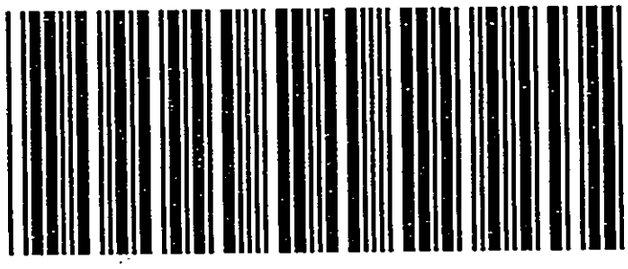
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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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5443 Private Alfred George Wesley Williams

24th Battalion



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24th Battn.
AIF.

Williams.
A.G.W. 5443

Michael.
C.L. 664

"Killed 20.9.17"

We were going out of the line at the side of the Menin Road at about 7.a.m. on Sept.20th when a shell pitched about 30 yards in front of me, killing Williams and one other man outright and wounding Michael in both legs. We took the latter to the dressing station about a mile back. He did not appear to be in much pain and was smoking and talking to us, sothat we were surprised to hear afterwards that he had died. Both C.Coy.

Informant:- 4997 Pte.A.Conroy S/B.
24th Battn. C.Coy.
Dartford.

A.G.Campbell.

London.
20.2.18.

M.

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

Williams.
A.G.W. 5443

"Killed 20.9.17"

I am the Signwriter for the battalion, and I received instructions from Headquarters to write the names and numbers on crosses which were erected over the graves of the men mentioned in the list attached. Themen who were killed in September, October and November are buried on the Ypres front near Polygon Wood.

Informant:- Pte.Frank E.Buchanan 4666
24th Battn. H.Q. Pioneers
Grecian St., L Broughton Hpl.

Home address: "Beveraley"
Western Beach, Geelong, Victoria Aust:

S.Edwards
25.2.18.

London.
5.3.18. Note For full list see under C.H.Bell 5925 in General Correspondence Files.

Scanlon Ltr
The Informant had with him the list to be copied from Williams
Works of names + numbers of men for whom the Crosses were made.

24th A.I.F. Williams A.G.W. 5443,

(K. Sept. 20th 1917 Dets. D/B)

"I knew Williams he was killed on Menin Rd. by a shell he died instantly. I cannot say about his burial".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description:

Informant: Capt. L.S. Marchant,
24th A.I.F., C. Coy.,
3rd London General Hospt.,
Wandsworth.

Home address:
Sunshine,
Victoria.

Apl. 2/18,
A.E. Long.

FRANCE.

24th BATT. A.I.F. WILLIAMS. A.G.W. 5443.

K.Sept 20th.1917. Det.

He was in C.Coy and attached to Headquarters. He was killed by a shell as we were marching up into the line at Zonnebeke Ridge, about 9.a.m. The enemy were shelling us all the time and I saw a shell drop near him and get him. It killed him outright. His body was laid aside for stretcher-bearers to bury. One of his christian names was Wesley. WSI.

Ref ---Pte W.Nyman. 15401.
No 15 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. May 8th.1918.

24th Batt:

Williams, A.G.W. 5443.

K. 20/9/17.

We were just going up to the attack in front of Glencorse Wood when a shell burst lifting the top of his head right off. We had to leave him where he fell and he must have been buried later.

24th Batt:

Blanch,A. Pte. 764.

R.D.B.

E. Southall. 9/1/18.

R.D.B.

M.

24th Btn. WILLIAMS, A.G.W.
Pte. 5443

Killed in action 20/9/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man about 5 ft. 6 ins. well built, dark complexion, about 30 years of age, known as Alf. He was a 13th or 14th Rfets. manof the 14th Battalion. Casualty was going up to the front line to lay cables. I was in the same Co. that was going in near Westhoek Ridge, Ypres. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. I did not see Casualty killed but I saw his body 5 minutes after his death. I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:- L/Cpl. T. Newling,
No. 4289, 24th Btn.

Private address:-
C/c Mr. Callander,
223 Albert Street,
Brunswick.

T.F.
31/5/18.

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