

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
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**6092 Private
Joseph Heady**

22nd Battalion



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Inquiry Pte Joseph Headey 6092 22nd Btn Came over
with 17th rps 22nd Btn Reported missing at
Bullecourt 3/5/17

Enquirer is a great friend + would like to know if
you have heard anything about it him

Please reply to Pte J. Purser 3696 WMB

Very truly yours
29/6/18
C. W. 4
P/O A Camp No 1 Command Depot
33rd Btn C Coy
Luton Hampshire
Salisbury Plains

A.I.F. 22nd Bn

J. 6092 HEADY

"MISSING"

Killed in action 3-5-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 24-1-18.

London
30-1-18

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22nd A. I. F.,

Heady, Pte. J., 6092,

N. May 3rd 1917.

"I knew Joe Heady. We joined up together. My No. was 6091, and his 6092. He was a barber in Sydney. He belonged to my Coy. and Pltn. We were together at Bullecourt where he was gassed on the 3rd May 1917. The day we took Bullecourt, he was on the wind side in No Mans Land, I was on the left or clear side. It was about 3 o'clock in the morning, day break. I did not actually see him drop, suffocated but men of my Company (cannot interupt ? to give their names) who were with him told me that Heady (and several other men of my Coy.) got the full force of the gas wave and were done for. His body was not found."

Eye Witness:

Description:

Informant:-- Pte. Stephen Calvin Hayhurst, 6091,
22nd A. I. F., A. Coy. III Pltn.,
Harborne Hall V.A.D. Hosp:
Birmingham.

S. C. M.

Home address:-- c/o Mrs. A. Winterton,
Belmont, 17, Woodstock Avenue, Golders Green, London.

6.7.17.

Geo: Bullock.

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Statement made by No. 6091 Pte. Hayhurst S.C. 22nd Btn
re No. 6092 Pte. Heady J. 22nd Btn
Reported Missing 3.5.17

On 3rd May 1917 I saw Heady. We were in front of
Bullscourt in No. 10th's line. A gun shell exploded near
and Heady was in the midst of the gas. I escaped from the
gas and saw him no more.

Given at Harefield Park this 8th day of August 1917.

(Sgd) S.C. Hayhurst.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) W. Baker Major.

See full statement 6/7/17

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22nd Battn.
A. Coy.
A. I. F.

Heady.
J. 6092

"Missing 3.5.17"

Refer to Pte. R. M. Harrison 6095 22nd Battalion, A.Coy. who should be able to give particulars he was with him in attack at Bullecourt. Still in France. I was wounded the same day and left there on the following morning.

Witness:-

Pte. T. Bailey 6037
22nd Battn. B.Coy.
3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital.
Bartford.

W. Oman.

London.
10.8.17.

Off.M.

Note Written Pte. Harrison 7.8.17.

22nd Battn.
A. I. F.

Heady.
Pte. J. 6092

"Missing 3.5.17"

6092 Pte. J. Heady was medium build, stout, fair complexion, bald. Posted as missing. I might state that this man is a personal acquaintance having been in camp together in Australia, on the boat and joined the Battalion in France about 15th March 1917.

Letter from:-

Pte. R. M. Harrison 6095
A. Coy. 22nd Battn.
France. 29.8.17.

London.
20.9.17.

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Plt. J. Heady 6092.

22 Bth.

see under

Plt. R. Cobden. 6062. " "

9/8/17.

3696 Pte. J. Pinsen.
33rd Battalion, A.I.F.,
No 8 Camp, 1st Command Depot,
Sutton Veny.

July 5th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry of 29th ult, for

6092 Pte. J. HEADY, 22nd Battalion, A.I.F.

We much regret to inform you that he is officially reported to have been killed in action on 3-5-17, having been previously reported missing on that date.

We forward the only unofficial report we have been able to obtain concerning him.

Informant - 6091 Pte. S.C. Hayhurst stated:- "I knew Joe

Heady. He was a barber in Sydney and afterwards belonged to my company and platoon. We were together at Bullecourt where he was gassed on 3rd May. That day he was on the wind side in 'No Man's Land' - I was on the left or clear side, it was at about 3 o'clock in the morning - daybreak - I did not actually see him drop suffocated but men of my company who were with him told me that Heady and several others got the full force of the gas wave and were done for. His body was not found."

We much regret that in spite of our efforts we have never been able to obtain further information concerning Pte. Heady's fate - and fear that there is little hope of reliable news being received now - so long after the engagement in which he fell.

Regretting we should have to forward such sad news and assuring you of our sympathy

Yours faithfully,

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