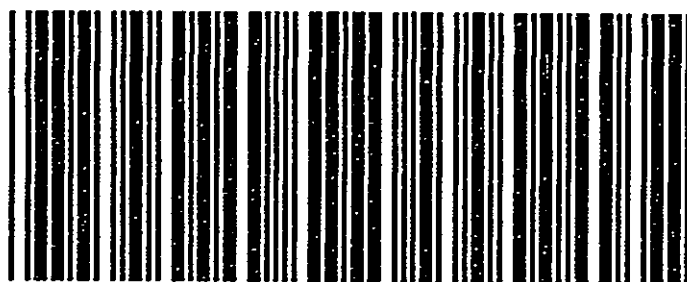


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**2nd Lieutenant  
Frank Russell Jones**

**25th Battalion**



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25th Bn. A.I.F.

Jones, F. 2/Lieut.

D/W. Oct. 10/17.

Lets. D/B.

"On the 10th October 1917, we were going out of Ypres, near Zonnebeke. On the road I saw Lieut. Jones being carried down on a stretcher, about 9 or 10 p.m. He was wounded. Our officer Lieut Bydon spoke to him, and asked him how he was. He was able to speak but I do not remember what reply he made. He was being carried back to the dressing station. He had just got his commission. He was previously Sgt/Major in the same Battalion."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: No particulars- Had known him as Sgt/major.

Home address:

6 Esk St.

Ipswich,

Queensland,  
Australia.

Informant.

Pte. Reginald Neville Kelly, 5600.

25th Bn. A.I.F. B. Coy.

Stanley Hospital,

Liverpool.

12.1.18.

F.W. Miller.

*Written Lieut. Bydon 25.1.18.*

B.

25th Batta.  
C. Coy.  
A.I.F.

Died of Wounds 10.10.17

JOHN  
P. 2nd Lieut.

Refer to S/M V O'Connor Cth Coy. 25th Batta., who is now some-  
where in Hospital in England, he saw him killed, and can give  
full details of death and burial.

Witness:- Trevannon, L/Cpl. J.H. 0368  
25th Batta. C. Coy.,  
3 A.A. Hospital,  
Bartford.

Note:- Written O'Connor 14.1.18

B.

V. Ogan,

London,  
16.1.18

25th Battn  
AIF

JONES  
2nd Lieut. F

Died of wounds Oct 10th 1918

He was our Sgt. Maj. before he was got his star.

Was in G.Coy., I saw him knocked by a piece of shell in the leg. It happened near Ypres. I helped to carry him out to the lat Dressing station and he died there. I do not know where he was buried. It was his first time in the line with his "star" up.

Witness:- J. Kite 2673  
25th Battn  
Harefield

London,  
19 1.18

B

Havre

21st January.1918.

25th AUSTRALIANS

JONES, 2nd Lt. F.

D/E. Oct. 10th.1917. Det. D/E.

He was in C. Co. I knew Lieut. Jones well. He had just got his commission. We were on Passchendaele Ridge on the 10th October, in supports, when Lt. F. Jones was badly wounded. Lieut. Ferguson of the 25th Batt., C.Co., (I saw a letter from him, written about a week ago, to a chap in the Battalion, saying he would be back with the Battalion shortly) who had been in Hospital in England gassed, told me particulars of Lt. F. Jones being badly wounded, and dying at the Dressing Station.

Informant: C.S.M. O'Connor, 5948

25th Australians, C.Co.

Havre Hospital, Havre.

HPG.

B.

25th Battn  
C.Coy.,  
AIF

JONES  
Frankie 2nd Lieut.

"Died of wounds 10.10.17"

I did not see the actual casualty, but I saw him soon after he was then on a stretcher, and was being taken to the dressing station near Daisy Wood. He was caught by a shell which landed beside him, and which almost severed one of his legs, near the hip. He was in a semi-conscious condition when I saw him. Heard that he died just before they reached the dressing station. Refer to S/Bearer Neale 25th Battn who is now in France, he helped to carry him to the dressing station at Zonnebeke, and can give full details of death and burial.

Witness:-

Sgt. H.W. Horne 5682  
25th Battn B.Coy., 6th Pltn.  
3rd A.A. Hospital,  
Dartford

W. Oman  
London. 21.1.18

*NOTE: Mentioned to S/B Neale letter to head returned  
18.1.18 no trace of his letter  
15.9.18*

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25th Battn.  
A.I.F.

