

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

4271 Private
Edmund Pettitt

2nd Battalion



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2nd Batta.
A.I.F.

PETTITT
E. 4271

"Died of Wounds 12-4-18"

Re 4271 Pte.E.Pettit, 2nd Batta. I regret to have to inform you that he was admitted to this C.C.S. on 12-4-18, suffering from shell wound of the side and legs, and died the same day. Although everything possible was done for him while he was in this Hpl., he passed away peacefully on the date specified, and was buried in the Military Cemetery, Namps-au-Val (Somme), where a Cross has been erected to mark his resting place. So far as I know, he left no message behind. Please convey my deepest sympathy to his relatives in their sad bereavement.

Letter from:- The O.C.,
41st C.C.S.
B.E.F. 6-8-18

London
12-8-18
J.F.A.

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A.I.F. 2nd BATTALION.
1st 3rd Battalion).

PETTIT, Private
No. 4271.

"DEED OF WOUNDS 12/4/18."

I remember Major Youdan having a Batman Private Pettitt who was severely wounded by a shell on the Amiens Railway Station on 11/4/18 whilst waiting to entrain for Hazebrouck. He was rather a nice looking boy who held himself well, of medium to dark complexion, about 5ft. 9 fairly thickset, and well built, about 23 years of age. There were seventeen casualties on the station, seven were killed outright. He only lived a few hours and was buried with the others at once. He was in D Company, and which had been detailed as a loading party. Major Youdan was there when it happened and could give fuller details.

INFORMANT - Lieutenant Colonel A.B. Stevens, C.M.G.,
D.S.O., 2nd Battalion.

HOME ADDRESS - "Reckley,"

Meeks Street,

KENSINGTON.

H.B.O.

Taken at

14 Castlereagh Street,

SYDNEY.

29/11/18.

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SYDNEY BUREAU.

2nd Bsttn.
A.I.F.

P. TIT. (M. P. TIT.)
E. 4271.

"Died 12-4-18"

Died of Wounds at 41st C.C.S. 12-4-18.

Cert: by Hpl. Hnd A.I.F. Hqrs 1-8-18.

London.
1-8-18.

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Havre

1st Sept 1918.

Australians. 2.

Pettit E. 4271.

D/W 21st April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well. He was an Englishman. He was about 22, medium height, and thickset. About the 21st April we were at Amiens entraining for the North about 10 p.m. Fritz shelled the station and Pettit was hit by a piece of shell and killed out. I saw the body being carried away and I think it is buried at Amiens Cemetery.

Inf:- Sgtt G.S. McCollend No. 845.
A.I.F. 2. B. VI.
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

OWSG.

PP.

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

PETTIT
E. 4271

"Died of Wounds 12-4-18"

I was told by Major Yoñden, who was with Pettit that he was wounded by a piece of shell, being hit in stomach and thigh, alongside Amiens Station, and that he was taken to dressing station at Amiens and buried next day by the French. Major Yoñden is now at Hqts. 2nd Battn.

Informant. Pettit, J.T. 4563
2nd Battn. Hqts.,

London
13-9-18
H.G.

Note:- Written Major Yoñden 10-9-18

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2nd Battn. .
A.I.F.

4271. PETTIT,
E.

"Died of Wounds 12-4-18"

Re 4271. Pte. E. Pettit. 2nd Australian Battalion. I have to say that Pte Pettit was killed by a shell at Amiens Station on April 11th, although he lived until 12th April subsequently dying of wounds. He was a member of the Company I commanded and was at the time my batman. He was severely wounded and taken to No 41 C.C.S. near Amiens where he died. He is buried at Namps-au-Val, British Cemetery 11 miles S.W. of Amiens. A few of his belongings were handed to me, which I am now sending to you which may be of some value.

Letter from:- Major H.A. Youden, D.S.O.
FRANCE 3-10-18.

London.
18-10-18.
D.W.B.

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To
Major H. A. Youden
S. S. O.

2nd Battery H. A.
A. I. F

About

4271st E. Pettit

2 Battery
A. I. F

F/W Apr 12/18

Written 10.9.18

hrs

THIS REFERENCE MUST BE

Cross Index No. Bath 11036 INQUIRY BUREAU, 39 BROAD STREET, BRISTOL.

PRINTED IN GREAT BRITAIN

NAME Blundell Wm. No. 4921. Rank Cpl.
(Surname first)

Regiment 12. A. I. F. Coy. B Plat.

Hospital Bath War Hospital. Ward 2

Arrived 20th August 1918. At Front from about 18 months To Aug. 20/18.

Home Address c/o Miss Cockburn, Red Cross, 5, Sussex Terrace, Southsea.

Depot

GIVES INFORMATION REGARDING:—

Missing man Westcott W. W. Casualty?

Regiment A. I. F. Battln. 12. Coy. B. No. 2882.

Red Cross List dated 1st August 1918. page 11a.

Sgt. Pice , 12th A. I. F. who is at present training
Australians, 1st Training Camp Australians, Sutton Veney,
can give all information of the burial of Westcott.

Oct Draft

1-8-18.

The O.C.

41st Cas. Coy. 8th.

B.E. 7.

4271 E. Pettit 2nd BL A-7

died Nov 12-4-18

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E Pettitt
2 Batt.

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E.E.F.,

France,
6/8/18.

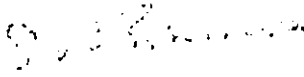
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Yours very truly,


Lt. Col. R.A.M.C.,
O.C. 41 C.C.S.

Secretary,
36, Grosvenor Place,
London.

4271 Pte Edmond Pettit 2nd Bn A.I.F.

Died of wounds. 12. 4. 18.

Received from Australian Red Cross Society
parcels and effects of the above ~~late~~ soldier
comprising:-

silver watch (damaged) + strap
2 photos

1 note book.

2 post cards.

small leather toilet case containing mirror & comb.

cotton bag.

Admiral Sir

(A.I.F. War Store.)

9. 10. 18.

Acc. P.C.
9.10.18
J.W.B.

4271 E. Pettitt,
2nd Battalion,
D.S.W. 12.4.18

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France

3. 10. 18

Dear Madam,

I am in receipt of your letter of 10th Sept. which has just reached me with regard to the death of 4271 Pte E Pettitt 2nd Australian Bn.

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Yours faithfully
Herbert A Yonder

Miss Vera Deakin
Quebec Cross Socy
London

Major H A Yonder D.S.O.