

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**6642 Private
Francis Malcolm
Turner**

18th Battalion



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A.I.F. 18th Btn

TURNER
F.M. 6642

"D/Wds 9-7-18"

Died of wounds at 6th A.F.Amb, 9-7-18, buried St. Pierre Cemetery
Amiens 62D G.32 D.5.8.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 31-8-18.

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18th Battn.
A.I.F.

TURNER
F.M. 6642

"Died of Wounds 9-7-18"

Re 6642 Pte.F.M.Turner. He died of wounds on 9-7-18, the nature of which were - Shell wounds hip, thigh and feet. He was buried by Chaplain Gallop, 7th A.I.Bgde., on 10-7-18 in St. Pierre Cemetery, Amiens, - 62D. G.32.d.5.8.

Letter from:- The O.C.,
6th A.Fld.Amb.,
10-9-18.

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AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY, 18th Bn.

TURNER, P.M. 6642.

D/W. July 9th, 1918. Det.D/B.

We were at Villers Brettoneux in the old German Lines. Turner was in his dug-out at the time. The Germans were barraging us, and a shell landed on the Parados on the trench and blew back. Turner was hit below the waist in half a dozen places. I was stretcher bearing at the time and was one of the bearers who carried him to the Regimental Aid Post. He died at the Dressing Station. He was properly buried the next day, and the usual cross was put up. Turner was small, only about 5'4" and slight. He was about 25 years of age, and lived in Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

Pte. Dunkley, S. 6536.
18th Bn. A.I.F. B.Coy. 5 Platoon.

Cyclist Base Depot, Rouen, 12.10.1918.

Ans.

5. GPO.

18th Battalion. A.I.F.

TURNER. P. M.
Private No. 6642.

"DIED OF WOUNDS. 9.7.18".

Turner joined the Lewis Gun Section of the Battalion in France. He was No. 3 in the Section, and I was No. 1. He was tall about 6 ft. in height with dark hair and he was clean shaven. I knew him very well. He came from Tamworth.

He killed Britton On the 9th of August and not on the 9th July as above mentioned the Battalion were engaged in a stunt, I was close to Turner, a few yards away and I saw him hit by a Machine Gun Bullet. He died almost at once. I did not see him buried.

Informant:- Private P. Lynch, 4183,
Lewis Gun Section,
18th Battalion.

Private Address:- Wetherfield.

W.C.W.
No. 4, Australian General Hospital,
Handwick.
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6th Aust. Ild. Amb.

B. Y. I. France.

6642 PE F M TURNER.

18th Bn. A. I. F.

D. S. W. 9.7.18

HOSPITAL

From C.O. 6th Australian Field Ambulance.

To Secretary Australian Red Cross Society, LONDON.

Reference attached enquiry-

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10.9.18



Vincent Welch . Lieut.Colonel.
C.O. 6th Australian Field Ambulance.

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36. GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

Sept. 3rd

O.C.
6th Aust. Hld Ambulance.
B. E. J. France.

6642. Pte F. M. TURNER. 18th Bn. A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 9.7.18 and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Vera Deakin.*

Secretary.

F. B. Russell