JONES  
2nd Lieut. Frank

"Died of wounds Oct 10th 1917"

Was in C.Coy., was knocked by shell at Ypres. I did not see it happen but was told by:- 6430 Waller W. (Priv)  
25th Battn now at Dartford

Waller saw Jones knocked. He was with him at the time, and can give full information required.

Witness:-

J. Day 6442  
25th Battn  
Harefield

W.G.J.  
London.  
23.1.18

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*H.I. written Pte Waller  
19.2.18*

A.I.F. 25.

JONES, 2/Lt S.7

H/W Oct 10th 1917

On the evening of Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2/Lt Jones was waiting with his company to be relieved when a shell landed in the trench and he was badly wounded in the leg, and according to an account given to me by S/B J. Ferguson who assisted to carry him out, he was taken to a D/S. But for further details I would refer you to Ferguson himself, as he would no doubt be able to give particulars of the Lieutenant's death and burial.

Inf: J.M. Adamson. 4656. 25.C.XII  
No. 7 Stat Hosp.  
BOULOGNE. 29.1.18.

HH

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*Written S/B Ferguson 25.2.18.*



25th Battn.  
A.I.F.

Jones.  
2/Lieut. F.

Coman.  
F.P. 71

"Died of Wounds 10.10.17"

Capt. Bond 25th C. Coy. and S/M Coman were killed outright and Lieut. Jones wounded by the same shell up about Zonnebeke way while sitting together in the reserved to the 5th Bgds. I heard this and that there was not enough of Capt. Bond Lieut. Jones to be buried, but I did not hear whether Lieut. Jones or Coman were buried or not.

Informant:- A.F. Cull 4993

25th Battn. H.Qrs. Runner.  
Hut 21. Westham.

W.A. Rand.

London.  
19.2.18.

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Hayze

25th A.I.F.

27th February 1918.

Jones 2nd Lieut. F.

D/W 10th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

I was told by S.M. O'Connor about the 15th Octr when we were with the Battn that he was with Jones in a shell hole just behind the lines, carrying up ammunition. A shell burst where they were, and wounded Mr. Jones badly, his leg was blown off. He was taken back to the D/Station where he died. Mr. Jones was a ginger haired chsp, clean shaven, short, and thick set. He came from Brisbane.

Inf:- Pte R.S. Dods No. 4422  
25th A.I.F. C.O. X1 Pltn.  
Australian Camp.  
Revelles.

*O'Connor has given information*  
CHS.

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25th Battn.  
A.I.F.

Jones.  
2/Lieut. Frank

"Died of Wounds 10.10.17"

Re 2/Lieut. F.R. Jones. I did not actually see him killed or buried but know for certain that he went through the dressing station and I believe he is buried in the military cemetery at Ypres. His grave will be registered and I would refer you to the Graves Registration Unit. For particulars regarding his wounds write to Lieut. R.H. Ferguson 25th Battn. He is away from Battn. at present but is expected back any day.

Letter from:- C.S.M. Vic. D.O'Connor  
France 10.2.18.

London.  
7.3.18.

Note Written <sup>✓</sup> Ferguson 26.2.18.

B.

25th Battn.  
A.I.F.

JONES,  
2/Lieut. Frank

"Died of Wounds 10.10.17."

Re "/Lt. Frank Jones, I am sorry I cannot give you the information you require, I only know that he was taken to the dressing station, from where he received his wounds, and believe he would be buried either at the main dressing station or the C.C.S. but I understand Capt. Carroll, cut adjutant is making inquiries of the graves Registrar and will let you know as soon as possible. I knew this officer well and he would be about 5ft 7ins in height about 10 stone 7 lbs, reddish hair, initials F.R. No. 4063, age 20 years.

Letter from:- J. Ferguson,  
25th Battn. A.I.F.  
France, 11.3.18.

London.  
19.3.18.

B.

25th Battn.  
A.I.F.

Jones.  
2/Lieut. Frank

"Died of Wounds 10.10.17"

I have made enquiries at Battalion Orderly room and find that all particulars have been forwarded re Lieut. F. Jones. I attended him after being wounded on the evening of 9.9.17, his leg was badly shattered. He died the following day and was buried in a military cemetery near Poperinghe.

Letter from:- Major J.J. Power  
France, 4.4.18.

London.  
15.4.18.

B.

A.I.F. 25.

D/W. 10.10.17.

JONES 2 Lt.F.

