

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

**4500 Private
John Ernest Orr**

28th Battalion



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ORR *John Cornet* *H300*
JE or G.E. John Emery *28 Bm* ✓

H. wa. 1.11.17 - Name?
Belgium

Mr Mother Mr. A. Stevens
Harrogate N.A.
H.S. 29.8.18.

6556 ✓

Salder 9 P B Coy
Ernest ✓ 28 Balto ✓

Is a barber at present in the OT, B.

Address wanted

file under MH A.J. B.D. from L.F. 10.6.18.
4500 H. 8.9.9.18

J. E. Orr
28 Balto

Repts See 7.9.18

28th Battn.
A.I.F.

J.E. ORR. 4500.

"Killed in Action 1-11-17"

Says Orr was wounded at Passchendaele about 1st Dec and walked back to the C.C.S. with him. He therefore cannot understand why he is put in the casualty list as killed - if it is the same man. He should be alive and alright.

Eye-Witness:- Did not see him hit, but walked back to C.C.S. with Orr directly afterwards.

Description:- "Jack".

Home address:-

Mrs.H.Curville.
Spring Lane.

Littlemore.
Nr Oxford.

Informant:- Robinson.C.3425 Pte.(Intelligent)
28th Battn.A.I.F.

B.Coy.
Knoll Hill.
2nd Southern Gen:

C.A.Lister.
London.
26-9-18.
S.A.

P.

A.I.F. 28

ORR, J.E. 4500.

K. Nov. 1/17. Det. D/B.

On Nov. 1 when we were on reserves at Passchendaele, Orr was killed by a gas shell which burst right on the Bivvy. I did not see him, but Pte. E. Calder B Co. was with Orr when he was killed and can give details of D/B. Calder is a barber at present in the O.T.B. Orr was a short, nuggety, red faced man, who had been a butcher before joining the army.

Reference: G. Taylor, 6650. D Co.
No. 11 Con. Camp Buchy Nr. Rouen. 23.8.18.

JWA.

William Calder
10.9.18

28th Battn.
A.I.F.

ORR.
J. E. 4500.

"Killed in Action 1.11.17."

I know that Private J. E. Orr died from the effects of gas on November 1st. 1917, and that he was buried in the field. Whether his grave was ever registered I could not say, but this you could find out from the Army Burial Corps. With reference to his appearance his number was 4500 B Company 28th Battn. A.I.F. height about 5ft. 7½" dark complexion, dark heavy moustache, sturdily built, age about 36 to 38 years. Before coming to France he was a butcher in one of the camps in England.

Informant:- By letter, E. Calder, 6556.
B Company, 28th Battalion.
A.I.F.

London.
30.9.18.
P.A.

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28th Battn.
A.I.F.

ORR.
J.E. 4500.

"Killed 1-11-17"

He was of A. Company. Initials should be G.E. Christian name George. Knew his number. Sometime between 15th and 25th October in front line at Ypres, about 4 miles out of town, near the lake, known as the Bun. Between 10 and 12 o'clock at night, was killed by shell. I did not see him, but think he was buried in Military Cemetery near Hermez House, have not seen his grave. Enlisted at Wagin. W.A. Left with 11th Rits of 28th Battn. Things were very quiet at the time, he was killed.

Informant:- Cpl. R. E. Mcw.
28th Battn. B. Coy. S/B.
now Australian Army Postal Corps.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London.
2-9-18.

Note:- Christian names John Ernest (H.Q. 30-8-18)

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To

6556 Pt Ernest Calder

B. Co. 28th Battery

Inf Brig de Depot

A. I. F.

B. E. F.

About

4500 Pt J. E. Orr.

28th Battery

A. I. F.

K No. 1.17

Written 10.9.18

MZ

FRONT France

N AS TO		Battalion and Regiment.		Co.	Pla- toon	Casualty.
k		G A I F				R Gmet 18
BY		Battalion and Regiment.		Co.	Pla- toon	Home Address.
k		G A I F		B	III	

INFORMANT

first person on June 8/18 in a post in the
 mis (in the direction of ^{Laazelle} Hazelle). I was in the
 er. He had been hit all over and was unconscious
 30 PM. I went over again and found that he
 then with the "Dofy" Smith (G A I F. Bco III) who
 shell. Lieut Martin G A I F Bco III, who is not
 ial. About halfway between Estaimont
 it branches off to the left and the place was
 and about 30 yds from the fork.
 is name was Arthur and he was a sailor &
 30 or over. Medium height & colouring.

R THE FOLLOWING :-

give name, number, etc.,	}
the man who told him.	
informant says a man was killed,	}
is death instantaneous?	
is the body buried, & if so where?	
where any other man of same	}
in Co. or Battalion?	

Signature of Searcher } A. G. Lambell
 Date of Report } Aug 22/18

To the Secy
Aus. Red Cross Society
London

20.9.18
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France
Sept 15. 1918.
4500 John Ernest Orr
28 Battalion
A.I.F. 1-11-14
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Dear M'dlle I have yours of Sept 10th inquiring
re P.O. J.E. Orr deceased. I can state that this
soldier died from the effects of gas on November 1st 1917.
& that he was buried in the field. Whether his grave
was ever registered I could not say, but this you could
find out from the Army burial corps. Descriptions &
particulars of Private J.E. Orr No 4500 B Company
28th Battalion A.I.F. Height about 5'4½" dark complexion
heavy dark moustache sturdily built. Age about 26 or 28 yrs.
Before coming to France he was butcher in one of the
camps in England. This is all that I can
tell you re this soldier, but it may be enough
to satisfy the enquiries.

Yours faithfully
Ernest Calder
No. 6556.
B. Company
28th Battalion
A.I.F.