

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**7578 Private
John Hamilton Pollock
Williams**

3rd Battalion



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3rd Battn.
A.I.F.

WILLIAMS.
J.H.P. 7578.

- "Died"

Died of Wounds 8-5-18. at 15th C.C.S. Admitted Dead.
Cert: by A.I.F.Hers 29-6-18.

Lieuten.
1-7-18.

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55th Battn.
A.I.F.

WILLIAMS
J.H.P. 7578

"Died of Wounds 8-5-18"

Re 7578 Pte. J.H.P. Williams, 3rd Battn. He was dead on admission to this C.C.S. He had shell wounds in the head - fractured skull with injury to the brain. He was buried in our Cemetery, and a Cross has been placed over his grave.

Letter from:-

Chas. A. Kimber
The Chaplain,
15th C.C.S.,
B.E.F.,
FRANCE. 7-7-18

London
11-7-18

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A.I.F. 3.

WILLIAMS, J.H.P. 7578.

D/W May 8th 1918.

I was just outside a hut at Strazeele when he came with a new draft. They were waiting round a fire when a Mills bomb exploded in the fire; he was hit in the head over the right eye. I saw the body before it was taken away, he was ~~dying~~ then. I expect he went to No 2 C.C.S. at St Omer. I do not know anything more except that he died two or three days after. He came with 25 Rifles., about April 18th parents living Moores H.S.W. Short & chubby cheerful little chap worked with his father on a farm.

Inf. Pte E G. Simpson 755 B.6.
No 25 Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE 26 7.18.

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WILLIAMS J.H.P. 7578.

D/W May 8th 1918. Det D/E.

This occurred at the Battalion H.Q. near Meteren. I heard from Jock Flannery D. IV (living so far as I know) that Williams had just come to the Battalion with others, they were waiting near H.Qrs when a Mills bomb exploded in the fire and struck him in the head; Flannery was the only one to escape unwounded. Williams was wounded in the temple and eye and taken I believe to the Australian C.C.S. No 2.. I understand he died there. I have not seen his grave. I knew him in Australia, came out with me in the "Euripides" A. 14, left Australia Oct. 31st 1917 arrived Devonport Dec 25th 1917. Single, trained at Liverpool N.S.W., short stout, dark about 20. If he did not reach 2.C.C.S. it would be Borre D/S He was not attached to any company.

Inf. Pte G.L.Williams A.I.

No 83 Gen Hosp.

BULOGNE. 19 7.18.

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3rd BATTALION, A.I.F.
25th Reinforcements.

WILLIAMS.
Private J.H.P. 7578.

"DIED OF WOUNDS, 8.5.18."

Informant described Williams as about 5'6" high, nuggetty build round face, fair complexion, aged about 20 years. They had been in camp together at Seymour, Broadmeadows, and Liverpool, and left Australia per s.s. 'Euripides' on 31.10.17.

On 8.5.18 the Battalion was in Supports at Heteren. Williams had come up to join the Battalion and was resting in Headquarters which were established in a farmhouse. By some means a Killis bomb had been left in the fire-place where it exploded and a piece entered Williams' head. Half a dozen others were hit, but not seriously. Informant was outside the building when this happened and heard the explosion, and just afterwards saw Williams put on a stretcher and taken away; he was unconscious. News came through next morning that Williams had died during the night.

INFORMANT:- Private G. Sharpe, 7554,
A.Coy, 3rd Battalion, A.I.F. ✓

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4.3.19

SYDNEY BUREAU.

2.7.18

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Prof. H. P. Wilkins
5 Bltn

See under

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Prof. W. J. Sargent
6 Bltn

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J. H. P. Williams

3 Bttu

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H. Gundersen

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