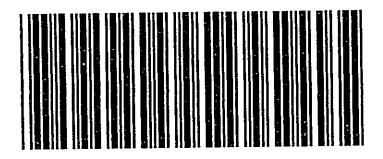
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3907 Private Frederick Pound Williams

31st Battalion



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A. I.F. 31st Btn

WILLIAMS 3907

"Wded & Missing"

Killed in action 26-27-9-17 - previously reported %ded & Missing 26-9-17.- by Ct. of Enquiry. Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 25-10-18.

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London 28-10-18 A.I.F. 31st Bttn. C.Co. Pltn 10. WILLIAMS. Pte. 3907.

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K. 26-27.9.17.

5'6", thin, fair, age 35 yrs.
On the morning of 26.8.17. I saw Williams in a shell hole
Ploygon Wood shot thro! stomach by a bullet. He was conscious
and bandaged but does not appear to have been heard of since.

Informaddress:Port Broughton.
S. Australia.

Informant:- Ptc.A.K.Wark. 3646 s:- . 31st Bttn. C.Co. Pltn 9. ton. A.I.F. Ward 5. alia. 3rd A.A.Hpl. 8.5.19.

0.8.7. London. 22.5.19. J.F.A.

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w/M Sept 26th 1917.

I knew a man called Williams in B.VII. I was at that time in VII pltn myself. I did not know his number or initials but he was the only man called Williams in VII pltn. I came over from Brisbane with him on the 15th Hov 1916. On the 26th Sept during the action at Polygon Wood I saw him down at the D/S and he told me that he had been blown up and partly buried twice by a shell. He was then bleeding at the nose and his back was slightly hurt and he appeared to be very exhausted. This was the last I saw of him but I heard he had been sent away from the D/S. He would probably have gone to some hospital. Williams came from Victoria and had served in the Boer War. He was rather fair with a reddidish moustache about 5ft 8 and about 50. I believe he had a mother and sister alive. I don't think he was married

Inf: L/Cpl.J.S.Lewington.4335. B.VIII.
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W/H. Beptomber 26th, 1917.

I saw him shot in the stomach at Polygon Wood on September 26th just after we had retired. He fell in a shell hole. An A.H.C. man bandaged him up while I was there. I did not see him again, but Sgt. F.H. Fleming, 2914, C.Coy, told me (before he himself was killed) that he had seen Williams' dead body during the action. Fleming was a specially good observer and there is no doubt he did see Williams' body in the shell hole where I last saw him. Williams belonged to XI pl. C.Coy.

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Reference: - Cpl. J.H.Barling. 602. C.Coy. Devres.

Identity cert. from Battn records.

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Statement made by No. 4335 L/Opl Lewington J.S. 31st Btn.

re No. 3907 Pte Williams P.P. 31st Bin. Wad and Rissing 26. 9. 17.

I cannot state definitely anything as to the fate of No. 3907 Private Williams F. 2. of the 31st Battalion as there were two men of that name in my company and I am not acquainted with their numbers or initials, etc..

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Lo ated at Dartford, Kent this 11th day of March 1918.

(3gd) Lewington. J.S.

Statement made and signedbefore me

(Sgd) **T.M.** Bruce。 Kajor.& Registrar

3rd A.A. H. Dartford.