

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

3061 Gunner  
John Jope

5th Field Artillery Brigade



1470207L

Field Artillery  
Hvy 8. 15 Batt.

JAN  
J. Webb

"WOUNDED & MISSING 12/10/19"

Eachfort near Busigny hit by piece of gas shell in the stomach - a frightful wound. I saw him being dressed - it took almost 7 dressings to cover it. We put him just near a hedge because the shelling was so bad and we were not sure where the nearest Dressing Station was but A.H. Webb and R. Kingmill helped to take him to Dressing Station.

Informant: - 25038 Hayraves,  
Anzac Brevet,

NOTE: - Written Webb and Kingmill 24/1/19

D.P. Dickson  
22/1/19  
London  
7/1/19  
EG

OFF.M.

A.I.F. 5th F.A.B.

J.

JOPE

3061

"W.E.H. 16-10-18"

Our Bty was moving at night. Joep Cpl. Waring J.B. & myself were together, we got lost. There was rather heavy shelling & Joep got badly hit with a gas shell. A piece of shell about half the size of my fist in his body. We quickly took him to an American dressing station in the church at Brechfort. Full particulars were taken there & I personally saw him placed in a motor ambulance. He was conscious & talking all the time & said Goodbye to us. He was a big man about six feet. I think about 35 or 36, clean shaven.

Informant: Kingsmill A.H. 29305

5th F.A.B. 15th Bty.

32 Grosvenor Place.

OFF.H.

Red X

London

20-2-19

I.E.D.

Note: Written American Red X 20-2-19.

Havre.

26th. Febr. 1919.

5th. A. F. A.

Jops. J. 3061.

W/M. October 16/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was wounded at Saint Souplet and he was taken back to the D/Station, but no one in the battery found out what became of him after that. He was badly wounded in the stomach.

Inf:- Sergt. J. A. D. Taylor,  
5th. A. F. A. 15th. Battery.  
Austr. Demob. Base.

CHR.

*J.*

*P. 501*

*Filing copy*

RRB.

Havre.

24th. Febr. 1919.

5th. A. F. A.

Jope, J. 3061.

W/M. October 16/1918. ~~REXX~~

He was in the 15th. Battery, and was single. In the village of Escaufort near St.Souplet, while at the Gun position, a piece of H.E.shell hit him in the stomach. This was about 9.p.m. It went through his stomach, and came out at the back. He was conscious and was taken to the D/Station in Escaufort, and from there he was taken to the Fld.Amb. with another man named Phillips. At the time Jope had 2000 Francs on him. Bombardier Phillips can give further details.

Inf:- Corporal W. J. Cox, 8638,  
5th. A.F.A. 15th.Batty.  
Austr. Demob. Base.

I have been told about 10 days ago by some of the boys that he had died of wounds. ~~REXX~~

Gunner. L. G. Pearson, 8675.  
5th.A.F.A. 15th.Batty.

RBS.

note - As Phillips written to  
D.O.

*off*  
*R.I.*  
*Filing copy*

RRB.

Havre.

25th. Febr. 1919.

5th. A.F.A.

Jepo, J. 3061.

W/M. October 16/1918. Det. D/D.

He was wounded in the chest by a gas shell and was taken to an American D/Station at Souplet. I never heard where he was buried.

Inf:- Driver. J. P. Finegan, 7764,  
5th. A. F. A. 15th. Batty.  
Austr. Demob. Base.

CRR.

P.1  
RRB.

J.S. A.

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A.I.F. 5th F.A.B.

JOPE  
J. 3061

"WOUNDED & MISSING 16/10/18"

Re Gnr John Jape, was very seriously wounded in the stomach by a large piece of gas shell which appeared to have passed right through his body. After having bound him up we conveyed him to the American Dressing Station, which was situated in the church at Escaufort. He was quite conscious up till this time. We then saw him safely into an ambulance, in which vehicle another man of this battery travelled. Thence we know nothing of his movements. If you could get into communication with the slightly wounded man, you may be able to obtain further information. His particulars are:- 29334 Gnr. Phillips A.F. Judging by Jape's wound I think it impossible that he could survive. He probably died between the Dressing Station and Casualty Clearing Station and was buried as unknown, for it is not certain that he carried an identification disc. The Dressing Station at Escaufort was managed by the 30th Division of Americans. I have endeavoured to find out what Casualty Clearing Station he went to but have been quite unable.

