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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J. JUDKINS, 7507

K4 in act. 11/8/18.

Non 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 seme 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 Io. 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. "Chemnits" 5/9/19. A.I.F. 1st Btth.

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> Informant: - Pie.L. Shannon. 7797 8th Pltm. B. Joy. lst Both.

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JD. III. Pte. 7507.

"Hilled 11.8.18."

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

Triforment: - 3731 Ptc. Joseph Allsbury.

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JUDKINS. J. 7507. Pto.

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, lst Btn.

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

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir, Would you Hindly give me of No 750% Par J. Judhin B bomb or ving received news regarding his death about the 12 of sugust 1918 I would like to be suit of such get all information regarding the cause of death 4 whereabout of build And Oblige No. 611.68 Bu A. E. Judhins En Batter No 5 bamp Lutton Teny.

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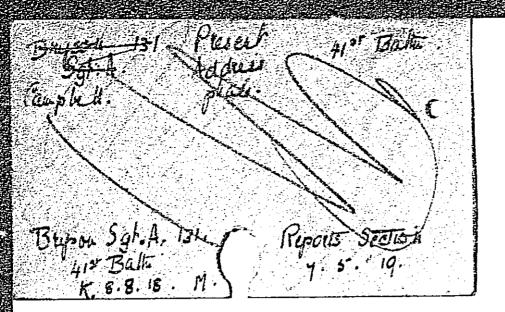
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24th January 1919

61168 Pte. A.B. Judkins 6th Btn A. I.F. No.5 Camp, No.1 Command Depot. Sutton Veny, WILTS.

Dear Bir.

In reply to your enquiry, we regret to inform you that -7587 Ptc. James Yudkins, 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,

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April 2nd, 1919.

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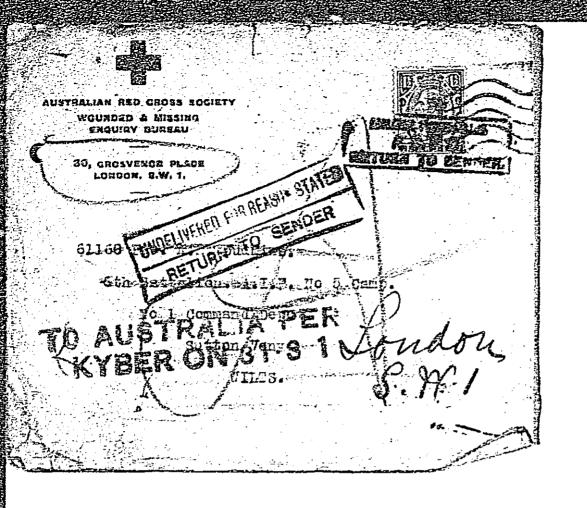
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Should we succeed in obtaining further particulars we will inform you immediately. With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully.

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