

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**4442 Private
Jack Hardisty**

17th Battalion



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A.I.F. 17th Btn(HQ)
not 18th Btn

HARDISTY
Jack 4442

"MISSING"

Killed in action 9-10-17 - previously reported Missing
ert by A.I.F. Hqrs 8-5-18.

S & P.I.

London
10-5-18

17th Battn.
A.I.F.

HARDISTY
J. 444E

"Killed 9-10-17"

There were two Hardisty's in the Battn. I cannot say if the following applies to this man or not. On that night Hardisty was hit in the side of the jaw by a piece of shell at Passchendaele Ridge. I saw this. It was enough to have killed him, but I cannot say definitely if he was killed instantly. I can't say what happened afterwards, I carried on. Someone said "There's Hardisty gone", I looked round and saw him there. We could not get near him as shelling was too great. There were about 11 of us on that fatigue, carrying duckboards.

Informant. Heydon. A.R. 4133
17th Battn. C.Coy.,
No.1 Coy. Tent,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
10-7-18
H.G.

P.I.
S.

A.I.F. 17th Battn.
not 18 Battn.

HARDISTY
Jack 4449

R/A 9/10/17

No trace in Germany
Gert. by Capt. Mills 10/10/19

London
20/10/19

S
P.I.

(Files)

8.11.14

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10/10/14

4139 D.W.A. J. Handley
sent D.A.C.

A.F.A.
B.E.F.
France.

Re 4442 P.F. J. Handley 14th Bats

In. 9.10.14.

Missing draft sent

sent to Montevideo

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G.A.L.H.

(Wounded)

POHRTT

2655- J.M. 8

G.S.W. fore arm.

Admitted to 14 A.G.H.

Discharged to Abbassia Convalescent Depot.

Sent to Montazah

5/7/17

28/8/17

31/8/17

(2-1)

Alex. Inquiry by telephone. 1/9/17

CAIRO. 1/9/17

23rd/10/1917

To the Australian Guild Red Cross Society.

Dear Sirs: Mrs.

I have been informed that my brother, No. 4442, Pte J. Hardisty is moving from the 9th/10/1917. he belongs to the 17th Battalion B-company. His D. C. writes to me, advising me to inform the Australian Guild Red Cross Society. I would be very pleased if you could give me any information about him, I am his brother No. 4139, D. C. A. J. Hardisty. No. 2 section, 5th D. A. C. A. J. A. Frame. If you can let me know as soon as possible I would be very pleased.

I remain

Yours truly

A. J. Hardisty

Sent 10
from Hazebrone
31/10/17

Received by Name Date

4139 Dvr. A.J.HARDISTY.

5th Div. Ammunition Column,
Australian Field Artillery,

B.E.F.

13th May.

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Re 4448 JACK HARDISTY, 17th Battalion, A.I.B.

Dear Sir,

We deeply regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported Killed in Action on 9-10-17.

We are making further enquiries in the hope of learning full details of his death and will immediately forward to you any information that we receive.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) LAW.

SECRETARY.

STATIONER, L.A. 1901 601A

MAILED NOVEMBER 1918
36th A. I. F.

Brown, C.M. 1407.

(A. Oct. 12/17. Det: D & B)

I was close to Sig. Cyril Malcolm Brown (H.Q. Sig.) when he was killed, about Oct. 12th during the attack at Passchendaele. Pieces of shrapnel hit him in the chest, when we were close to the Dressing Station. His wounds were dressed, but there was no chance for him and he died almost immediately. I am sorry I do not know where he is buried. I wrote to tell his people what I could. I am sorry I could not do more.

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: from Grafton, single, came out with Batt:

Informant: Cpl Christian John Scherf, 1417.

36th A.I.F., H.Q. Sig.,

3rd Southern General Hospital, Tent,
New College Gardens, Oxford.

Home address:

Inverall, N.S.W.
Newcastle, N.S.W.

27th April 1918.
Hilda M. Pickard-Cambridge.

July 16th, 1918.

Dvr. H.J. Hardisty, 4139,
5th D.A.C., Australian Imperial Force,
B. E. F. FRANCE.

Dear Sir,

We have received an unofficial report about your brother -

4442 Pte. J. HARDISTY, 17th Battalion, A.I.F.

which we fear is not at all satisfactory.

4153 A.E. Seydon, 17th Bttn said there were two men of that name in the Battalion and he did not know whether his account applied to your brother or not:- "On that night Hardisty was hit in the side of the jaw by a piece of shell at Passchendaele Ridge I saw this, it was enough to have killed him but I cannot say definitely that he was killed instantly. I can't say what happened afterwards as I carried on." Someone said "There's Hardisty gone" I looked round and saw him there. We could not get near him as the shelling was too great. There were about 11 of us on that fatigue carrying duckboards."

We are very sorry to send you such ^{an} unsatisfactory report and are continuing our enquiries in the hope that we may get more definite news.

Assuring you of our sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

SECRETARY. *at.*