Letter from:- 25554 R. E. Webb, Cpl.,  
15th Battery,  
Aust. Fld. Artillery,  
Belgium.  
24/2/19.

London  
16/3/19

P.I.  
OFF.M.

A.I.F. 5th F.A.B.

JOPE  
J. 3061

"Wounded & Missing 16/10/18"

"Many thanks for information re Gnr. J. Jope. If I might offer a suggestion I fancy that Gnr. or Bombdr. A. Phillips whose number is twenty-nine thousand odd would be able to say whether Jope reached Casualty Clearing Station as I remember he was in the motor ambulance that conveyed Jope from the Escaufort Church, but perhaps you have already made enquiries in that direction"

Letter from:- A.H. Kingmill.

NOTE - A. Phillips written to

London  
9/4/19

OFF.M.

A.I.F. 5th F.A.B.

JOPE  
J. 3081

"WOUNDED & MISSING"

Previously reported Wounded and Missing France 16/10/18 - now reported  
Killed in Action 16/10/18  
Cert. by I.B. 708 - 8/4/19

London  
10/4/19

OFF.M.  
P.I.

A.I.F. 5th F.A.B.

JOPE  
J. 3061

Killed in action 16.10.18

Buried Serain 57B.N.14.  
Cert. by A.I.F.Hdqrs list for Capt. Spedding.

London  
17.6.19

OFF.M.  
P.I.



14th Batty. A.F.A.

JOPE.  
J. Gnr. 3061

K. 16th October 1918

I saw him wounded at Nouroy. He was badly hit in the stomach by a S.9. I was quite near him at the time. Four of us took him and put him on an American Red Cross Ambulance Car and he was taken to either 107th or 108th American C.G.S., and we did not hear anything after that. He was a tall big man, dark, and about 26 years of age.

Informant:- Gnr. O'Neil J.

10285, 15th Batty. F.A.B.

Private Address:- Blackwell Park Rd.,

Abbottsford,  
Sydney

P. GREIF.

H.M.A.T. "Gpiranga"

M. P. I  
pd  
6 suff.

Ad. sent. P. I.

Gnr. Joep. J. 3061  
5th. Bde.

Killed Oct. 16th. 1918.

I reported to my Orderly Room that Joep was hit By fragments of Gas Shell in the stomach, and was not expected to live. This took place in the vicinity of Weincourt. Two of his mates carried him to Nearest C.S. which was an American one. He was conscious at the time and gave his name, rank and unit to the A.C.C.S. We never heard any more about him. Medium dark fellow with weather beaten face and sharp chip. Belonged to 15th. Bty.

E.M.

Sgt. Wallis, J.M. 26385

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V.I.M.  
15th Bty.

C.M. T.C.S.T. 1908  
HOLLAND

7th Battn.  
A.I.F.

HOUGHTON.  
C.H. L/Cpl. 1969.

Extracts from notes made by Pioneer Sergeant Bulmer  
of the 7th A.I.F. who is at present in No 1 Australian  
Convalescent Depot. P.P.O. S.12. B.E.F.

M.C.O's and Man Killed in Action on the 9th August 1918  
and buried by the 7th Bn Pioneers A.I.F.

1918 L/Cpl. C.H. Houghton. 7th Battn. E. Company was buried  
at P.O. S.12.

London.  
24-2-19.

5th F.A.B.

Gnr. JOPE,  
3061

Killed in Action 16.10.18

"I saw him wounded at Escaufort. Not sure but fancy 16.10.18 by enemy high explosive gas shell, piece entering stomach and passing right through. After being bandaged he was taken to Dressing Station about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile away. He was conscious all the time till seen on motor ambulance about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour afterwards. Informant was one who helped to carry him to Dressing Station. Was moaning a little but not complaining. He was very game and fought till last. It was about 7.30 when he was hit. Informant and deceased were together and were looking for sleeping quarters shell falling almost on top of them. Cannot say where buried or if cross was erected. Americans handled him from Dressing Station. His christian name was Jack. He was of medium build, fair complexion, height about 5'8 or 9" and was a married man. Fancy came from Vic." Eye-witness.

