

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6588 Private
Henry George
Williams

15th Battalion



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15th Battn.
A.I.F.

WILLIAMS.
H.G. Pte. 6588.

"Killed in Action 4-7-18"

Height 5ft 7, fair, stout build, age about 28³, single.
On July 4th 1918 at Pear Trench, Hammel, I saw the body of Pte Williams and recognised him. He was in the same platoon (3.A.Coy) as myself. A piece of shell had gone through his head and death must have been instantaneous. Pte.F.G.Williams of same platoon told me he had afterwards buried him where he lay.

Informant:- Burton.A.E.L/Cpl. 6222.
15th Battn.
3rd A.A.H.DARTFORD.

R.B.Davison.
Lo don.
27-2-19.

Note:- Written Pte.F.G.Williams. 25-1-19.

P I.

Entered 18.3.19

1/10/19

A.I.F. 15th Battn.

WILLIAMS

H.G. 6588.

"Killed 4.7.18."

He was in A Coy, but I did not see the casualty. I saw his dead body shortly afterwards at Pear Trench, Hamel and he had been hit by pieces of shell in the head, death being instantaneous. He was in a Lewis Gun crew and had reached his station and began preparing position for guns, when a shell landed among crew, killing him and wounding three others. I knew him well, and he came from Brisbane from where I also came. I saw his grave near Hamel in a Cemetery on the field and grave was marked by a cross having full details marked thereon. Refer to L/Corporal Putman E. "A" Coy, 15th Battalion, who is I think, now in England.

Informant:- Pte. G.D. Lynch, 7255,
"A" Coy, 15th Battalion,
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London

30.12.18.

H.G. Note:- Written L/Cpl. Putman, 18.12.18.

P.I.

taken from file

14th S

A.I.F.
15th Btn.

WILLIAMS.
H.G. 6588

K/A 4.7.18.

"He was killed on July 4th about 4.35 a.m. by a small shell which also wounded me. Was buried just on the left of Pear trench in front of Hamel ~~fer~~ or between Hamel and Hamet with a few others of our boys. The Btn records do not show whether the graves were registered or not, however seeing there were others buried there no doubt it will not be hard to find out. As to his identification am enclosing letter and card from his Mother who I wrote on recovering from my own wound to whom I have given all particulars.

Letter from:- E.W. Putnam L/cpl. 6552
A.Coy. 15th Btn.
A.I.F. Philippeville.
Belgium.

London.
26.6.19.

S & P.I.

NOTE:-

Letter & Card Retn. 25.6.19.

Pulman 2/cpl 6532 15 Bullin

E. Present address A. Co.
Edward Nation please

Reformed Btu 11-11-18

C. E.

H. Q 17 12.18

file under

6588 H. G. Williams
15 Bullin K. 4. 7. 18

Repl. Sect 6. 12. 18

To

Pte F. Q. Williams
III Platoon A. Co

15 Batta

A. I. F.

about

6588 Pte H. Q. Williams

15 Batta

A. I. F.

K 4.7.18

Written 25.1.19

M.S.

6588

Cd

H. G. Williams' *Suppl.*

15th Ptn

Belgium

The Secretary

K/A 4-7-18

S.P.I.

All in Inquiry Bureau

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Dear Madam

Will reference to your
letter regarding order 6588 Ptn.Williams' 15th Ptn. *Suppl.*will give you as much information
as I can. There is no record except one
that what is the reputation of
the grave. He was killed.on July 11th about 11:30 am by a
machine gun which also wounded
me.Was buried just on
the left of Pear Trench in front
of Hamet for between Hamet &
Hamet with a few others of our
force.The Ptn records do
not show whether the graves
were registered or not. However

Being there were others ^{there} present
and doubt it will not be hard
to find out.

As to his
identification an enclosing letter
of card from the mother who I
(note) am recovering from my
own wounds to whom I have
given all particulars. Please
return when finished with.

Trusting this information
will be of use.

Yours faithfully

1552 E. 10 Putnam St

Brooklyn 15th Bldg

A. J. F.

W. H. F.

Litter & Band returned 25-6-19

G. C.

To

6552 L/Cpl E. W.

Putnam

A. Co. 15th Pst

A. I. F.

about

6588 Pst H. G. Williams

15th Pst

A. I. F.

K 4.7.18

Written 18.12.18

~~Written~~ 18.12.18

P.C. 19.10.18.

No 2 Command Depot
Westham Camp
Plymouth
17/10/18

Dear Miss Deacon

(Would you be kind enough
to find out if possible where my mate
is buried No 6588 Pte. Henry George Williams
15th Battalion. as I had a letter from his
Mother asking me to try and find out.

but as I won't be going back to France I
fail to see how I can do so. if it was
possible for you to procure a photo of
his grave I am sure his Mother would be
very grateful to you. Pte Williams was
killed on the 4th July. near Hamel. if you
get any information as to where he is
buried will you be kind enough to
forward it to his Mother. Mrs Williams
Parker. St. Kelvin Grove. Brisbane
and oblige

Sincerely yours.

No 481 Pte R. Corrar

January 13th, 1919.

481 Pte. R. Corsar.
No 2 Command Depot.
Westham Camp.
Weymouth.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry for 6588 Pte. HENRY GEORGE WILLIAMS. 15th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have received an unofficial report from 7255 Pte. Lynch of the same Unit interviewed at No 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford. He/that Pte. Williams was in "A" Coy, but I did not see the (stated) casualty. I saw his dead body shortly afterwards at Pean trench, Hamel, he had been hit by pieces of a shell in the head, death having been instantaneous. He was in a Lewis Gun crew and had reached his station and begun preparing position for guns, when a shell landed among crew, killing him and wounding three others.

I knew him well and he came from Brisbane, from where I also came. I saw his grave near Hamel in a cemetery on the field, and the grave was marked by a cross having full details marked thereon."

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you when we obtain further particulars. With sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
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ENQUIRY BUREAU

36, GROSVENOR PLACE
LONDON, S.W. 1.



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~~Pt. J. G. Williams~~

~~III Platoon A Co~~

~~15 Infantry Battalion~~

~~Central Imperial Force~~

~~London P. O. F.~~

~~S.W. 1.~~

Tel.: VICTORIA { 8578
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO

"THE SECRETARY."

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



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36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

25.1.19

*Pte F. G. Williams
III Platoon A. Co.
15 Bn. A. I. F*

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

*6588 Pte H. G. Williams 15 Bn. A. I. F
Reported killed 4.7.18*

and have been told that you may be able to help us by
supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can
send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially
to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the
field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be
registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short
description of his personal appearance or any points that
might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number,
as without these particulars delay and confusion might be
caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have
written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

Per Mrs

Cancelled

29th January 1919.

481 Pte. R. Corsar
No. 2 Command Depot
Westham Camp,
Weymouth.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for - 5588 Pte. Henry George Williams, 15th Btn A.I.F., we beg to inform you we are making the application on behalf of his Mother for a photograph of his grave which will be forwarded to her in due course.

Should we obtain more specific details of his burial we will again advise you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Beahm

Secretary.

per G.W.G.