

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

3003 Private  
Alfred Searle Dodd

49th Battalion



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A.I.F. 49th Btn.

DODD.  
A.S. 3003.

"K. June 7/17"

At Messines on 7th June I saw him shot by a sniper out  
in No Man's land he was killed and left out there in a  
shell hole. I don't know if he was buried after,

Informant:-  
Stephens, 3002.  
W 25. Herefield.

D.P. Dickson,  
London.  
14.8.17.

B.

NOTE:- 58th, Supposed to be in hpl Bristol, worth looking  
up Hpl Room. Kelly 2990. I/C.T.W. Disher,  
2642.

49th Battn.  
A. I. F.

Dodd.  
A. S. 5003

"Killed 7.6.17"

Was in D. Coy. 14th Platoon. He was killed by a sniper at Messines. I saw him hit, but I do not know how seriously. I was hit immediately afterwards and remained out for 3 days and his body had not been taken in then.

Witness:-

E. J. Stevens 2002  
49th Battalion. A.I.F.  
Warefield.

W.G.J.

London.  
24.8.17.

Note See previous report by Stevens 2002 B.

A.I.F. 49.

DODD, A.S. 3003.

June 7th 1917. Dets D/B.

A.S Dodd was in B.Coy. I am not sure of his platoon. His number was about 3000. We came over together from Australia. Before the war he was in the navy and he lived in Brisbane. I saw him killed by shell fire whilst we were advancing on a place called Fanny's Farm near Messines on the afternoon of the 7th June. We held our ground but I can't say if Dodd's body was recovered although a burial party was detailed to collect the dead.

Reference: Pte F.J.Thureson, 3026. B.VI.  
No. 13 General  
BOULOGNE. 17.10.17.

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49th Batt,  
B. Coy,  
A.I.F.

Dodd,  
A.I.S. 3003

"Killed 7.6.17"

Refer to Pte. G. R. Taylor 3008 B. Coy, 49th Batt  
who is now in France and who saw him killed, and can give  
full particulars of death and burial.

Witness:- McDonald,  
Pte A.S. 2959<sup>7</sup>.  
49th Batt, H A. 8/Bearers  
3rd A.A.Hospital  
Dartford,

W. Oman, 29.11.17

Note written Pte Taylor 5.12.17

London 8.22.17

B.

Havre

11th February 1918.

49th A.I.F.

Dodd A. S. No. 3003.

E. 7th June 1917. Det D/B.

He was in D.Co. XIV Pltn. I knew him pretty well, this was the first time he was in action. He came from Queensland. On the 7th June we were attacking. During the attack I was about 10 or 15 yards from Dodd. I saw a shell drop near him. It blew him to pieces. Nothing was found of him. It wounded two or three others. We went over the ground where this occurred afterwards, but found nothing to identify anyone.

Inf:- Pte A.H.Benson No.2316.  
49th A.I.F. D.Co. XIV Pltn.  
Havre Hospital.

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