

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2715A Private
Jasper Jens Iverson

9th Battalion



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IVERSON, J.J. 2715/A.

65 25 Bk

D/W Oct.4th 1917. Dets.

Jasper Jens

2715 (H.A.)

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F.C. Schmidt. 6521. 9.A.
No. 53 Gen Hosp.
NOUOGNE. 23.7.1918.

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IVERSON, J.J. 2718/A.

66-25-134

John Jones 2715 (H.A.)

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P.J.

9th A.I.F.

IVERSON, J.J.

2715A.

Jasper Jens ✓

6/5/18

D/W. Oct. 4th 1917. Det. D/B.

2715 (H.O.)

"Iverson was hit in the chest with a small piece of shrapnel, he only lived a minute or two - he was buried at Westhoek (I saw him buried) This was at the end of Sept, the Battn. was in reserve at the time."

Eyewitness. Yes.

Description. Was called "Iver."

Home address.	Informant.	Pte. J.W. Mooney, 2760 A.
Davis Street,		9th A.I.F. A. 2.
Rockhampton,		Graylingwell Hospital,
Queensland.		Chichester.

8th June 1918.

L.H. Lauder.

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Col. C.M.

Hayre.

20th. May. 1918.

9th. Australians.

Iverson, J. J. 2715A.

Wt 25 13 1/2.

Jasper Jens 2715 (H 10)

D/W.

October

4/1917.

Detn. D/B.

I know Private. Jasper Iverson, A. Coy, he came from Kyegbe, Richmond River, N. S. Wales, and was, I think, a Farmer. I saw 3/Bearers Privates J. Chandler, & W. Jones, both of A. Company, carrying Iverson to the D/Station on Westhook Ridge on the afternoon of October 4th. daylight. I was close to him & he was unconscious. The 3/Bearers told me that he died at the D/Station.

Inf:- L/Corporal. P. H. Jurd. 2716.

9th. Australians. A. Signal Section.

Australian Camp.

Rouelles.

HDM.

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sw/1

9th Batn
A.I.F.

IVERSON

Pte. Jasper Jens

2715a

late 25K L

"Whereabouts" *See D. & B.*

2715 H. Q. ✓ C

(Died of wounds 4.10.17. No place given.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqtrs 9.11.17.

London.
9.11.17.

P.I.

9th Battn.
A.I.P.

late 25 Bt

"Died of Wounds 4-10-17"

IVERSON

J.J. 2715A

Jasper Jens 2715 H-Q.

I saw Iverson Wounded by a shell at Westhoek Ridge, at the advance on the day of the hop-over, and he died about a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour afterwards at a dressing station, and was carried back to where he was wounded and buried in the reserve trench. The grave was marked with a little wooden Cross and his steel helmet.

Informant. Knowles L/Cpl. A.E. 4519
9th Battn., A.Coy., 2nd Pltn.,
Hut 17,
WESTHAM.

I was present when he was buried.

Informant. Boreham Cpl. J.H. 2560
9th Battn., A.Coy., 2nd Pltn.,
Hut 11,
WESTHAM.

W.A. Rand
London
19-3-18

P.I.

9th Battn.
A. Coy.
A.I.F.

IVERSON,
J.J. 2715 A. ✓

Wt 25 13 1/2

Died of Wounds 4.10.17.

Jasper Jones 2715 182.

Refer Pte. E. Schmidt A. Coy. 9th Battn. who is in France,
he saw him killed and can give full details of casualty.
He was buried just on the left of Ypres, I saw his grave,
it was marked with a cross bearing his number, name and
unit.

Witness:- Farrell, Pte. M.T. 6486
9th Battn, A. Coy. 2 Ptn.
3 A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.
24.12.17

Note:- Written Schmidt. 7.1.18.

W. Orman.
London.
14.1.18

R.I.

9th A.I.F.

late 25/13/17.

Jasper Jones
Iverson, J.J. 2715A

(D/W Oct. 4/17)

2715 (H.A.) ✓

I was there when Iverson was killed, a shell dropped right close to him and saw him being carried into the Dressing Station, he was buried behind the Dressing Station near Ypres.

Eye-witness: yes, saw him being hit.

Description. Medium, fair.

Informant:- A.E. Knowles, 4519

9th A.I.F. A. Co. 2. Pl.

5th Southern General Hospital, Portsmouth

Home address:- Kurah ? South Coast Line,
Queensland.

Dec. 17/17
E. Sedgwick

P. I.

9 A.I.F.

late 25 Bk.

Jasper Jens
Iverson. J.J. 2715A.

(D/W Oct; 4/17)
Det D/B.

2715 (H.Q.)

"I was about five yards away from Iverson when a shell burst and he was hit in the chest. It was at West Oak Ridge the beginning of October. I am not sure of the exact day. He died in five or ten minutes and was buried on West Oak Ridge. His grave is marked by a cross on which his name was marked by Sergt. Hanson of A Co."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Came from Queensland. Belonged to No. 2 Platoon. We slept in the same dug-out.

Informant: Pte. R.C. Smith. 6521.

9 A.I.F. A Co: 2 Pl;

Hemingford St Hospital Birkenhead.

