

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2421 Private
William Edward
Saunders**

3rd Casualty Clearing Station



2420105E

4th Fld.Amb.
A.A.H.C.

Saunders.
W.E. 2421

"Died of Wounds 21.8.17"

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Letter from:- E.G.M. ^{unclamped}

3rd A.E.C.Stn. (Chaplain).

26.2.18.

In answer to letter to O.C. 3rd A.E.C.S.

London.
4.3.18.

Written 14-2-18

P.

4th Fld. Amb.

A.I.F.

Saunders Pte. W.E. 2421,

(D/W. Aug. 21/17 Dets. D/B)

"I knew a Pte. W. Saunders, who was originally a member of the 4th Aust Fld. Amb. but was afterwards attached to the 3rd Aust: C.C.S. He was killed by a shell while at the 3rd Aust: C.C.S. Apply to C.O. 3rd A. C.C.S. for particulars of D/B and verification of Regimental number. Cannot say any more".

Eye-witness: No.

Description: Fair, clean shaven 25-30, called snowy by men in Coy.

Informant: Sgt. L. Nightingale 4443,
12th Aust Fld. Amb., 12 Coy.,

Home address: No II Pennsylvania Hospt., Exeter.
130 Horseferry Rd., S.W. 1.

May 10/18.

M. Kestil Cornish.

See letter from Chaplain of 3rd A.C.C.S. P

O.C's Draft

14-2-18

The Chaplain
3rd A. C. C. S.
B. E. F.

No. 2421

Pte W. E. Saunders

4th Field Ambulance

A. I. F.

D. of W: 21-8-14

A.I.F. 4th Fld.Amb.

SAUNDERS
W.E. 2421

"D/Was21-1-17"

D/Kounds 21-9-17 at the 3rd Aust. C.C.Stn France
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqs 26-1-18.

London
13-2-18

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2421
W.E. SAUNDERS
4th 2nd Amb.
D/W. 21.8.17
P. 3.

3rd A.C.C.S

26/2/18

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With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. G. Woodhouse

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5th March, 1918.

Rev. E. G. Muschamp C.F.
3rd Australian C.C.S.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer to enquiry concerning:-

2421 W. E. Saunders, 4th Field Ambulance.

The information you have supplied will be of much assistance to us, and of value to our enquirers.

We are very pleased to learn that some, at least, of the letters written by the unit to Pte. Saunders mother have reached Australia.

Again thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

OS.