

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**1003 Private  
Thomas Langford  
Watts**

**30th Battalion**



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30th. Battn.  
A.I.F.

Watts,  
T. L. 1003

"Killed in Action 20-7-16".

Buried at Rue Petillon, Military Cemetery,  $2\frac{5}{8}$  miles E. of Laventie,  
4 miles south of Armentieres, Grave 71, Plot 2, Row C.  
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 27-10-16.

London,  
31-10-16

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30th Australian Imperial Force.

Watts, Pte. T.L. 1003.

(K. July 20th 1916.)

Informant says, at Bois Grenier, Watts and a man called Wishart, went up the night after the attack to help bring in the wounded - 29th Patrol (not they suppose having had word) fired on them seeing the men move off. Both were killed. Wishart was rushed off to dressing station but died on the way. Watts was killed at once.

"Tommy" Watts was Batman to Captain Krinkle.

Reference: Cpl. H. Craven, 1537.

30th Australian Imperial Force, 1537.  
3rd London General Hospital,  
Wandsworth.

Home address: 119 Embledon Road,  
Newisham.

Nov. 21st 1916.  
Mary Milne.

30th A.I.F.

Watts T.L. 1003.

K. July 20th 1916.

Informant states that "On July 20th at Auber's Ridge; T.L. Watts (Officer's servant) was killed accidentally by a shot from one of our battalions (29th) which was advancing.

Buried by C.E. Chaplain Ward in the Cemetery at Fluebaix July 21st I was not present but read the name on the stick placed on his grave."

Reference: D. Christie 852,  
30th A.I.F.,  
Chipstead Kent V.A.D. Hospital, 58

23.11.16.  
J.W. Leace.

30th Australian I.F.

Watts, T.L. 1003.

( K. July 20/16 . Dot. D.&.3.)

Informant states that on " July 20th, 1916, at Fromelles, Watts was out with me collecting wounded. He was shot by a patrol of the 29th Batt. being mistaken for a German. He was shot through the neck or head, died instantaneously, and said nothing. I helped to carry him in, he was buried close to Allan Farm Avenue, in the Cemetery, grave marked. Watts was batman to Capt. Krinks, 32 Batt. C. Company, and he suggested putting up a special cross, I do not know if this was done."

Reference :- Pte. W.A. Ward, 1001,  
30th A.I.F. D. Company,  
King George Hospital, Stamford Street,  
London, S.E.

Home address,  
Coramba,  
H.S.W.

28/11/16.  
P.C. Parry.

36th Australian Imperial Force.

T.L.  
Watts, Pte. T.L. 1003,  
D. Coy.,

K. July 26th. 1916 Det. D & B.

"I believe that at Fromelles on July 26th. Watts was out doing voluntary stretcher bearing and was accidentally shot and killed by a man of the 29th Batt: who was covering a wiring party. Watts was batman to Capt. Krinks now of 32nd Batt: who would be able to give all information."

Informant:-- Pte. Ralph Henry Clarke, 383,  
36th Australian Imperial Force, A.Coy,  
Manor House Hospital,  
Folkestone.

Home address:-- High Street, Morpeth,  
N.S.Wales.

Dec. 26th.  
Cleguorn.

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30. Batt.

Watts  
T.L. 1003

"Killed 20-7-16 "

On the night of 20-21st there were a lot of wounded. Watts volunteered for stretcher-bearing. Wishart and he were carrying in a stretcher with a wounded man, they must have been mistaken for the enemy and shot by one of 30th. Battn. One bullet killed both of them instantaneously. He was not yet 20, Lt. Krinks' batman, and a game little kid. Comes from Sydney. We could never have struck two finer boys; All the Battalion were quite down about their deaths. He was such a popular little chap.

Reference; Capt. and Adj. J. Chapman  
30. Battn

London  
29-11-16

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30th A. I. F.

T. L. WATTS, 1003.

Killed 20.7.16. Details D & B.

Watts was in D Co. and Informant thought that Sgt. Bragg might be able to give details about him.

Reference: G. R. Cramb, 858. 57 Bty. 15 Bde. A.I.F.

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No. 2 General, Rouen. 9.12.16.

EMM.

FRANCE.

A.I.F. 30.

WATTS, T.L. 1003.

K. July 20. 1916.

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He was killed while on a rescue party at Fleurbaix on the night of July 20. The party was bringing in wounded men. He was shot through the head. His body was brought in and buried in the Eaton Hall Cemetery, Ocellar Farm Avenue, Fleurbaix. I saw his dead body, and have seen his grave with a cross on it. He was batman to Lt. Kranks, Watts belonged to XIII Pl, D.Co.

Reference: Pte. J. Bull, 1527, D.Co.  
Ho 5 A.D.B.D. Staples.  
11.12.1915.

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30th A. I. F.

Watts, Pte. T. L. 1003,

D Coy.

(K. July 20/16.)

"I knew Watts, he was Capt. Krink's Batman. He volunteered to go out to bring in wounded on night of 20/21 July and whilst carrying out this work he was mistaken for a German and fired on by a man of the 29th A.I.F. - was shot through the head and died instantaneously. I am almost certain he was buried in Military Cemetery, near Dressing Station, not far from Fromelles, in the rear of the line. Further particulars could be obtained from Capt. Krinks, 32 A.I.F. B. E. F."

Informant:--

Lieut. W. H. Zander,

30th A. I. F.

Hospital - 1, Moreton Gardens  
S.W.

Home address:--

Cora Lynn,

25, Wycombe Rd,  
Neutral Bay,  
Sydney.

Dec: 12th

N. Burford Hancock.