dieppe".
CALAIS. 16.2.1917.

CR.

A.I.F.
6th Bttn.

PETERS.
W.F. 3996.

K/A 26.7.16.

C of E 22. held Mamets-in the Field 7.3.17. Report on following -

3996 PETERS.W.F.	Missing	26.7.16.
1090 Cunningham.L.	"	26.7.16
5030 Bailey.L.	"	18.8.16.
3950 Rapsey.A.	Wd. & M.	18.8.16.
907 Rafferty.R.	" "	26.7.16.

1386 Pte.Ross.A. states - re Peters.
At Pozieres about 3.30 on morning of 26.7.16 while being relieved a shell wounded 4 men of my platoon, amongst them was Pte.Peters I reported to my Sgt.who went to them to assist them - I did not see Peters personally, but was informed by my Sgt. that he had died where he was wounded. My Sgt was then Sgt.Waters.

Finding.
The Court record finding as follows:-
707 Cpl. Rafferty W & M. 26.7.16. Owing to lack of information showing him to be P of W and no report of his having passed through dressing stn. it is taken that this man is Killed.
3900 Rapsey.A. 1090 Cunningham. L.
3996 PETERS. W.F.
The Court finds these men K/A. Concerning 5030 Bailey L.C. M.18.8.16 no evidence available regarding this soldier.

J.C.M.Traill. Capt.
President.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 29.4.19.

Off.M.

London.
5.5.19.

Peters 3996

W. J. S. Bde

dfg 26.7.16

C of E 22 Killed Namedy-in The Field

7.3.17

Papers on following

3996 Peters W. J. Morning 26.7.16.

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3030 Bailey L. " 16 & 16

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907 Rafferty R " 26.7.16

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Peters Cont (2)

Their Sgt Bradley.

Finding -

The Court record finding as follows

No 4 Cpl Raffety W. M. 26. 4. 16.

Coming to back of information showing he

to be P of W. T. no report of his having

passed through dressing Stn. R. A. F.

that this man is killed.

3900 Pepper A

1090 Cunningham L.

3996 Peters W. J.

Cont finds there bar N/a.

Concerning 50 30 Bailey L C M R E

no evidence available regarding

this order -

J. C. M. Irish Capt

President

H.Q 29.4.19

Ack
Sept 25.1.17

RECEIVED
24 JAN. 1917

France
16/1/17

Dear Sir

In your letter enquiring
On File 47 Pte's effects etc. to
hand today.

The usual Log in my Station
Journey up with at about 18 Hours
It was 2 am Sunday Say Retreat
from 25 July 1914 while busy Salvaging
from Trenches

It was a splendid Sultry Day very light
and rest of day fine cool

It was calculated although the Sun
day Shrapnel would fall on them.

I carried him to the cemetery of a
French Farm House where a Good
Scot Chap Buried in the Grounds
about 2m behind

He was buried in a Cemetery
South of Bapaume.

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3996 - W.F. Peters
8 Batt. A.I.F

M-W. 26.7.16

Off M. 4

November 29th

Pte.T.C.Carruthers.3971.
B.Company. 6th Platoon.
8th.Battn.A.I.F.
B. E. F.

Dear Pte.Carruthers;

We are making inquiries for a man of your battn.3996. Pte.W.F.Peters,B.Coy.8th.Battn.A.I.F. reported "Missing" 26-7-16; and have been told that you may be able to help us, by giving us some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you could give us, and would also be glad if you could add a short personal description of the man,in order that we may satisfy his relatives that no error has been made.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

T.B

Secretary.
T/B

29th December,

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit -

No.3996 W. F. PETERS 8th Battalion. A.I.F.

reported Wounded & Missing" on 26-7-16" and have been told that if we apply to you we may be able to obtain some information as to his probable death and place of burial.

We should be very grateful for any details you could send us concerning --- W.F.Peters, as we are anxious to send information to enquirers.

With apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

-WD

Lt. Waters,
8th Aust.Inf.Battn.,
B. E. F.

SECRETARY.

29th January -7.

Lieut. P. A. Waters,
8th Australian Infantry Battalion.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you very much for your letter of 16th January in answer to our enquiry re 3996. Pte. W. E. Peters, 8th Battn. A.I.F. The definite statement you have given us of his death and burial is of great assistance.

We are very glad to know that you wrote to Private Peters' father and gave him all particulars. We know from letters received how very much relatives of the men who have fallen prize these letters written to them by the men's officers, they are the greatest comfort to them in their loss.

With repeated thanks.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.