

Extracts from application for

Letters of Administration

by Ethel Mary Nixon,

widow of James Munro Williamson,

November 1940.

Transcription of letter below.

No. 5165

IN THE
Supreme Court of New Zealand,
Canterbury DISTRICT,
Lincoln REGISTRY.

Re *James M. Williamson* deceased.

RECEIVED from the Registrar, Supreme Court,

Lincoln

Probate,

Letters of Administration, *DCs*

Order to Administer,

Copy Will,

Exemplification.

Dated this 19 day of



W. G. Thomson

Assistant Commissioner of Stamp Duties.

B.R. / 21948

[B.R.—132.]

Base Records Branch,

New Zealand Military Forces,

Wellington, 9th April, 1918

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—
"Director, Base Records,
Featherston Street,
Wellington,"
and the above numbers quoted.

Mrs. E. M. Williamson.....
C/O Mrd Dixon,
426 Manchester Street,
Christchurch.

Dear Madam.....

RE. 21948 Rfm James Munro Williamson.

I have to inform you that the official Army Form relative to the above-named deceased soldier has been received from the Front, and the following particulars are extracted therefrom for your information:—

Embarked Dunedin.	20/8/16
Disembarked Devonport.	24/10/16
Attached strength, Sling.	25/10/16
Marched out for France, Sling.	15/11/16
Attached New Zealand Infantry and General Base Depot, Etaples.	16/11/16
Joined Battalion and posted to "A" Coy, in the Field.	8/12/16
Detached with Railway Construction Party, in the Field.	7/1/17
Rejoined Unit, in the Field.	11/3/17
Detached Fascine Building Party, in the Field.	30/4/17
Rejoined Unit, in the Field.	23/5/17
<u>Killed in Action</u> , in the Field.	15/6/17

Yours Faithfully,

This is the document marked "C" now produced and shown to Ethel Mary Nixon wife of William Nixon of Christchurch Farm manager and referred to in her annexed Affidavit to lead grant of administration to herself sworn at Christchurch this 14th day of October 1940 before me

E. Burgess
Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand

B. A. MARRIS,

Chief Clerk.

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Somewhere in France

June 22nd 1917.

Dear Mrs. Williamson,

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J. Burgess 14th October 1940.

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& country.

I am sending all that we found on
him at the time of his death. We buried
his body not far from where we are at present
and if it is possible I will get a cross erected
on the spot & also make a note of it.

I hope that God will be with you & yours
in your hour of trouble. My mates & I join
in recording you our deepest sympathy in
your sad bereavement.

I Remain
Yours Sincerely
J. N. Wallace

This is the document marked "D" produced and shown to Ethel
Mary Nix on behalf of William Nix in Christchurch 7th day of
and referred to in her annexed affidavit to lead proof of
aggravation to herself sworn at Christchurch this 14th day of
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