On 9th.Oct. the Bn. were in support at Broodscinde Ridge, Passchendaele; at about 8.30 p.m. I saw standing within 10 yards of me, 2 Lt. Jones, Capt. Bond, and CSM. Coman. A shell fell near them, killing Capt. Bond and Coman. I went to the spot, found Lt. Jones terribly wounded (one leg being nearly off) and helped to lift him on to a stretcher. He was conscious but suffering greatly. He knew me. I told him to cheer up. Four men of the platoon carried him to the D.S. which was a good way off. Next day the doctor of the D.S. (Dr. Power, still with the Bn.) told me that Lt. Jones had died soon after leaving the D.S. on the previous day. The map reference as to position of Lt. Jones' grave is with the Bn.

FJ.

Reference: Sgt.W. Peters. 2190.  
L.G. School.

Staples.  
22.3.18.

*Written to Major T. I. Power. 28/3/18.*

Havre.

25th. March. 1918.

25th. Australians.

Jones, 2/Lieut. F. B/W. Oct. 10/17.  
Coman, F. F. No. 71. K. October 10/17.  
Dets D/B.

I knew Coman slightly. I had seen him at the Somme and again just before the hop-over at Broodscinde. He was medium height, slight, and about 30. I knew 2/Lieut. Jones since December 1916; he was short, stumpy, reddish face, ginger hair, about 20, was in a Machinery Firm in Brisbane, Queensland, played good football, and was in the Battalion team. On the 9th. October the Battalion was at Broodscinde Ridge and holding the line. Lieut. Jones, Captain Bond, F. F. Coman were at Company H. Q. when a shell fell and knocked out the three. I saw it happen. Captain Bond and Coman were killed instantly. Lieut. Jones died the following day. His right leg was very badly smashed.

Inf:- Sergeant. G. Thompson. No. 3A.  
25th. Australians.  
C.R. Company. 9th. Platoon.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

*Bd  
6d  
Suff*

PH.

Havre.

1st. April. 1918.

28th. Australians.

Jones, 2/Lieut. P.

D/W. 10th. October. 1917. Dets D/B.

I knew him well, he was a known footballer in Queensland; he had just got his Commission previously; he was C/S/Major. On the 10th. October we were holding the line about Anzac House. Lieut. Jones, and Captain Bond, 28th. Battalion, J C. Company, were in a dug-out together, when a shell dropped on the dug-out, and blew off Lieut. Jones leg; he died shortly afterwards, and killed Captain Bond. I was told this by C/S/M. V. D. O'Connor, 28th. Battalion, C. Company, who was with the Battalion when I left about a week ago.

Inf:- Private. S. E. Marshall. No. 1714.  
28th. Australians. Signal Section.  
Havre Hospital.

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Ed  
Luff

HPS.

25th Btt. A.I.F.

2nd Lieut. Jones. F.

C.Coy.

D/W. Oct 10th 1917. Det. D.B.

I helped to carry him down to the dressing station at Zonnebeke, He was then taken to a Clearing station further back where he died. It is almost certain for him to be buried. I knew him in the coy. He came over with about the 10th reinf of the batt. He came from Brisbane.

Description. Age. 29. Height. 5-9. Complexion. Fair. Well Built.

Witness. Pte. Nicholson. F. NO. 5628. C.Coy. 25th Batt.

Taken at  
NO. 3. C.D. Hurdcott.  
2-4-18.  
F.G.H.

S. Whitmee.  
NO. 4. Command Depot  
Hurdcott.

B. Cd. suff

25th A. I. F.

Jones, 2/Lt F.,  
C. Coy.

(D/W's Oct. 10th/17)

"I saw Lt. Jones wounded in the body and leg and carried him to the advanced dressing station where he died of wounds two hours later. Lt. Jones was buried in a small cemetery near the dressing station."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Jonesey

Informant: Pte John Goodall, 6568,  
25th A.I.F., C. Coy, 12th Pltn,  
Bath War Hospital, Ward 9,  
Bristol.

Home address:  
Teabinger Station,  
via Kingaroy,  
Queensland.

5th April 1918.  
G. Orford Smith.

B. (Ed. Rev)



25th Battn.  
A.I.F.

Jones. D.C.M.  
2/Lieut. F.

"Died of Wounds 10.10.17"

Concerning 2/Lieut. F. Jones. D.C.M. It is with regret that I am unable to give you a good deal of information, but if you write to the Adjutant of the 25th Battn. A.I.F. he will be only too pleased to give you fuller particulars. Unfortunately this officer was badly hit by a 4.2. high explosive at Broodseinde (Ypres sector) on the 10th Oct. last, and died from wounds while being carried on a stretcher to the dressing station. He was a great favourite with us all, and is sadly missed. The place of burial and other desired information can be obtained by writing to the Adjt. in France. I am now stationed at the 5th Training Battalion A.I.F. Fovant, Wilts.