Home address: 122, Heal St.,
New Farm.
Brisbane.

11.12.17.

S.S.Owen.

P.I.
Letter to Sgt. Hanson returned 5.2.18 location uncertain
Written by Sgt. Hanson 8.1.18

9th. A.I.F.

Iverson, J.J. 2715A.

Jasper Jones
(D/W. Oct. 4/17) ✓

27/5 (11.2)

66-25-132

"He was killed by a shell on Westhoek Ridge and I have seen his grave and cross on the Ypres side of Westhoek Ridge, about 200 yards north of the Menin Road. It stood by itself, but the graves of Ptes. Ward, Bickle, and Lugg, of the 9th A.I.F. were about 20 yards off. (I think nearer the Menin Road) Iverson was a farmer from the Northern rivers of N.S.W. He came with the 6th Reinforcement of the 25th A.I.F. and was in A Coy. (? III Pl.) He was about 35, fair, and somewhat bald."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: L/C. A.V. Jeays. 2722.

9th A.I.F. A. I.

S.African Military Hospital,
Richmond Park.

25.7.18.

A.G.Campbell.

P. 11.2

9th Battn. A.3.
A.I.F.

661 25 Bln.

"Died of Wounds 4-10-17"

IVERSON.
Cpl. J.J...2715A. ✓

Jasper Jans 2715 (142)

I was close by him when wounded by a shell which killed and wounded several others in a trench. Broodseinde Ridge, Ypres Sector taken to 3rd Field Ambulance- did not see him afterwards. Knew him well. He had a very high character with both officers and men, About 20/24, 5ft 9. well built, fair.

Informant:- Bale.Lieut.F.

9th Battn. A.Co.

No 1 Command Depot.
SUTTON VENY.

E.T.Carter.
London.
27-9-18.
H.G.

P I.

RECEIVED

5 NOV. 1917

CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

Sir

Nov 5 1917

I have had the packet
returned which I sent to France
to

Private Vernon

27th

Company

9 Battalion

D. J. France

1.5.17.

In the returned packet his wrote
died of wounds likewise the stamped
in the envelope Present location
uncertain. Can you kindly tell me when
he died if it is possible to find out you
do me a very kind service

Yours Faithfully
R. J. Gard
172 Niagara Lane
West Ham
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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

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Telegraphic Address:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

Serjt: Hanson

*9th A Coy
Batt A.I.F.*

B.E.F.

January 8th 1918

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit
2715A J.J. IVERSON, 9th Batt, A.I.F. B.E.F.
Dot W 4.10.17

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning **J.J. IVERSON** but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldier's cemetery where the grave would be registered. We should also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

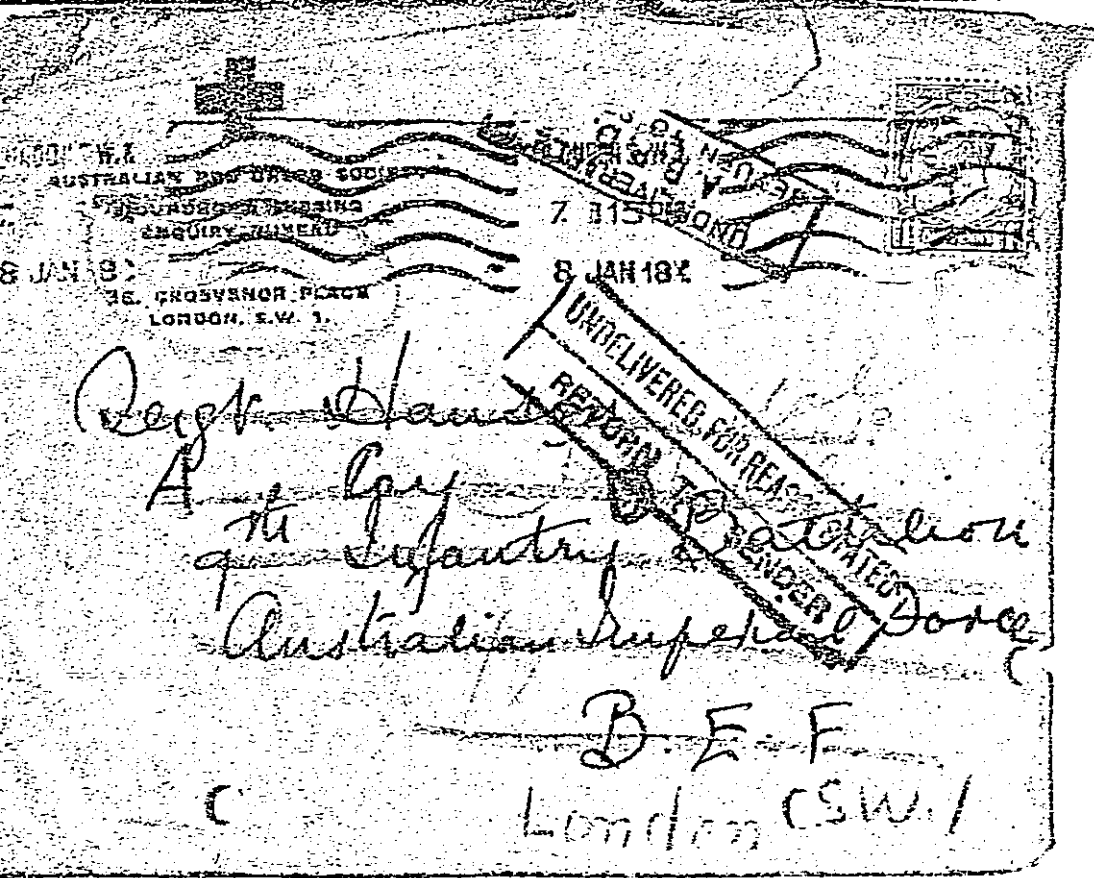
Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identifying the soldier about whom you are writing.

