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6053 Private
HIPATHITE William

13th Battalion

30/6/17.

Died of Wounds.

(Wife) Mrs. M.A. Hipathite.

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier *Mr. William Philip White*
2. Unit and Number (if known) *APo 6039 19/15 Reinforcement*
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
Town (if any) *Bundaberg* District *Yandaran* State *Queensland*
4. What was his Birthplace *Nicknashworth Hertfordshire - England*
5. Date of Death *30/6/17*
6. Place where Killed or Wounded *wounded First occ. 11 April 1917 2nd occ 11 of June 1917 Messines*

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling *Dairy Farmer*
2. Age at time of Death *51 years*
3. What was his School *taught by William Pheme School teacher Robble Creek*
4. What was his other Training *military training*
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia *about 8 years old*
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars)
Capt in Yandaran Rifle Club for 10 yrs was picked for Bisley team was one of the best shot in 2nd
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment
he won a good lot of money shooting at too-wong his highest score 102/103 at Yandaran

8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—

9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—

Name

Relationship to Soldier

Address

10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—

Name *Phoebe Philip White his mother*

Address *Robble Creek Lamson Vale Enoggera Line*

NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

--- A CHRISTIAN SOLDIER ---

It is with deepest pride that we now take the opportunity of referring to the late Private William Hipathite of Waterloo, Yanderan, who enlisted at the commencement of the war and who was killed at Messines on 30th June, 1917. In letters to his Wife and diaries regularly kept he made reference to the inhumanity of the Hun who deliberately fired on the stretcher bearers and ambulance. He relates an exciting incident when his company was cut off and compelled to surrender to the Germans but he himself refused to surrender and escaped from shell hole to shell hole, notwithstanding the risk of machine gun fire which was directed against him as he ran. After having been wounded and anticipating death, Private Hipathite wrote post cards to his Wife and Children in the following Christian terms:

To his Wife: After having lived with you for 20 years I ever found you a true helpmate, a loving and faithfull Wife, a woman in whom there is no guile. I have the honor to be your loving Husband.

To his Children. My dear children, Do your duty and see that your duty is right. Look to Jesus for help whenever you are in doubt about your duty, for it is a glorious privelage to serve God. It is hard at times, but as thy day so shall thy strength be. From Dad.
The Late Private Hipathite was a noble example of Christian fortitude, setting the example of earnest faith in the Almighty,

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not only in his happy home, but to his neighbours and lastly to his comrades on the Battlefield. He has proved himself a brave Soldier; a true Husband, a devoted parent, and a loyal citizen and leaves a Wife and 5 Children to cherish his memory, and who will carry on the farm founded by him at Waterloo.

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Come Land Borne over my shoulders & a piece of shell stuck in the back
Feb 14th Pick to Dr. Leonard a written statement about my war work at 1000 1000
April 2nd I am sitting in the dugout expecting to be called every minute
to go to attack the Germans I am thinking mostly of my little wife
God Bless her & lead the children to a heavenly home
aside with me fast falls the eventide facing you in the trenches
of Him who is able & willing to keep that which I have committed
unto Him - Wm. Wipacat May 16th a piece from a star 79/11
our old camp in France my dear wife I am well & have rejoined the
Batt. Thank God for his mercy I have been most fortunate
to escape when so many when so many brave men have gone
under machine guns are no respecter of persons my dear wife
last night I just across the open ground between the lines
called into manland as coolly as if I was carrying a box of matches
to the rear I have never yet felt afraid of how I have been in some
Barrage I have never yet felt afraid of how I have been in some
high place that goes on to say he had been recommended to go
near the disordered of the old Batta as for crimes on our side
they may like this for the nations history or something
I do think my father ought to have been the Victor an Epous or
a medal for his bravery holding the banner he wrote in a letter
to me I don't say I'm any brave in that the rest but I was the only
one that was game to stick my head over the trench to see the Germans
he was sniping at the Germans heads when he got a charge
of shrapnel in the left side of his head he was taken to the
hospital fancy he would not surrender when they put up the
white flag He told me before he left he would never surrender
he did not stay long in the hospital not so far from his library
May 15th Saturday left camp at 7 o'clock arrived at 8 P.M. very
had to eat Camp I was attached to Ribemont arrived at 8 P.M. very
tired & found myself a great hero with the boys Love told
me that Lieut Ingram became one for April 11th
note Lieut Ingram was most likely taken prisoner
then he came up to the 11th of June Sunday in the trench of
messines heavy bombardment most times he was through
the chest the 10th 30/6/17 my darling wrote to me on his
death bed but I never received it I should have asked if he
thanked anything in the world more than this He wrote every day time
he left Jan 31st as we are about to embark on a desperate adventure in
case I do not come through I send my love to my dear wife & family
God be with you all meet me in that land where there is no more pain
neither sorrow nor fighting sometime I'll understand Hold the fort for
I am coming then kisses to us all & one large one for my little maid
Feb 1st in the first line trench attacked the German trench the shelling was
awful killed Pat Boone on South Fort Bluff Grace was out with
the first stretcher the shells were tearing up the ground all around us
it was a miracle that every man was not killed note the attack
failed gave my overcoat to Cap. Eppers who was wounded & I was
nearly frozen to death he was hit several times with pieces of shell