Letter from:-

Lieut. H. E. Biden

Fovant. 6.2.18.

London.

25.2.18.

Note Written Adj't. 23.2.18.

B.

Collected by letter  
(Name)  
15-14-18

2/Lieut. Frank Jones

25<sup>th</sup> Battalion France

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April 2<sup>nd</sup>

To the Secretary

Anti Red Cross Society

Wounded and Missing Inquiry Bureau  
36 Grosvenor Place.

I have made enquiries at Battalion Registry  
Command find that all particulars have been forwarded  
re. Lieut F. Jones 26<sup>th</sup> Bt  
I attended him after being wounded on the evening of 9/10/17,  
his leg was badly shattered, he died the following day and  
was buried in a military cemetery near Arras.

Yours faithfully,  
J. J. Jones  
25<sup>th</sup> Bt

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2/Lt. F. JONES

25 Bn

8/W 10-10-17  
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Tovant

6/2/18

Dear Miss Deakin,

With reference to your enquiries concerning 2/Lt F. Jones D.C.M. it is with regret that I am unable to give you a good deal of information, but if you write to the adjutant of the 25th Bn A.I.F. he will be only too pleased to give you fuller particulars.

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He was a great favourite with us all, and is sadly

missed.

The place of burial, & other desired information can be obtained by writing to the adjutant in France.

I am now stationed at the 5th Training Battalion A.I.F. Forant Wilt, hence the delay of replying to your enquiry, which was readdressed on to me here from France.

Yours sincerely,  
(Lr) H.E. Bident

Adjutant 23-2-18

ack. 16  
21.2.18.

Feb 20th  
2/b Frank Jones  
25-Batter

6430 W. J. Waller  
25-Batter A. I. F.  
& Command Depot  
Verne Citadel

Dear Sir

has written again

Portland

In reference to your enquiry about  
Lieut Frank "C. Boy" 25-Batter D/L 14/9/17  
I beg to state I can give you no information  
concerning him I did not know him  
or so far have met any body who could  
tell me anything about him but  
should I hear any particulars concerning  
him I will communicate with you

I Remain

Yours Sincerely

W. J. Waller

all  
15-3-8

2/4 FRANK JONES:

25 Batt

D/W 10-10-17

Frank

11/3/1918

To, Miss Vera Jackson,

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Your letter of inquiry  
re 2nd Lt Frank Russell Jones to hand, is  
sorry I cannot give you the information  
you require, I only know that he  
was taken to the dressing station from  
where he received his wounds, but he  
would be buried either at the main  
dressing station or the I.D. but I  
understand Captain Corbett one of our  
is making inquiries of the Graves Registrar  
& will let you know as soon as possible.  
I know this officer well & he would be  
about 5ft 7in in height about 10 stone & 7 lbs.  
reddish hair initials F.R. 4203. age approx  
20 years. I cannot give you more information  
but trust you will soon get it.

Yours faithfully

J. Ferguson 25th Batt  
I.D.

24/10/18

2/Lt FRANK JONES  
25 Batt

Francis  
10-2-18

Lt Secy.

O/W 10-10-17

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Missing & Missing Enquiry Bureau.  
London

Dear madam,

25th

Your inquiry re  
2nd/Lt Jones, F.R. who died of  
wounds on 10-10-17, to hand.  
I did not actually see him  
killed or buried but know  
for certain that he went  
through the dressing station  
& I believe he is buried in  
the military cemetery at YPRES.  
His grave will be registered  
& I would refer you the Graves

Registration Unit.

For particulars regarding  
his wounds write to

Lt R.M. Ferguson 25th Batt.

He is away from Batt at  
P.O.

Walter H. Ferguson 6-3-18.

Present ~~leave~~ <sup>that is</sup> expected  
back ~~any~~ <sup>28</sup> day.

I shall be only too pleased  
to give you any information  
regarding any others of whom  
I know anything

Yours faithfully

Mr B O'Connor CSM

Re.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Jones & R  
Company

25<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
A.I.F.

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For a request to return to





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8577  
8578

Telegraphic Address:  
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

18.1.18

*pli Mail 5/13*

*25 A.I.F.*

*B.G.F.*

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a <sup>man</sup> of your unit  
*2nd Unit Hawk Mrs C. Bay 25 A.I.F. updated*

*and 7 wounds 10.10.17.*

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 *2nd Unit Hawk Mrs* 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 would 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

*Letter returned  
no trace  
Austen 14.1.18*

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