

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5614 Private
Peter Johnson**

28th Battalion



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28th A. I. F.

P. JOHNSON, 5614.

Missing 26.3.17.

If this is Peter Johnson of D Co., brother of the Minister of Lands, Western Australia, he was killed in Lagnicourt almost in the village on the date mentioned, and is buried near the cross-roads in the village on the side of the road leading to the right out of Lagnicourt. His grave is near that of Lt. Cook. (See Supplement, May, page 31.A.)

Reference: Pte. T. Brown, 5326. D Co.

No.5 General, Rouen. 2.6.17.

WMR.

10/1/26

28th A. I. F.

P. JOHNSON, 5614

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We were coming out of trenches at Lagnicourt on the 26th March/17 about 5.0 p.m. after having been relieved. As we were marching along a Sunken Road, a couple of High Explosive shells burst in the middle of No.14 Plat. which killed seven and wounded nine of whom two died later. Peter Johnson was one of those killed and Lieut. Cook was another. He was a Runner in the Coy. I knew him well. He was not so much knocked about as the others and was easily recognisable. Next day, when we were on our way up to the line, we stopped at this place and buried him and the others, each in separate graves but we only had time to erect one cross for them all.

Reference: Pte.W.Hall, 5023, D.Coy. No.14 Pl.

No.9 General, Rouen, 13.6.17.

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28th A.I.F.

Johnson, Private Peter, 5614.
C Company.

M. March 26th 1917.

"I know that Peter Johnson was killed by a shell on the other side of Bapaume, and he was buried by Pte. J. Tomlinson of C Company".

Eye Witness: No.

Description:

Informant:- Pte. Arthur Walker, 5674.
28th A.I.F. C Company.
1st London General Hospital,
Camberwell.

Home address:- Refer to Regiment.

25.6.17.

C. Ross.

W. H. H. 2d

28th Battn.
A. I. F.

Johnson.
P. 5614.

"Missing 26.3.17."

I am sorry to have to inform you that Peter Johnson was killed in Lagincourt on about March 25 or 26th by a shell. He was a man of about 35 years of age, dark complexion, medium build and height. His brother is member of Parliament for Guildford? West Australia. We buried Peter the following day where he was killed.

Letter from:-
L/Cpl. V. E. Putzey 5650.
D. Coy. 28th Battn.
France. 13.6.17.

London,
30.6.17.

Off. M.

28th Battn
A.I.F.

Johnson.
P. 5614

"Missing 26.3.17."

Pte. P. Johnson was hit by shell on the 26th March and death was instantaneous. He was medium height, Cleaned shaved, and dark hair. He was a company runner with our Battn Previous to enlisting he was managing his brothers farm in the Bruce Rock district.

Letter from:-
W.M. Honeyman
France.

London.
1.9.17.

Off. M.

Havre

1st June, 1917.

28th AUSTRALIANS

JOHNSON, P. 5614

M. 26.3.17.

I was told by Pte. Honeyman of the 28th battalion, H.G.S., that he buried three men, one of whom was Peter Johnson, (a brother of Mr. E.B. Johnson, M.L.A.,) near Lagnicourt in March, 1917. I knew Johnson, and he came over with the 15th Reinforcements with me. I think he lived in Somer Street, East Perth. Honeyman is with his unit.

Informant: Pte S. Magin, 5633
28th Australians, D Co., 14th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

RDM

Written by Honeyman 12-6-17

off clb

Havre

12th May, 1917.

28th AUSTRALIANS

JOHNSON, P. 5614

M. 26.3.17.

I knew him well: he was blown to pieces by a shell at Lagnicourt in a Sunken Road, and his remains were buried close by. I did not see this, but Pte Jones, of the 28th battalion, C Co. since wounded, told me this, and a man called L/Opl. V.J. Pusey of the 28th battalion, C Co. or D Co. was one of the burial party, and is still with his unit. Johnson was a brother to the Minister of Lands in Western Australia when I left.

Informant: L/Opl. G. Dunham, 5544
28th Australians, A Co.,
Ambulance Train, Havre.

Written by L/Opl Pusey 22.5.17
Pte Jones
since wounded

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P JOHNSON

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France.
June 13th/17

To the Secretary
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau
A.R.C.S. London

Re 5614 P. Johnson. 28th Bn. A.I.F.

Dear Madam,

Your enquiry received this morning and I am sorry to have to inform you that Peter Johnson was killed in a Lognicourt on about March 25 or 26 by a shell. He was a man of about 35 years of age, dark complexion, medium build and height. His brother is member of Parliament for Guildford, West-Sussex. We buried Peter the following day near where he was killed.

Yours Faithfully

Lt Col V.E. Puzey. 5650

D. Coy. 28th Bn A.I.F.

5614. P. JOHNSON

28 Bn A.I.F.

M 263.17

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21st June 1917.

5650 L/Cpl V.E. Puzey,
D.Coy, 28th Aust: Inf: Btn
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

Very many thanks for your letter of June 13th in
answer to our enquiry concerning 5614 P. Johnson, 28th Btn,
A.I.F. The information you have sent will be of much assistance.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary

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