No other letters returned location uncertain 5.12.18 no trace yet, enclose



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Australian Imperial Force

B. E. F.
London C.S.W. 1

W.R.J. Card Esqr.,
172 Vicarage Lane,
West Ham
E. 15.

25th Jan 1918

Dear Sir,

We have to inform you of ^{the} unofficial reports of the death of Pte. J.J. Iverson 2715 9th Battn.

One informant is Pte. A.E. Knowles 4519 9th Battn 1th Southern General Hospital Portsmouth. He says he was there when Iverson was killed, a shell dropped right beside him, and he saw him being carried to the Dressing Station. Knowles says he was buried behind the Dressing Station near Ypres.

The other informant is Pte. E.C. Smith 6521 9th Battn ^{2nd} Hemingford St. Hospital Birkenhead.

He states that he was about 5 yards away when a shell burst and hit Iverson in the chest. It was at West Oak Ridge the beginning of October. Smith is not sure of the exact day, but says he died in 5 or 10 minutes and was buried on West Oak Ridge. His grave is marked by a cross on which his name was marked by Sgt. Hanson of A. Coy., Smith describes Iverson as coming from Queensland. He belonged to No 2 Platoon-they slept in the same dugout.

We are continuing our enquiries.

Yours faithfully,

W.R.J. Card *W.R.J. Card*

R.J.Gard, Esq.,
172, Vicarage Lane,
West Ham, E.15.

January 24th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We have received another unofficial report about
2715A Pte.J.J.IVERSON, 8th Battalion, A.I.F.
from 6486 Pte.M.T.Farrell, 9th Battn, who saw his grave
just on the left of Ypres, it was marked with a cross
bearing his number, name and unit. He refers us to
Pte.E.Schmidt, A.Coy, 9th Bttn, who saw him killed and
can give full details.

We have written to Schmidt and will send you his
reply and in the meantime are continuing our enquiries.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

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22nd June, 1918.

R. J. Card, Esq.,
172 Viscage Lane,
West Ham, London.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry concerning
No. 2715A Pte. Jasper Jens Iverson, 9th Infantry Batt.
A.I.F. we beg to inform you that we have received the
following unofficial report from a man of the same unit
who was at Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester.

He states that when the Batt. was in reserve at
Westhock, etc. Iverson was wounded in the chest with a
small piece of shrapnel and he only lived for a few
minutes and Informant saw him buried at Westhock.

We have now concluded our enquiries, and hope
that these details may be of some assistance to you.

Should we obtain further information we shall
immediately advise you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

August 1st, 1918.

R.J.Gard. Esq.
172 Vicarage Lane.
West Ham. E. 15.

Dear Sir.

In further answer to your enquiry for -

2715a Pte. J.J.IVerson. 9th Battalion. A.I.F.

We beg to inform you of the following unofficial evidence given by 6521 Pte. E.S. Schmidt of the same unit when in No 53 General Hospital, B. F. on 23-7-18.

He stated "Iverson was in the same platoon and section as myself and he was fairly tall, well developed, clean shaven about 25/30 years old and came from Queensland. On Oct 4th or thereabouts, I was with Iverson carrying barbed wire and other materials to Anzac House. After our job was over we went into our dugout to on Westhoek Ridge. Iverson and myself occupying one place together. After being there for some time we came out to have a look at how the 25th Btn which was near us, was getting on under Fritz gas shells. On coming back together a shell burst about 10 yards away from us and we both fell flat on the ground. In a moment or two I was able to get up, but Iverson remained on the ground. I then looked over him and found that a piece of shell had struck a button and then penetrated his chest. I got some S/Bs and they carried him to a D/S where he died two hours later. I was present when he passed away and we buried him the same day. the Sgt. (since killed) holding a short service and a cross with his name and number was put on the grave. Two others were buried at the same time and I assisted at their burial. Iverson was well liked by his comrades."

Trusting that this evidence will be of some assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

V. Deakin per L.A.W.
Secretary

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R. J. Gard, Esq.
172, Victoria Road,
Westham, E. 15.

November 12th, 1917.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your inquiry for

No 27154 Pte. J. J. THOMSON,
9th Battalion,
A.I.F.

We very much regret to have to confirm the report of his death of wounds on 4.10.17. There are no further details at present available but we have added his name to our enquiry lists, and as soon as any further news is received you will be advised.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

LAW
SECRETARY.