

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**505 Private
John William Donovan**

18th Battalion



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18 A.I.F.

DONOVAN
PTE. J.W. 505.

John William

(M. 21/8/15.)

Kia A 22.8.15

Witness received the following report from the Co. Sgt.
Donovan was killed in the charge on the extreme left
of Anzac on the 22nd August.

Ref: -Pte. J. Sanderson, 642. 18 A.I.F. B.C^o.
Gezira Hospital, CAIRO.

A. Hordern,
20/12/15.

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18 A.I.F.

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DONOVAN
Pte J.W. 505.
John William

K. in action 21.8.15.
~~21.8.15~~

Witness stated that the date of casualty was incorrect:
it should be the 22nd. Donovan stood up to get a better aim and
was killed instantaneously.

Ref:- Cpl Rose, Storeman, 18 A.I.F.
Gezira Overseas Base, CAI RO.

V.D.
19.1.16.

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18 A.I.F.

DONOVAN
Pte J.W. 505.
John William

M. 21.8.15.

Kin A 22.8.15

Was last seen going into the first charge against Hill 60
on the 22nd of August.

Ref:- Cpl Sellers, 653, 18 A.I.F.
Tel el Kebir.

A.Hordern,
21.1.16.

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18 A.I.F.

DONOVAN
Pte J.W. 505.
John William

M. 21.8.15.

Kin A 22.8.15

Several members of the same coy saw Donovan dead after the
charge against Hill 60 on the 22nd August 1915.

Ref:- Pte Kendall, 587, B Co, 18 A.I.F.
Tel el Kebir.

A.Hordern,
21.1.16.

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18th Australian Infantry,
Donovan, J.W., 505,
B. Company

John William
Missing

18 - A 22.8.15

Informant states that on the 27th August at Hill 60 their battalion charged the Turkish trenches and he saw Donovan shot on the parapet of the first line of trenches we took. Informant was only a yard or two away, and is quite sure he was killed. Pte J. Hodges of same company and platoon was next to Donovan and could confirm. Informant does not know where Hodges now is but he was wounded in leg or foot.

Reference: 569, Cpl C.L. Hartt,
18th Australian Infantry,
B. Company,
Harefield Hospital,
Middlesex.

Home address:
Bulletin Office,
George Street,
Sydney, N.S.Wales.

London
4th February, 1916.
J. Burnett.

Sydney cancelled -

*Cancelled.
C.W.O.*

M E D

18th Australian Imperial Force,
Donovan, J.W., 505,
B. Company *John William*

(Missing)

R in A 21.8.15

Informant states that on 24th August 1915 near Suvla Bay
he and Bugler Miles saw Donovan lying dead having been shot in the
head. The back of his head had been shot away.

Reference: 1376, W. Kerley,
17th A.I.F., P. Coy,
Edinburgh War Hospital,
Bangour.

Home address: Gundagai Road,
Cootamundra,
N.S.W.

London,
14th February, 1916.
M.F. Keay.

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A.I.F. 18th Btn

BOHOVAH
Pte. John Wm. 505

"K/A. 21--25-8-15"

K/Action 22-8-15 - no burial
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqs 12-9-19.

London
20-10-19

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