

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

6048 Private  
James Luke

14th Battalion



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14th Batt,  
A. I. F.

J. Luke,  
6048

"Missing 11.4.17"  
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Killed in Action 11.4.17 - Previously reported Missing

Cert, by A. I. F. Headquarters dated ~~11.4.17~~ 23.11.17

London 4.12.17

Off M

14th A I.F.

Inke J. 6048 D Coy.  
(April 11th 1917 K. Pets. D/B)

"On April 11th 1917 at Bullscourt Lake was killed instantly through the third barbed wire, by a machine gun bullet, in the big engagement. He was probably picked up and buried after. It was about 8 o'clock in the morning.

Eye witness: Yes.

Description: Stout, medium height.

Informant: Lamb, L/Cpl. 6050, 14th A.I.F.,  
Coombe Lodge, Gt. Warley, Essex.

Home address: 15 Tully Street,  
Geelong East, Victoria.

14.2.18. -  
E. Wontner.

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W. Wontner  
14.2.18.

A.I.F. 14th Battn.

LUKE

J. 6048.

"Killed 11.4.17"

At Reincourt just near Bullicourt. He had one bullet through left leg above the knee and one in the hand. He died from exposure. I lay out two nights and two days; he was only a couple of yards away from me. I was talking to him. He died some time in the night. I spoke to him next morning and got no answer from him. I was taken Prisoner. Knew him well was in same Lewis Gun team as me. We were hit about 7 a.m.

Informant:- 733 Lloyd,  
Anzac Buffet.

D.P. Dickson.  
London  
17.1.19.  
H.G.

Off.M.

Answered Inquiries

31-12-17

14<sup>th</sup> Batt. U.S.A.

June 1. 6049

He is in December Inquiry List as missing.  
Since you have reported killed, can you  
give particulars for a mate.

E. H. Triffitt

700<sup>th</sup> Command Depot

Huracott

13-12-17

January 2nd, 1918.

C.W.Griffith, Esq.,  
Red Cross Searcher,  
No 3 Command Depot,  
Hurdcotta

Dear Sir,

In reference to your enquiry for

6048 Pte.J.LUXE, 14th Battalion, A.I.F.

who is officially reported "Killed in Action 11.4.17,  
we very much regret to state that up to the present  
we have obtained no particulars concerning him but  
we have now re-opened the enquiry and shall at once  
forward any information that comes to hand.

Yours faithfully,

*Miss Craig*  
SECRETARY