

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

2031 Private  
John William Tomley

1st Battalion



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1st Bn.  
A.I.F.

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John William 2031.

Killed in Action 6-11-8-15

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Cert. by HQrs List 22-8-19.

London.  
13-10-19.

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VALUATION LIST

CANCELS

1st A.I.F.

TOMLEY  
Pte J.W. 2031.

Rep. M. Sept.

(John Webber)

Now reported wounded on 13.8.15.

Cert. by:-

Australian Interm. Base.

CAIRO.  
6.11.15.

1st A.I.F.

13.8.15

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TOMLEY

Pte J.W. 2031.

(John Williams)

Was killed in the Lone Pine trenches on the Friday night, Aug. 6th, at nine o'clock. A bomb hit him on the head and blew him to pieces. Witness saw the body being carried out of the trench and believes it was buried in Brown's Dip.

Ref:- Pte S.T.Galloway, <sup>4</sup>128, 1st A.I.F.  
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Tomley J. W.  
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Dear Mrs Deakin

Could you give  
me any news of the  
fate of the man  
referred to in the letter?

There is a mail  
to Unshaba on the 30<sup>th</sup>

Sincerely yours

J. H. Reed

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November 29th.

Sir George Reid, M.P. Etc.,  
House of Commons,  
Westminster, S.W.

Dear Sir George Reid,

We have received the letter you sent on to us from Mrs Whitlock, Waverley, Sydney, about her brother No.2031 Private W.J.Tomley, 1st Battalion, A.I.F., and we regret to say that we think it is most unlikely that any further information can be obtained as to his fate.

We have sent out all that we have to our Sydney Bureau, two unofficial reports about him, both of which Mrs Whitlock has received. We learn from A.I.F. Headquarters that he was found "Killed in Action" by a Court of Inquiry which, I fear, must be taken as conclusive.

With reference to the statement that he is paralysed and in hospital in England, we are sorry to say that we have never traced his admission to a hospital and feel certain that his people were wrongly informed by the returned soldiers; probably a case of mistaken identity which unfortunately occurs frequently in regard to a missing man.

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We are returning Mrs Whitlock's letter in case you should wish to answer it, regretting our inability to do anything further in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary.