

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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10634 Corporal
Frederick James
Jones

3rd Division Signal Company
Engineers



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A.I.F.

Jones. Pte. F.J. 10634.
Sig. Coy.

K. Oct. 2/17.

"I was in the same section as Jones when he was killed. I did not see him after he was hit but I was told (can't say by whom) that he was badly wounded by a shell near Menin Rd. and that he died on the way to the field dressing station. I was shown next day a grave which was stated to be his. There was not at the time any name or cross upon it. I was not an eyewitness. Major Wilson A.R.S.A. Shefford near Bedford can probably give further information."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Sgt. T. Dale. 1052.
Australian Inf. 3rd Div. Sig. Coy.
King George Hospital, Stamford St.

Home address:

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3rd Div.Sig.Coy.
A.I.F.

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A. JONES.
P.O. 10634

the letters must have gone astray. His wife has the heartfelt sympathy of one and all of the boys of the 3rd Div Sig.Coy, who have had the pleasure of knowing and working with their late comrade.

Letter from:-2/Lient. G.J.Willats,
Aust. Corps Signal Coy,
France, (formerly Sgt. in
3rd Div.Sigs)

London.
2.4.18.

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31st January 1918.

3rd Aust. Sig. Coy.

Jones F.J. No. 10634.

A. 2nd Oct: 1917. Det D/B.

He was rather big, round faced. He was a Corporal. He was called 'Fred'. He was in charge of a party burying cable up at Ypres in front of Passchendaele about the 2nd October and was hit by two or three pieces of shell and died later on. He is buried about 2 kilometres in front of Ypres in front of Passchendaele. I think the grave is ~~by~~ by itself. A painted white cross with his name was put over the grave. I have seen the grave. Sapper Hopper of the 3rd Div. Sig. Coy (now with the unit) was with ~~ones~~ when he was killed. I did not see him killed.

Inf:- Driver E.J. Drake No. 15536.
3rd Div. Sig. Coy.
Australian Camp.
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Written by Hopper 25.2.18

A.I.F. Sigs. 3.

JONES, F.J. 10634.

K. Oct. 2nd, 1917.

He was a Cpl. in my Coy. and I was told that he was killed by shell fire as he was working on the telephone lines in the neighbourhood of Zonnebeke. He was buried I believe where he was killed and about a fortnight later I saw the cross which was going up to mark his grave.

Inf. H. H. Lowe, 11024.
No. 1. C.C.
BOULOGNE. 7.3.18.

FD.

A.I.F. Sign.Co. 3.

K. 2.10.17.

JONES F.J. 10634.

He was a full Cpl. at the time he was killed. His Christian name was Fred. He was a big chap, about 6 ft. and heavily built, and the only Jones I knew.

He was hit when cable laying up near the lines, near the Zonnebeke Road, on or about 2nd. Oct. He was badly wounded by a shell and died at Bavaria House D.S. I did not see him wounded but I saw the cross fixed up over his grave which is just on the other side of Zonnebeke Road, opposite Bavaria House.

NWH.

Reference: Cpl.A.F. Hollins. 10622.
56 Gen.Hpl.

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4.3.18.

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3rd Div. Sig. Coy.
A.I.F.

JONES,
F.J. 10634

"Killed in Action 2.10.17."

Sapper Hopper, late 3rd Div. Sig. Coy, has just handed me a letter re the death of 10634, Pte. F.J. Jones, 3rd Div. Sig. Coy on October last. He was one of a party burying cable, up in the Ypres Sector, and a 5.9 shell hit almost directly on where the party was working consequently his body was badly knocked about. He was taken to a C.C.S. or rather dressing station, nearby, but I am sorry to say never regained consciousness and died 24 hours after admission. He was buried just off the Zonnebeke, Ypres Road and by one of the 39th Battalion Padre's, a cross bearing his name and unit serves as a landmark, the grave is not in a cemetery, but stands out on its own. There is no doubt as to his identity unfortunately; we who have been his pals for 2 years are some of the people who yet cannot realise that he has gone. He was tall, dark, complexion, round face, pleasant expression, religion R.C. I wrote to his wife only yesterday, giving her details etc, a lot of our boys had previously written expressing their sympathy, but I fear some of

A.I.F.
3rd. Div. Sig. Coy..

CANCELS JONES. 10634.
Frederick James.

AUSTRALIAN LIST

Printed at London 2.10.17.

| Causes of Cancells. No trace Germany. | Cause of Cancells. | Unit | Name |
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| | Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19. | | |
| London. 22.10.19. | | | H. |

10634 F. J. Jones 3rd Dir. Sq. Coy
K/A 2-10-17 M 3
20-8-18

Dear Miss Dakin

Lapper Hopper late
2nd Dir Sig Coy, had just handed
me a letter from the R. G. D. dated
25/2/18 re the death of ¹⁰⁶³⁴ ~~the 2nd Dir Sig Coy~~ F. J. Jones
in Oct last.

(Perhaps I may be able to give
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Trusting these particulars will be of
some assistance I remain Yrs sincerely
Jack Piccolo

[Handwritten signature]