

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**6282 Private  
Joseph Elisha Carter**

**17th Battalion**



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A.I.F. 17th Bn

CARTER  
J.E. 6282

"K. Oct. 9-17"

At Peshendale about 200 yards in front of Daisy Farm Wood, he was killed by a sniper while moving from one shellhole to another and hit again while on the ground. I don't know where he is buried, but I knew him well, he was in my Coy; came from Australia together.

Ref: - Ward 6391  
Ward 35  
Harefield,

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D.P. Dickson  
London  
21-2-18

17th Battn.  
A.I.F.

CARTER.  
J.E. 6282.

"Killed in Action" 9-10-17.

He was in an advanced post just short of Passchendaele at about 8 a.m. on Oct 9th 1917. when he was shot by a German sniper. fell in an exposed position and was killed instantly by several bullets while lying on the ground. I was about 50 yards off and saw it happen. It was during our attack, past our first objective and close to our second. We had to retire that night, but the Canadians were over the ground later. He was a dark clean shaven quiet, medium built man of about 30 and 5 ft 7 ins. I did not know his No or initials. He was a Lewis Gunner in A.Ccy.

Informant:- Sgt. Maynard. 285.  
17th Battn. A.I.V.  
HAREFIELD.

A.G. Campbell.  
London.  
20-6-18.

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FRANCE.

17th BATT. A.I.F.

CARTER. J.H. 6282.

A. Oct 9th. 1918. Det.

He came from Hyde, Sydney. I knew him well for we came over together in the 17th reinforcements to the 17th Batt. I was told at the time by a machine gunner whose name I did not know, but who was close to him at the time at Daisy Wood, that he saw him get up and try to get a better shot at some Germans, when he was immediately sniped and fell dead. He had to withdraw from our position after that and he would be found and buried by the Germans.

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Ref ---1/Cpl G.H. Mithorp. 6416.  
No 2 Can. Gen. Hospital.

He reported. August 18th. 1918.

175th Battn.  
A.I.F.

CARTER.  
I.E. 6282.  
"J"

"Killed 9-10-17"

At Passchendaele- Daisy Wood. In front-9th October just after daylight. He was hit by a bullet and he stood up dazed like, and got another bullet through the head. He fell back into a shell hole. I was close to him at the time. Knew him well, in same Company - same gun team, and came from Australia together.

Informant:- Drew.6299.  
W.24.HAREFIELD.

D.-.Dickson.  
London.  
1-10-18.  
J.E.A.

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A.I.F. 17th Battn.

CARTER J.E. 6282.  
Cosgrave T. 6285.

"Killed in Action 9.10.17"

Re 6285 Pte. T. Cosgrave 17th Battn., and 6282 Pte. J.E. Carter, 17th Battalion. I am sorry to say that I cannot give you any of the information that you seek as I was wounded early in the morning 9.10.17, and they were both killed after I had left the field. I wrote to Mrs. Carter giving her all the information I could get from my pals in France.

Letter from:- 6284 Pte. P.J. Copp,  
17th Battn.  
Staff.1st A.D.H.  
Bulford.

London  
8.1.19.  
D.W.B.

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17th BATTALION. A.I.F.  
A.Co. 18th Reinforcements.

CARTER.  
Private J.H. 6282.

"KILLED. 9.10.17."

Informant described Carter as about 5'9" high, heavy build, dark complexion, aged about 41 years. He came from Ryde.

Informant states they both belonged to A. Company, No. 2

Platoon of the same Machine Gun Team.

On 9.10.17 the Battalion was in action in front of Passchendaele. They hopped over about 5 a.m. and about one or two hours later, when they had gone about half way to the objective, Carter was shot in the Chest by a bullet. He got up immediately, and immediately afterwards was killed outright by another shot in the head. Informant did not see him hit on the first occasion, but saw him fall on the second occasion, being quite close to him. Informant had to keep going and never saw Carter again, and as he was himself wounded shortly afterwards and was taken away, he did not learn where Carter was buried.

INFORMANT; Private T. W. Drew, 6299,  
A. Company, 17th Battalion, A.I.F.

Home Address; 63 Ormond Street, PADDINGTON.

W.E.G.  
Victoria Barracks, SYDNEY.  
24.3.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F. 17th Btn

CARTER  
Joseph Elisha 6282

"K/A. 9-10-17"

No trace Germany  
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10-10-19.

London  
16-10-19

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8.1.19

6282

Mr J. E. Carter

17 Bldg

See under

6285

Mr T. Cosgrove

17 Bldg