

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3302 Private
Herbert William Winter**

57th Battalion



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14th January 1918.

57th A.I.F.

Winter H.W. No.3302.

K. 26th March 1917. Det D/B.

On the 26th March at Beaumetz the Battn was in action. I didn't know Winter but I was on a burial party and helped to bury him in a cemetery near a village $1\frac{1}{2}$ kilometres behind Beaumetz. Winter had been hit by shrapnel, was carried back to the D/Station where he died of wounds. His grave was marked by a cross which we put up directly after the burial.

Inf:- Pte H.R.Willett No. 5236.
57th A.I.F. C.Co. 11 Pltn
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

PM.

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57th Btn.

WINTER, H.W.
Pte. 3302.

"killed in Action 26/3/17."

"Casualty was called 'Herb'. He was a machine gunner. Casualty was killed on the 26th March, 1917, at Poignes. Casualty was sent from the reserves to the front line with a machine gun section and was killed by a whizz-bang, a small shell of about 10 lbs. Death was instantaneous."

Informant:- P.M. Burrows,
No. 2542, 37th Btn.

Private address:-
7 Walton Street,
East Brunswick.

H.A.E.
27/11/17.

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A.I.F. 57.

K. 26.3.17.

WINTER H.W. 3302.

I believe Winter came from Kerang in Victoria. He was in the L.G.S. attached to B.Co. He was wounded on the sunken road, near Beaumetz Wood, at about 120 on 25th.Msr. We were on outpost duty. Winter was hit in the head by a whizz-bang. I was close to him and I helped to carry him part of the way to the D.S. One of the S/B's. who took him right down to the D.S. had an Italian name, Tocoline, I believe. He is still with the Bn. in B.Co. Winter was unconscious at the time we carried him down. I heard he only lived about an hour at the D.S. and died without recovering consciousness. I believe he was buried near Beaumetz Wood but I have not seen his grave.

NWH.

Reference: A/Cpl. D. Hayes. 2198. B.Co.
L.G. School.

Staples.
15.21.17.

Written Rt. Tocoline 31.12.17

57th Btn.

WINTER, H. W.
Pte. 3302

"Killed in action 26/3/17."

"I know Casualty well. He belonged to my section. He was in the Lewis Gun Section attached to our section. He was killed after the evacuation of the enemy near Bazouge on the 24th March, 1917, by a whizz bang. I refer you to Pte. T. Meade No. 4849 (since returned to Australia by the same ship as myself) for details. He was with Casualty at the time of his death."

Informant:- F.A. Ashley.
4732 57th Btn.

Private address:-
Chiltern, Vic.

H.A.B.
3/12/17.

Written by Meade

M Ca 24/17

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A.I.F. 57

WINTER, H.W. 3302.

K. March 26th 1917. Dets D/B.

There was a man called Winter in the MGS of D.Coy. I did not know his initials or his number but he was the only man I knew of that ~~Gey-in-the~~ name in the company. He was killed at Beaumetz about the 26th March. I helped to bury him in a cemetery in a village near Beaumetz. There is a cross over his grave. I am unable to give a close description of him as I did not know him personally, but I noticed when I helped to carry his body down that he had dark hair and was clean shaven.

Ref: Pte N.R.Willmetts. 5236. 57.C.XI.
No. 3 Can Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 31.12.17.

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29.12.17

Reto TOCOLINI (?)

B. Co. Speakers

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H. W. WINTER

57 Btu AIF

K. 26. 3. 17

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