E. Swane,  
H.M.A.T. Mahia,  
25.7.19

Inf:- 15626, Sgt. J. Waring, 15th Bty.  
Private address:- Trafalgar Street,  
Stanmore, Sydney, N.S.W.

15th Battery

JOPE,  
J. Gnr., 3061

E/A. 16/10/18

I was with Gnr. J. Jope about 9 p.m., on the 16/10/18 when he was hit by a shell in the chest. It was just after we had taken up a new position at Escaufourt with the guns. I helped to carry him to the Dressing Station when he was conscious. It was an American Station and he was put on a car to go further back. He was a fairly big chap of medium complexion and very game.

Informant:- Mdr.G.J.Smith.

38540

15th Bttry., 5th Edge.

Private Address:, Windouree

Hurstbridge

Melbne.

R.I.Crmaby

H.W.A.T."Korman"

18/8/19.

15th Battery  
15th Brigade

JOPR  
J. 3061

K/A. 16/10/18

He was about 6ft in height, medium complexion, was about 35 years of age.

I served with him in the 15th Batty. He was hit by a large piece of H. E. Gas shell in the stomach. He was being put into an ambulance unconscious and died before he reached the C.C.S. near Eschaufort (France). This occurred at 2 a.m. on the morning of the 19th October 1918

Informant:- L. Pownall  
Cremorne  
Sydney.

H. Lockman  
H.M.A.T. "Plassy"  
25/10/19.

5th F.A.B.  
15th Btry.

J. JOPE, No. 3061.

K. in act. 16/10/18.

"At Escaufort on second last position while covering the Americans on October 16th 1918, we were getting ready for the morning shoot about 6.30 p.m. when the enemy opened up on our position and Jope was hit with a piece of H.E. shell in the stomach. We took him down to the American Dressing Station at Homnech and we heard later on he had died. I cannot say where he is buried.

He was of medium height and build, dark complexion, and about 37 years of age. He had only been with us since about the 2nd of July, being transferred from the 2nd D.A.C. He was a quiet and good natured chap and very well liked by all his mates and was known amongst the boys as Jimmy.

Private address:-  
88 Atchison Street,  
North Sydney, N.S.W.

Informant:- Pte. A.S. King,  
No. 13764.

C.B. Sweeny.  
H.M.A.T. "Chemnitz"  
5/9/19.

Kingsmill

29305-

A. H.

A. I. F.

Assignment Stages

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Whereabouts -

100. Adv. H. H. H.

A. J. F. H. H. H. Central Registry

H. Q. 19. 6. 19

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3061. Sumner J. Jope

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Letter Section



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1.3.19 J. J. Spe 24. 2. 19.  
5.7. A. B.

The Secretary W. & M. 16. 10. 18.

Quot Red Cross. P. 1 off. m.

In reply to your  
inquiry re

3061 Enr J. Spe. John

Reported Wounded & Missing 16. 10. 18.

I am sorry to have to say  
that I can give you very  
little information. However I  
can tell you a few facts.

Enr J. Spe was very seriously  
wounded in the stomach by  
a large piece of gas shell  
which appeared to have  
passed right through his  
body. After having bound  
him up we conveyed him  
to the American Dressing  
Station, which was situated

in the church at Escampst.  
He was quite conscious up  
till this time.

We then saw him safely  
into an ambulance, in  
which vehicle another man  
of this battery, travelled.

Thence we know nothing  
of his movements. If you  
could get into communication  
with the slightly wounded man,  
you may be able to obtain  
further information.

His particulars are:-

29334 Sir Phillips A. K.

Judging by Gape's wounds  
I think it impossible  
that he could survive.

He probably died between  
the I.S. & C.C.S. & was  
buried as unknown, for  
it is not certain that he

carried an identification  
disc.

The D.S. at Beaumont was  
managed by the 30<sup>th</sup> Division  
of Americans.

