

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3396 Private
Frederick Edward
Knapp**

51st Battalion



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A I.F. 51st Bttn.

KHAPPY
Frederick. 3396.

Killed in Action. 5.9.17.

No trace Germany.
Cert by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
21.10.19.

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51st Bn.
A.I.F.

KNAPP
F. 3396

"Killed 26-9-17"

At Passchendaele 26th Sep., killed at once by shell. I did not see it myself, but I sent all his things to his brother in Fremantle, W. Australia. I was his pal. I know he is buried near Zonnebeke, but I did not see the grave. Only a small Cross up at first with disc. I wrote to the brother, and so did others.

Informant. Burns 3488
Ward 28,
HARRFIELD.

D.P. Dickson
London
16-5-18

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A. I. F.

Knappa. Pte. F. 3396. A. 1.

(K. Sept. 26/17. Dets D/B)

"Hearo he was blown to pieces at Ypres, near Passchendaele about Sept 26th, and no burial was necessary.

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Sergt. Henry Mitchell. 2124

51. A. I. F.

A. Coy. 3rd Pltn.

Southern Genl Hosp.
Birmingham.

Home address. Friday Flat
Hensies. W. Australia.

May. 4th 1918.
Powell.

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15th May 1918.

51st A.I.F.

Knapp F. No. 3396.

K. 26th Septr 1917. Det D/B.

He was cook for A. Coy, and we all saw him practically blown to pieces by a shell on the 26th Septr. just before the hop over at Ypres. We made an attack soon after, and carried our objective. Knapp was a bit bald, rather ginger, clean shaven, came from Perth, We called him 'Algy' a very cheery jovial chap.

Inf:- Pte O'Reilly No. 3604.
A.I.F. 51. A. II.
H.S. 'Panama'.

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51st Battn.
A.I.F.

KNAPP.
F. 3396.

"Killed in Action" 26-10-17.

He was killed by a shell at Westhoek Ridge during the advance in the Passchendaele stunt of Sept 26th. We had only just hopped over, ~~gone~~ $\frac{1}{2}$ mile or so when the shell dropped amongst us. I was between Knapp and another man, and it killed them both, but I was not touched, only dazed. He was killed instantly. I do not know what happened to his body. the S/B's were close behind, but he was still there when I recovered and went on. He was in same Company and Platoon as me. A 2. He came from Perth, not very young, 35 or so. He had been a grocer's assistant and after that, Boxing Trainer to Paddy King.

Informant:- Egan.T.R. 3482.

A.2. 51st Battn.

Hq 1 Command Depot.

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B.F.German.
London.
27-5-18.

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51st Battn.
A.I.F.

KNAPP.
F. 3396.

"Killed in Action" 26-10-17.

I heard that Knapp was killed instantaneously by a shell that killed 5 men, and wounded four cut in the open. Sept. 26-17 at Passchendaele. I think Sgt. O'Mara 51st Battn. A.I.F. Co A. who is now in Australia on 6 month's furlough might give more information. This was the first time Knapp was in the line. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness: No.

Description: Clean Shaven, about 5 ft 6 ins. had been Battn Cock ever since we came to France June 1916.

Home Address:-
Battn Address.

(reliable-intelligent)

Informant:- George Harrison. Sig.
51st Battn. A.I.F.
Graylingwell Hos.
CHICHESTER.

A. J. Jones

London.
28-5-18.

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