

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**759 Corporal
John Thompson**

7th Battalion



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7th Bn. A.I.F.

THOMPSON
Cpl. John. 759.

Killed in Action 25.4.15

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Capt. by Hqrs. 25.8.19.

NAME

RANK

REGIMENT

CAUSE OF DEATH

London.
9.10.19.

ANZLVATION FIELD (A.O.)

CHARGE

Med.

7th Btn. A.I.F.
D Co.

THOMPSON
Cpl. John 759.

W. & M. 25/4/15.

Informant states that casualty was sent back to the beach in the morning of the 25th April with a party of four on fatigue duty, and that is the last the informant heard of him. Casualty was a friend of informant, who describes him as short, fair hair, and medium build.

Ref:- Pte C.V.O'Heare, 844,
7th Btn.,
104 Packington St., Kew

H.A.B.
12/4/16.

MELBOURNE.

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7th Btn. A.I.F.
D Co.

THOMPSON
Cpl John 758.

Unoff. W. & sent Malta. Later returned
Gallipoli & taken Prisoner.

Missing 25-1-2-5-15 HQ. Cairo.

No trace at Malta.

CAIRO.
6/5/16.

Malta Cable .
6.5.16.

M. & L.

Havre

26th May 1916

7th AUSTRALIANS D am

THOMPSON, Cpl. J.	759
Watson, P.W.	1060
Boucher, W.J.	25
Dunston, Cpl. S.O.	758
Charlton, P.A.	800

Missing 25th Apl. 1915

ditto

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Private J. McLaughlan, Grocer, Hargreave Street, Bendigo,
can give information of all these men - They all got away
from the main body in the landing on 25th April 1915

Informant: R. Scott 767

Headquarters
now in Havre Hospital

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7th Btn.
D. Coy.

THOMPSON,
Cpl. J. No. 759.

John

Reported Missing, April.

Informant states casualty was 5' 6" in height, thin, fair clean shaven, a very slight man.

It was the common rumour that casualty was destroyed by shell fire on the 25th April. Casualty was with Q.M.S. Sayers, of the 7th Btn. D. Coy. all the time until his death. Casualty lended with Q.M.S. Sayers, and was seen the whole time in company with him.

Ref:- Pte. W. Sullivan,
No. 822, M.G.S. attached
to the 7th Btn.

Private address,
6 Wills Street,
Bendigo.

H.A.B. 26/6/16.

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7th Btn.
D. Coy.

THOMPSON,
Cpl. J. No. 759.

Reported Missing, April.

John

Informant states that casualty was a friend of his. He was in the same section of D. Coy. Casualty was 5' 5" in height, fair, boyish complexion, about 19 years of age. Informant states as follows:-

"We landed together on the 25th April from the transport A.14 and within an hour of the landing, informant as Cpl. had an order from Capt. Hunter to go back to the beach to look after the kits. He was also given an order to Col. Elliott, which order was almost immediately withdrawn and given to the casualty, Cpl. Thompson, by Captain Hunter. Whilst this was being done, we saw Col. Elliott below, and casualty came with informant to meet Col. Elliott. We had not gone down the hill from 100 to 150 yards when we parted company, I on my way to the beach and casualty to deliver his order. I enquired from the Battalion the next day at Shrapnel Gully and all the boys there agreed that casualty must have been killed and could not have been taken prisoner."

Ref:- Cpl. A. C. Powell, No. 182, D.Co.
7th Btn. (now Sgt.)

H.A.B.

14/7/16.

Private address,
220 Bateman Street,
West Melbourne.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

7th Btn.
D. Coy.

THOMPSON,
Cpl. J. No. 759.

John

Reported Missing, April.

Informant states that casualty was a friend of his, and describes him as 5' 6" in height, fair, clean shaven, nuggety build, boyish appearance, about 21 years of age.

Informant goes on to state that they landed from the transport "Galeka" on the 25th April safely, and ascended over the first ridge in the early morning about 6'30 a.m. Informant saw casualty hit and fall. There was no time to come up to him. On the same afternoon of the retirement enquiries and search was made for him but there was ~~ix~~ no trace of him. The general impression was that casualty was killed, but in the absence of any identification mark, it is quite possible that owing to the great disorganization of the troops, that casualty might have been taken prisoner by the Turks, as the Turks were over the same ground during the day more than once.

Ref:- Sgt. H.C. Watterston,
No. 1043, 7th Btn. D. Coy.

513 Chapel St. Sth. Yarra.

H.A.B. 21/7/16.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

7th Btn.

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THOMSON; J.
Cpl. No. 759.

Informant states that he knew casualty well. Casualty was 5 ft. 4, dark, clean shaven. He was killed on the 2nd day of the landing, namely the 26th April. Two of his pals saw him killed. The informant claimed further that he was one of a party of three who were destroyed together.

Informant:- Pte. P. L. Michelly, No. 836,
7th Btn.

Private address.
Rydalmere, Sydney, N.S.W.

H.A.B.
23/8/16.

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Cd

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE

7th Btn.
D. Coy. old G. Coy.

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THOMSON; J.
Cpl. No. 759.

Informant states casualty was 5 ft. 3, very small, called "Tommy" by the boys. He was of medium build, fair, clean shaven. Casualty was formerly a bank clerk at Bendigo. Informant knew him well. Casualty landed safely on the 25th April from the transport "Galeka". Informant saw him on the beach at about 8 a.m. which was the last occasion which he was seen by informant.

Informant:- Pte. G. T. Lowe,
7th Btn. H. Coy. No. 937.

Private address.
South Calival,
South Mitiamo.

H.A.B.
23/8/16.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE

8858.

August 17th 1916.

Mrs Morlet,
Villa Montrose
Heliopolis, EGYPT.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your inquiry for 759 Corporal John Thompson,
7th Battalion, ^{D. Coy} we regret that we have no good news to send you.

The latest report comes from 822 Private Sullivan, attached to 7th Battalion and he says "it is common rumour that Cpl. Thompson was destroyed by shell fire on April 25th." He describes him as being 5ft. 6in. in height, thin, fair, clean-shaven and very slight. We also have a report that Cpl. Thompson was sent back to the beach with a party of four on fatigue duty on April 25th. and that is the last he heard of him. He describes him as short, fair, of medium build, so probably these reports refer to the same man.

We will at once forward any further news we receive and we hope to be able to have more definite information though it is difficult to obtain after so long.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully.

^{TS} Secretary.