

J. W. Gray

Apr 19/15

Copies of a letter
from Col. Sreatfield

to Mr. Williams

re Mr. Roberts

Death.



Copy.

20th October, 15.

J.C.Williams, Esqr.,
Werrington Park,
Launceston, Cornwall.

Sir:

As requested by Mr.Rogers to-day, I beg to send you
herewith six copies of a letter (as well as the original),
which I trust are typed to your satisfaction.

I remain, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(signed)

L. Thomas

Registered.

*Mr. Rogers had the original of this copy
also a carbon copy*

20 Oct 1915

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REGIMENTAL ORDERLY ROOM,

FIRST OF GRENADEER GUARDS,

BUCKINGHAM GATE, S. W.

October 14th, 1915.

Dear Mr. Williams,

I heard from Col. Corry yesterday of the death of your Son in the "Big Willie" action of the 8th instant and I am anxious upon behalf of the Regiment to express to you and your family our heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow and our grief in the loss of a most gallant brother Officer.

Col. Corry writes:-

"The casualties amounted to 137 all ranks, Anson killed,
"Williams killed, both splendid fellows and a great loss,
"poor Anson had no chance and Williams fought his machine gun
"like a tiger and revelling in the fight. All the gunners
"were killed or wounded, then Comp. Sergt. Major Kindrick,
"the old machine Sergt. took it and got killed, then Comp.
"Sergt. Major Tyson, and finally Williams the last man and
"fought it till he was shot through the head.
"We buried him yesterday in Vermelles Cemetery - all Officers
"being present.

Your Son's death was a very noble one, and we are indeed proud of him.

With my most sincere sympathy,

Believe me

Dear Mr. Williams,

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

HENRY STREATFIELD, Col.

Com^d Gren^r Gds.