I have endeavored to find  
out what C.B.S. he went  
to but have been quite  
unable.

Trusting my reply will  
serve of some service to  
you.

I am

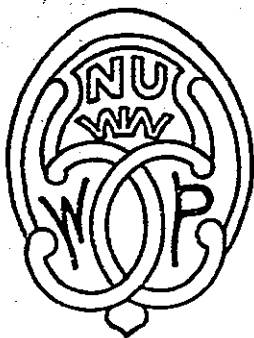
Sincerely yours.

23534 R. E. Webb. Col

15<sup>th</sup> Battery

Artillery

Belgium



COMRADES' CLUB.

82 ECCLESTON SQUARE,

LONDON, 29. 3. 1919.

Mr. H. H. Kingsmill  
A. S. H. Educational Board  
32. Grosvenor Place

The Secretary.

Many thanks for  
information re En. J. Jope.  
If I might offer a suggestion,  
I fancy that Gunner or Bombardier  
A. Phillips whose number is  
twenty-nine thousand odd would  
be able to say whether Jope  
reached Casualty Clearing  
Station as I remember he was  
in the motor ambulance that  
conveyed Jope from the Beaupre  
church, but perhaps you have  
already made inquiries in  
that direction. Thanking you  
Yrs Faithfully  
H. H. Kingsmill

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Australian Red Cross Society,  
36 Grosvenor Place,  
London, S.W. 1.

Pvt. J. Jope,  
5th Field Artillery Brigade,  
2nd Australian Division.

June 9 1919.

Dear Madam:-

We received an inquiry from the American Red Cross in Paris in regard to Pvt. J. Jope, the above military address, asking us what American unit had operated with the 5th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Australian Division, at a dressing Station at Eschfort on October 16th, 1918.

We are advised that the 27th and other divisions fought with the English and Australian forces but the War Department could not answer what other divisions.

We regret our inability to furnish the desired information.

Sincerely yours,

HRC/MRH

The 27th Division was sent to Camp Upton, N. Y., on April 5th and was demobilized sometime around April 12th.

June 20th.1919.

29305 Pte A.H. Kingsmill  
Central Registry  
A.I.F. Headquarters  
130. Horseferry Road.  
London. S.W.I.

Dear Sir,

We beg to advise you that 3061 Gunner J. Jope 5th Field Art. Brigade A.I.F. who was killed in action on 16.10.18. is now officially reported to be buried at Serain, which is 1, mile S.S.E. of Malincourt.

In the case of isolated graves, the bodies are being exhumed, and reinterred in the nearest Australian Military Cemetery.

This work is being undertaken by the Australian Graves Commission.

Trusting this information may be of some value to you.

Yours faithfully,

*VWP* (Kiss)

Secretary.

June 26th.1919.

The  
O.C. Records  
27th Division  
Camp Upton.  
New York. U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries on behalf of his relatives concerning the death and burial of, 3061 Pte J. Joep, 5th Field Artillery Brigade, A.I.F. who is reported killed in action on 16.10.18

Upon enquiry at the American Red Cross Society, we learnt that the 27th American Division, as well as other divisions, had operated with the 2nd Australian Division on that date, and we therefore think you may be able to obtain some information about Pte Joep.

We should be very grateful for your help in the matter, and thank you in anticipation.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

*SS*  
(Miss)

SECRETARY.

February 22nd, 1919.

The Secretary,  
Information Bureau.  
American Red Cross.  
4 Place de la Concorde.  
Paris.

Dear Sir,

We are making an enquiry on behalf of our Melbourne Bureau about 3051 Pte. J. JOPE. 5th F.A.B. 2nd Div. A.I.F. officially reported wounded and missing 16.10.18. and have received an unofficial report stating this soldier was taken to an American Dressing Station in the Church at Eschport. Our informant states that full particulars were taken there and that he was placed in a motor ambulance. He was conscious and said "Good-bye" to his comrades. Would you be good enough to inform us if possible what American Unit was operating with the 5th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Australian Division at a dressing Station at Eschport on 16.10.18. so that we may get into touch with them on the chance of gaining further particulars in this case? Beyond the official report that Pte. Jope was Wounded & Missing on 16.10.18. we have no information to send our enquirers and you will realise how anxious we are to obtain any details for them.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

J. S. D.



March 20th, 1919.

