

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

**7507 Private  
James Judkins**

**1st Battalion**



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1st Btn.

J. JUDKINS,  
7507

K. in act. 11/8/18.

"On Aug. 11th 1918, while in close support between Rosieres and Lihons, about 10 a.m. Judkins was lying in his dug-out when a shell lobbed on top of the dug-out killing him instantly from wounds and concussion. I was in the same trench at the time and saw him immediately afterwards. He was buried on the spot and we put a cross we made ourselves on the grave before we were relieved the next day. He was of medium build and height of dark complexion, about 23 years of age and was in No. 8 Platoon of B Co. I knew him very well and he was always laughing and good company and well liked."

Informant:- G. S. Lindsay, No. 3676,  
Private address:- Port Kembla, N.S.W.

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

A.I.F.  
1st Bttn.

JUDKINS.  
J. 7507.

Killed 11.8.18.

Was a Pte. in 8th Pltn, B.Coy. 1st Bttn. Short, nuggety. med complexion. I was right alongside him in the next dugout at Rosieres on 11th Aug. about 2 to 3 a.m. We had just reached the trench in preparation for hop off that morning. A shell landed in the trench and buried Judkins and Cpl. Smith. We dug them out in about half a minute but both died within a couple of minutes. Judkins was hit all over. I helped to bury them together on the bank and a good cross was put up next morning giving names and full particulars. Pte. H.T. Hancock 7742 in same platoon was there at the time, but is now in the clink.

Informant:- Pte. L. Shannon. 7797

8th Pltn. B. Coy.

1st Bttn.

A.I.F. 5.3.19.

H.S. Cowan.  
London.  
26.3.19.  
J.H.A.

P.I.

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A.I.F.  
1st Bttn. B. Coy.  
Pltn. 8.

JUDKINS. Pte.  
J. 7507.

"Killed 11.8.18."

5', fair, age 21, single.  
stretcher bearer Willard same Bttn and Co. who is with his Unit told me he saw Judkins wounded in a trench at Rosieres and he got him out - he died on 11.8.18. Don't know anything of burial - Don't know his number - he was known to us as Jess Willard.

Informant:- 3731 Pte. Joseph Allsbury.

Address:-

190 Princess St.

City. Sydney. N.S.W.

1st Bttn. B. Coy. 8th Pltn.

A.I.F. Ward 28. 3rd A.A. Coy.

27.4.19.

O.S.W.  
London.  
17.5.19.

Re Willard 1st. Bttn. 3653 A. Woodard. ret. Aust.

*M. P.I.*

1st Btn.

*J*  
JUDKINS, J.  
7507, Pte.

Killed in Action 11/8/18.

Jim Judkins was a Private, he left Sydney 10th May on Troopship Marathon, he was a chap about 5' 5 height, fair, age between 18-20. He was killed at Lun's Wood on 11th August. I saw a shell explode, Jim fell and it got three others also. I helped to bury him a few yards from where he fell, he was a great chap and well liked by all the boys. I believe he has sisters in Melbourne as I have heard him speak of them., He used to knock around Albury before he joined up."

Informant:- Pte. Wilson, No. 5787,  
1st Btn.

Private address:-  
Williams Creek,  
Gund, N.S.W.

E.A. Franklin,  
H.M.A.T. Orontes  
19/5/19.

*J.E.A.*  
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

P.E.  
21.1.19

No 61168  
Pte A. E. Judkins  
6th Bn  
No 5 Camp Lutton Ferry  
19/1/1919.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly give me  
any information regarding the whereabouts  
of No 7507 Pte J. Judkins B Corp  
1st Battalion A.F.F. P. F. Wales.

Having received news regarding his  
death about the 12 of August 1918  
I would like to be sure of such &  
get all information regarding the  
cause of death & whereabouts of burial

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No 61168

Pte A. E. Judkins  
6th Bn

No 5 Camp  
Lutton Ferry.

Hancock

Present

7742

H. J.

address

1st Ball

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place

In the Prison - 19-12-15 - for

3-11-15.

File under

7007 J. Jenkins

1st Ball

Reports Section

17.3.19

Gaston

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6<sup>th</sup> B.C.

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R.T.A 31.3.19. Khyber  
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1st Batt. Vic.  
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~~Willard~~  
Batts. 3683

No. 1 Group Plodge Desires

11. 4. 19 - from R. T. a.

File under.

There is no Willard now, not  
has been, in T. R. R.

4337 J. Jackson's  
1st Batts.

Reports Section

9. 5. 18.

K. H. 8. 53.

~~Dryden 131~~  
~~Sgt. A~~  
~~Campbell.~~

Present  
Address  
plate.

41<sup>st</sup> Balto

Byron Sgt. A. 131  
41<sup>st</sup> Balto  
K. S. B. 18. M.

Reports Section  
7. 5. 19.

24th January 1919

J  
61168 Pte. A.E. ~~J~~udkins  
6th Btn A.I.F.  
No.5 Camp,  
No.1 Command Depot,  
Sutton Veny, WILTS.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry, we regret to inform you that -  
7597 Pte. James ~~J~~udkins, 1st Btn A.I.F.  
is officially reported to have been Killed in action on 11-8-18.  
We have added his name to our enquiry lists and will forward you  
any information we may receive.

With sincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera *Scarlin*

Secretary. (*per V.W.F.*)

April 2nd, 1919.

61168 Pte. A.F. Jenkins.  
6th Bttn. A.I.F.  
No 5 Camp. No 1 Command Depot.  
Sutton Veny. Wilts.

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Should we succeed in obtaining further particulars we will inform you immediately. With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY. *W.S.P.*



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY  
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30, GROSVENOR PLACE  
LONDON, S.W. 1.



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6th Station, A.I.F., No 5 Camp.

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(NEAR VICTORIA STATION)

LONDON, S.W. 1.

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