

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5690 Private
Joseph Alexander
Johns**

3rd Battalion



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3rd Batn.,
A.I.F.

JOHNS,
J.A., 5690.

"Killed 23-8-18."

"At Proyart he was killed at once, badly knocked about, when we were coming up from supports behind the front line. I went over and had a look at him. I was a stretcher bearer. Knew him well, in same platoon. Don't know where buried.

Informant:- Moran, 6058,
W. 41 Herefield.

D.P. Dickson,
London,
12-12-18.
H.G.

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3rd Battn
A.I.F.

JOHNS
J.A. 5690

"SHELL SHOCK OCT."

Leave from France 16.2 - 2.3.18.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs Dist 9.5.18.

London.
9.5.18.

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A.I.F. 3rd Battn.

JOHNS
J.A. 6690.

"Killed 23.6.18"

On above date we were following up under a barrage, (I don't know the name of the place) when 3 5.9 shells fell round about us and killed half the Company. I was the next man to him, and he was killed instantly. He had mentioned to us that he used to work in the Customs, Sydney.

Age, 45/50, About 5ft.8/9ins., rather thin, very dark, with moustache.

Informant:- Pte. K.I. Dunne, 4595.
A. Coy, 3rd Battn.
Littlemore Camp.

T. Osborne.
London
11.1.19.
J.E.A.

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A.I.F. 3rd Battn.

JOHNS
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"Killed 23/8/18"

Was a Pte in 2nd Pltn., A Coy., 3rd Btn., medium height, thin, very dark, black moustache. I saw him killed at Proyart on 23rd Aug. between 5.30 and 6 a.m. just after the hop off, by a shell which hit him all over, killing him straight out. I was not far away, but went on and saw no more of him.

Informant:- Pte G.W. Harney,
A Coy., 3rd Battn.

NOTE:- Pte Harney told me that Sgt. Watkins, of A Coy., 3rd Btn., now in Blighty on the 6 months stint, would probably be able to give details of Johns and also of Carrington J.M. 6888 and Meade L.F.5711.

3268 Sgt. Watkins returned Australia S.S. Karoa.
H.S. Cowan

London
10/4/19
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