29305 Pte. A.H. Kingsmill.  
A.I.F. 32 Grosvenor Place.  
S.W.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry for 3061 Gnr. L. JOPE.  
5th Field Artillery Brigade. A.I.F. We beg to inform you  
that we have received unofficial reports about him from  
several men of his Unit. Sgt. J.A.D. Taylor stated  
that he saw Gnr. Jope badly wounded in the abdomen at  
Saint Souplet and taken to the American Dressing Station  
but could learn nothing further of his fate.

7764 Dvr. J.P. Pineson stated that Gnr. Jope  
was taken to the American Dressing Station at Saint Souplet  
where he died. We have also had the following unofficial  
report from 8838 Cpl. W.J. Cox who stated :- "Gnr. Jope was  
in the 15th Battery, and was single. In the village of Escauffort  
near St Souplet while at the Gun position, a piece of H.E. shell  
hit him in the abdomen. This was about 9 p.m. It went through  
the abdomen and came out at the back. He was conscious and was  
taken to the Dressing Station in Escauffort, and from there he  
was taken to the Field Ambulance with another man named Phillips."

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise  
you should we obtain any further particulars.

With sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

*V. W. Parkin*

SECRETARY.

29305 Pte. A.H.Kingsmill.  
Australian Imperial Force.  
32 Grosvenor Place.  
S.W.1.

MARCH 22nd, 1919.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for 3061 Gnr. J. JOPE. 5th Field Art. Bgde. A.I.F. We beg to inform you we have received the following unofficial report from 25554 Cpl. R.F. Webb. 15th Battery. Aust. Fld. Art. B.E.F: who stated that on 16.10.18. Gnr. Jope was very seriously wounded in the body by a large piece of gas shell. After informant had helped to bind him up, they conveyed him to the American Dressing Station which was situated in the church at P'scaufort. He was still conscious and informant then saw him safely into an ambulance bound for a Casualty Clearing Station in which there was another man from the Battery who was only slightly wounded. Cpl. Webb feared that Gnr. Jope was too badly wounded to survive until he reached the Casualty Clearing Station and as it was uncertain if he carried an identification disc he may have been buried as unknown. Our informant endeavoured to discover which Casualty Clearing Station he was taken but was not able to do so.

We are still continuing our enquiries and will again advise you should we receive any further details.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

*G.W. Griffiths*

SECRETARY.

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4, PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

In replying | Prière d'adresser  
 please address | la réponse au

File 43330.

PARIS, March 24th, 1919.

From Home Communication Section,  
 To Miss Vera Deakin, Secretary, Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau,  
 Australian Red Cross Society,  
 36, Grosvenor Place,  
 London, S.W.1.  
 Subject Pvt. J. Jope, 5th Field Artillery B., 2nd Division,  
 Australian Ex. Force.

We have your letter of February 22nd, requesting information concerning Pvt. Jope.

The only information we have at this time is that the 27th Division of the United States Army fought with the English and Australian Forces, but there were also other Divisions which fought with the English and Australians, but whether or not at that time and place we are unable to ascertain at this time. The 27th Division has returned to the United States, and we are writing Washington requesting any information they may be able to give us.

We will advise you as soon as we have any information concerning this matter.

*M. F. Rawle*

Home Communication Section,  
 Bureau of Home and Hospital Service.

MES/C.

*J. A. B.*

3061 Pt. J. Jope  
 J. A. B.  
 P. 1.

April 17th, 1919.

29305 Pte. A.M. Kingsmill.  
Aust. Imp. Force.  
32 Grosvenor Place.  
S.W.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that 3081 Pte. J. JOFFE  
5th Field Art. Bde. A.I.F. who was reported Wounded &  
~~Missing on 16.10.18~~ is now officially reported

Killed in Action on that date. Should we obtain any further  
particulars we will advise you immediately.

With sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

*G. G. G.*

SECRETARY.