

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

5350 Private  
Bevil Bernard James  
Edwards

28th Battalion



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28th A. I. F.

B. B. J. EDWARDS, 5350.

Killed 2.3.17. Details D & B.

At Le Sara at the time we evacuated he was killed by a shell and blown to pieces. His remains were buried at the side of the dug out which had been blown in. A cross was erected. He was a man aged about 20, fair and stood about 5 ft.8.

Reference: Pto. A. Oliver, 5416.

No.10 General, Rouen. 30.4.17.

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A. I. F. 28.

EDWARDS, R. B. J. 5350.

K. March 2nd, 1917.

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He was killed on March 2nd on the Sunken Road near Warlencourt. His body was buried about 150 yards to the left of Warlencourt in a shell hole. I have seen his grave there. There is a cross on it with his name. He came from Cottesloe Beach, West Australia. His father is a prison official at Fremantle. He was a Lewis gunner.

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Reference:- C.E. Crocker. 5335. G.Coy.  
No. 2 A.D.R.D.

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21.4.17.

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28th A. I. F. B.Coy.

B. B. J. EDWARDS, 5380 ✓  
F. H. A. SMITH, 5305

Killed 2.3.17. Det.D & B. ✓  
D/W. 1.3.17. Det.D & B. ✓

Edwards and Corpl. Smith were both in my reinforcement, and we were all three in B.Coy. On the night of March 1st we were in a Sunken Road which we called Twenty-Sixth Avenue or Chalk Pit Road, sitting on the embankment waiting to go up and relieve the Battn. in the trenches, when a shell came in and killed Edwards outright and wounded Corpl. Smith, Corpl. Chapman and another Corporal whose name I do not remember. Corpl. Smith died the following day. I do not know where ~~and~~ he & Edwards were buried.

Reference: Pte. Thos. Williamson, 5449, B.Coy.

No. 5 General, Rouen, 27.4.17.

E.H.H. P.

28th A.I.F.

Edwards, Pte. B.B.J. 5350, C. Coy.

(K. Mar. 2/17. Dets. D/B)

Informant states "I was one of a burying party at Le Sars on 3rd March 1917 and I assisted in burying the body of this man. He had been killed by a high explosive, the back of his head had been blown away. I took his disc and personal belongings from him and handed them over to Sgt. Major Jones of B. Coy., to which deceased belonged - not C. Coy. We buried him in the sunken road about a hundred yards behind the lines. It would be about 1,000 yards along the road from Martinpuich. He was buried alone in a shell hole."

Eye witness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Pte. G.J. Owen 495, 28th A.I.F., C. Coy  
1st Southern Gen: Hos., M. G's Heath,  
Birmmham.

Home address: 56 King Street,  
East Fremantle,  
Western Australia. P.

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ARTHUR A. I. P.

B. B. J. EDWARDS, 5350

Killed 2.3.17. Det.D/S.

Informant knew Bevil Edwards well in Australia, his Father was Governor of Fremantle Gaol, and he was in C.Coy., a Machine Gunner, and the date of his death was March 2nd. On the Bapaume front while in the front line, he was struck by a shell in the head at about 11 a.m. and killed instantly. Informant helped to bury him near the trench where he fell, and put up a cross with his name on.

Reference: Pte.H.J.J.Powell, 5764, A.Coy.

No.8 General, Roquen, 4.6.17.

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25th June 1917

28th AUSTRALIANS

EDWARDS, B.B.J. 5350

X. 2nd March 1917 Det. D/B

Edwards was in B. Co., M.G.S. He came from N. Australia. I had known him for about 4 months since he joined the Bn. He was known among us as "Curly Edwards". About 5'8" in height, medium build, fair curly hair, clean-shaven, 18 - 20 years of age. I helped to bury him in a shell hole on the right hand side of the road which goes from Butte de Warlen-court to Liscares and then on to La Loopart Wood. There is a right angle bend before you come to Liscares - His grave is beside the road there - The road then goes straight to Liscares. We did not put up any cross or mark on it.

Informant: Sgt. R.G.A. Hlandford 4082  
28th Australians B. Co. 7th Pltn  
H.S. "Warilda" Havre

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