

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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7206 Private  
Harold Harry Binn

3rd Battalion



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3 A.I.F.

Binn H.H. 7206.

(K. April 15/18.)

Det. D/B.

"I was with him in the trenches at Strazeele when he got killed by a bomb dropped from an aeroplane. Next day we buried him and 5 others, near the railway station. Crosses were put up."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Note book kept of names, nos., etc., of casualties.

Informant: Cpl. G. White. 987.  
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21st June 1918.

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Binn H.H. No. 7206.

K. 15th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him fairly well, he came over with me in the 24th reinforcement to the 3rd in the 'Olan Macgillivray' leaving Melbourne in May 1917. He came from Surrey Hills. On the 15th April we were at Strazeele holding the line. About 11 a.m. when he was in the trench he was killed right out by a bomb from an aeroplane. I was there at the time and saw it. He was taken out and buried with 5 others but I am not certain where. I also saw a cross marked with his name and that of the other men which was to be put up on the grave.

Inf:- Pte W. Pickard No. 7350.  
A.I.F. 3. D. XIII  
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3rd Battn.  
A.I.F.

BINN  
H. 7206

"Killed 15-4-18"

He was in an outpost at Strazeele with me, when a bomb dropped from an aeroplane, burst and killed 8, including Binn. He was killed instantly, (the others were Pte. Walsh W. 4584, Smith H.S. 6871, Wood C.H. 7931, Briggs F.W. 2855) The other 4 belonged to the Bde. M.G.Coy. Binn was buried with the others near the railway station at Strazeele. The spot was marked with a Cross. We still hold the ground. He was a fine lad. I have written to his people.

Informant. White. Cpl.C.R.  
3rd Battn., D.Coy.,  
SOUTHALL.

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London  
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<u>3rd BATTALION.</u>	"Killed 15-4-18"	<u>BINN, H.H.</u>	Pte.	no. 7206
	"Killed 15-4-18"	<u>Briggs, F.W.</u>	Pte.	No. 2858
		(late 18th Battalion)		
	"Killed 15-4-18"	<u>Walsh, W.</u>	Pte.	No. 4584
	"Killed 15-4-18"	<u>Smith, H.S.</u>	Pte.	No. 6871

"Binn was in A. Company, 4th Platoon with me. He was short, dark and slim build. I think, he - Binn - lived at Surry Hills. We were on an outpost at Strazeele, beyond Harzebruck about 13-4-18. As the barrage was falling short we were ordered to fall back into another small trench about 100 yards behind the outpost. Binn and about 6 others, including Smith, Walsh and Briggs went back to this trench. I had to stop in the outpost. An enemy aeroplane - with our markings - flew low, and dropped a bomb in this small trench. I immediately went back, and found Binn, Briggs and Smith quite dead - they had been killed instantly. I could recognise them, and am sure that they were killed instantly, also F.W. Briggs, No. 2858, also a man called H.S. Smith, No. 6871. W. Walsh No. 4584, was severely wounded, and he - Walsh - died about 20 minutes later. 2858, Briggs, was in the same platoon. His name was Frank. He was shortish, medium build, dark, and his people (his Aunt) lived in England, his parents being dead. 6871 H.S. Smith - He was fair, short, and thickset, and came from a country district in New South Wales.

No. 4584, Walsh - His name was "Bill" He was short, dark medium build and had been a motor driver. His parents lived at Annandale, and he married in England, a girl at Bristol. I am certain that Binn, Briggs, and Smith were killed instantly and that Walsh only lived about

20 minutes. I helped to bury all these men at a spot behind Strazeele Railway Station, and a cross was subsequently made by the Pioneers, and erected on their grave, which I subsequently saw. I wrote to all these men's people."

INFORMANT:- Cpl. R. T. Brown, No. 1602  
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Randwick 11-10-18

SYDNEY BUREAU.

3rd Btn.  
A.I.F.

BHNN  
Harold Henry 7206.

Killed in Action 15.4.18

No trace Germany

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.  
16.10.19.

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