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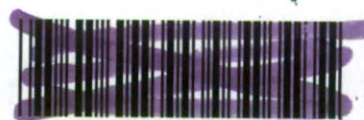
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FLATIRON COPSE CTY. MAMETZ. FRANCE.

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24884 GNR. EDWARD WILLIAMS, "A" BTY. 85<sup>TH</sup> BDE.  
ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY. 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY. 1916. AGE 31.  
Son of Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Williams of  
27. Cilygwydd Road, Cilygwydd, Pontypridd.  
Born at Cilygwydd.

FLATIRON COPSE CTY. MAMETZ.

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Siluria  
2 Lon-y-Rhyd  
Rhiwbina  
Cardiff

Dear Sir,

30 May 1958

My brother Edward Williams  
No: 24884 Bombardier, R.F.A.  
85<sup>th</sup> A Battery, 18<sup>th</sup> Division Ammunition

Column, was killed in action on  
14<sup>th</sup> July 1916 at Montauban, he was  
buried 1-mile North West of Combles  
Somme, in Tavernier Wood.  
I would be pleased to know  
if he is buried in the same place  
or maybe in the main cemetery?  
one day I am hoping to visit  
France and I would surely visit  
his grave.

I served in 4<sup>th</sup> Bn. "Black Watch"  
Royal Highlanders of Canada  
lost my right arm, left index  
finger, with multiple wounds  
on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1916 at  
Courcelette not far from my

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dear brother,

I know what wonderful  
work and great care  
is taken of all graves  
in France - Belgium and

it's a Big Thank you

to all concerned from myself

and family, we were six brothers

all volunteers who served

in R.F.A., Indian Army, South

Persian Rifles,

Egyptian Ex-Force,

B.E.F., 1914-18,

and Canadian Ex-Force.

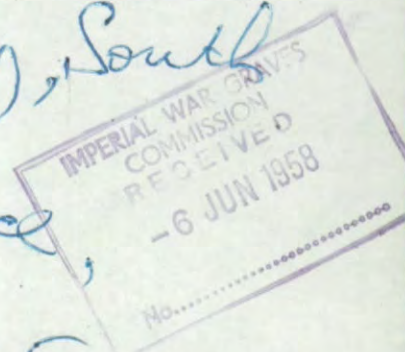
One killed, two wounded.

I shall be pleased to hear

from you when convenient

Please excuse  
writing. sincerely  
Wm. Williams

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Northern Region  
Imperial War Graves Commission  
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*A/Non Campbell*  
*W. Williams*

Secretary  
Imperial War Graves Commission  
32 Grosvenor Gardens,  
LONDON S.W.1

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(Assistant Secretary E.R.)

3rd June, 1958.

GRAVE ENQUIRIES.  
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The attached letter dated 30th May, 1958 has been received from Mr. Windsor Williams, of Siluria, 2 Lon-y-Rhyd, Rhiwbina, Cardiff, and is forwarded for reply.

It has not been acknowledged.

2. The following information may be of interest to you.

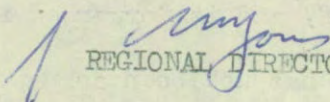
24884, Gunner Edward WILLIAMS, 'A' Bty., 85th Bde. R.F.A., 17th July, 1916, etc. is commemorated by a Special Memorial (No.16) inscribed "Believed to be buried in this cemetery" in Flat Iron Copse Cemetery, Mametz, France.

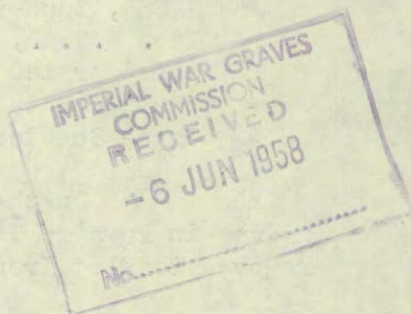
On the Comprehensive Report of this cemetery, the graves in Favaire Wood, Hardecourt-au-Bois are recorded as having been removed to Flat Iron Copse Cemetery.

The location of Flat Iron Copse Cemetery is as indicated in the cemetery register, but the best approach to the cemetery is from Bazentin-le-Petit, from which there is a rough road leading to the cemetery and Mametz.

Taxis are available at Albert railway station, and the best route to the cemetery is Albert-La Boisselle-Contalmaison-Bazentin le Petit-Flat Iron Copse.

A Commission P.W.D. Board indicates the route to the cemetery from Bazentin.

  
REGIONAL DIRECTOR.



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10th June, 1958

A.A. 51217

Dear Mr. Williams,

Your letter of the 30th May has been forwarded here by our Arras office for reply.

Your brother, the late 24884 Gunner Edward Williams, Royal Field Artillery, who died on the 17th July, 1916, is commemorated by a special memorial (No. 16) in Flat Iron Copse Cemetery, Mametz, France. The special memorial is inscribed "Believed to be buried in this cemetery". Altogether there are 36 special memorials erected to soldiers from the United Kingdom who are known or believed to be buried within the cemetery but whose graves cannot be individually identified.

The graves which were originally in Favaire Wood were later moved to Flat Iron Copse Cemetery so that they should be under the permanent care of the Commission. Montauban, the place where you believe your brother to have been killed, is only  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles to the north-east of Mametz.

Mametz is a village and commune in the Department of the Somme, 4 miles east of Albert. A little to the north is Mametz Wood and a little east of Mametz Wood is the small plantation known to the Army as Flat Iron Copse. The cemetery is at the south end of the Copse. The nearest convenient railway station is at Albert.

Taxis are available at Albert railway station, and the best route to the cemetery is Albert - La Boisselle - Contalmaison - Bazentin-le-Petit - Flat Iron Copse.

A Commission P.W.D. Board indicates the route to the cemetery from Bazentin.

Yours sincerely,

A. R. C. PRENTIS.

Secretary

W. Williams, Esq.,  
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Rhiwbina,  
Cardiff.