

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3125 Private
James William York**

5th Machine Gun Company



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York Please verify unit 3125
J.W. 2 Rth
James William 5.0+25.M.G.Co.
S.M.G. Bli
late 40" Bli

Q. 1/2. 9. 4. 18

H-Q 2.12.18

Under

3125 J.W. York
2 Rth. M.G. Co. 9.4.18

Rept Sect. 29.11.18

York
J. W.

3125. Coy.
5th M. G. Bn.
late 40th Bn.

Correct Battalion please

Ma 9.4.18. H.Q. 14.3.19

Report Section DNB

A.I.F.
5th M.G. Coy.

YORK
James William 3125 not 2125

Killed in Action 9.4.18.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
22.10.19.

H.

5th M.G.Coy.
A.I.F.

YORK
J.W. 3125

"Killed 9-4-18"

At Villers-Bretonneux, early in April, in morning. Things were quiet at the time. He was sniped, bullet through head, when he was with M.Gun in front line. Was buried 100 yds. behind front line. No Cross was erected when he was buried, but just after burial. Enemy attacked and pushed back off the line, which we had to straighten. I think they still hold the spot.

Informant. Frost. Pte.J.H. 2813
3rd M.G.Coy.,
WEYMOUTH.

A.D.G.
London
25-6-18
H.G.

H.

A.I.F. 2nd Bn., 5th Coy
Machine Gun Coys.

YORK

J.W. 3125.

"Killed 9.4.18."

Refer to Q.M. Sergt. Bowman, 25th Machine Gun Coy, who is now in France, for he saw him killed by a sniper, he being hit through the head when death was instantaneous. He was digging in for a gun position at the time. He was in 25th Machine Gun Coy, and not the 5th as per list. Q.M. S. Bowman, buried him on the right of Villers Bretonneux.

Informant:- Pte. C. Byrnes 3016.
25th M.G. Bn.,
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London

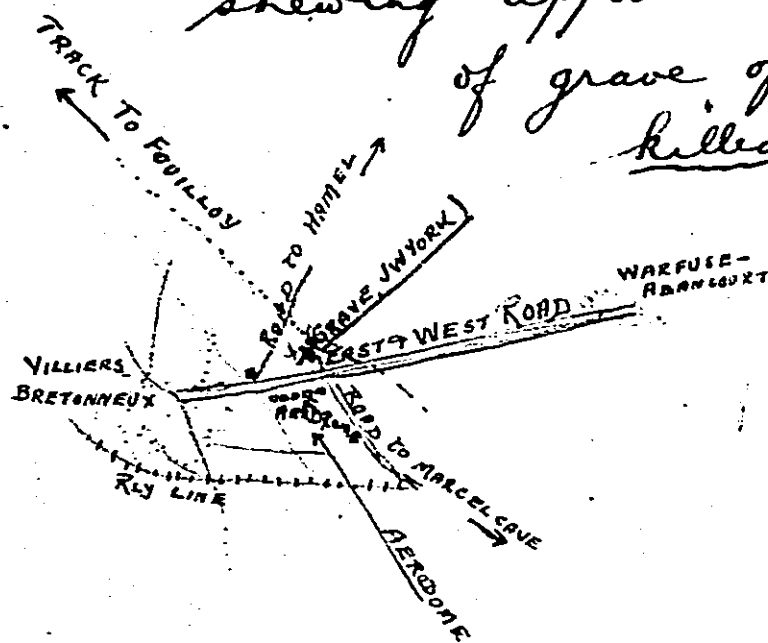
4.12.18.

J.E.A. Note:- Written Q/M/S. Bowman, 2.12.18.

H.

Rough Sketch —

showing approximate position
of grave of late Pte York J. W.
killed 8/4/18
marked X.



E. O. G.

2/3/19
173.

5th M.G. Coy.
A.I.F.

YORK.
J.W.

3125.

"Killed in Action 9-4-18"

Re No 3125. Pte York. James.W. reported Killed 9-4-18. I was Sergeant in charge of a Vickers Gun Team and on the morning of April 8th 1918 a sniper shot York, the bullet entering just below the left eye, severing his jugular vein, therefore causing instantaneous death.

Deceased was buried the following morning by me and 3 or 4 others at a spot North of the aerodrome about half a mile East of Villers Bretonneux as per rough sketch, enclosed herewith. I have already notified Jim's people and his Father has written me a nice letter, thanking me for my trouble.

Last September I travelled back per motor lorry from Peronne and erected a cross over deceased's grave.

The Military Authorities have the map reference of the grave and other particulars concerning the death of the above soldier. When I return to Australia, I will, if I can manage it, see Mr and Mrs York at Sheffield, Tasmania.

Grave is in the field and not in a cemetery.

Letter from: - 457.D.P.Bowman. C/O/M/S.
25th Company. M.G.
A.I.F.

London.
11-3-19.
J.E.A.

NH.

from

No. 457

C. M. Sgt. BOWMAN, D.T.

5th Aust. M.G. Batta

A.I.F.

3125

2. W. York

S. M. G. Coy

K. A. 1.4

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No 5 Sgts' Mess

No 1 Command Depot

Sutton Veng

Wilt

2/3/19.

To

The Secretary

Inquiry Bureau, Aust. Red Cross

36 Grosvenor Place, London S.W.1

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Yours faithfully
457 D. J. Bowman
C.M.S.

J. J. A.

25/6/5 5th A.M. G. Coy