

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6896 Private
Harold George
Thompson

23rd Battalion



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A.I.P.
26th Btn.
A. Coy.

THOMPSON.
H.3. 6896

Killed in Action 9.11.13.

Reburied Villers Bratonneux Mil. Cem. 62 D.⁰ 17.3.43. Plot 20.
Row B. Grave 4.

Cert. by Capt. Spadding's list 15.8.19. Sheet No 176

London.
6.10.19.

P.I.

A.I.F. 23rd Battn.

THOMPSON

H.G. 6896.

"Killed 23.7.18."

I didn't see Thompson of A. Coy, who was with Battalion Headquarters Coy, out on night patrol work at Villers Bretonneux, killed I think by machine gun bullet in head, but Pte. J. Engel D. Coy, Runner, was alongside of him at the time. Engel is now in Blighty wounded. Thompson came from Lava St. Warrambell, Victoria, about 5ft. 5 or 6ins., fair, square-jawed, about 21/22 years.

Informant:- Sergt. J.H. Carden, 5594,
23rd Battn., A. Coy,
France.

H.C.H.
London
13.12.18.
H.G.

P.I.

Not Written Engel.

10.12.18

23rd Battn.
A.I.F.

THOMPSON.
H.G. 6896.

"Killed in Action 23-7-18"

NOTE TO MELBOURNE.

We wrote to 711 Pte J.G. Engel, M.M. 23rd Battalion, about this soldier on 10-12-18 but the letter has been returned to us and we have now been informed by the Headquarters that Pte Engel returned to Australia per Ascanius. Will you interview him?

London.
15-3-19.

M & P I.

~~Engel~~ "MM"
Engel J.G.
2 Coy. Rangers

Present
address
please

7/11
23rd Bn

Ret to Aust per instructions -

E.C.

1/11 Mother
Mrs. C. Engel.

File under

6896 H.S. Thompson

23rd Bn

19 Athol Street
Prahran. Melb.

Report Section 73.19

p.c.
7.11.18

France

Sunday

3-11-18

J^o Australian Red Cross Society

Dear Miss Deakin

Could you oblige me with any details of the death or whereabouts of the grave of ~~the~~

No 6896

Pte. H. S. Thompson

A. Coy

23-Battn

A. S. F.

I have just been informed of his ~~death~~ death and can give you no details only that he was killed in July.

If you could oblige me with any details at all I would be most thankful. and thanking you I remain yours sincerely

No 591

Pte. J. H. Thompson

24th Machine Gun Coy

A. S. F.

France

10.12.18.

Pt. J. Engel

D

W Coy. Runner.

23rd Batta. A.I.F.

Abroad

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Pt. H. G. Thompson

23rd Batta. A.I.F.

K. 23.7.18.

10.12.18.
A.I.F.



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LONDON, S.W. 1.

RECEIVED
RETURN TO SENDER
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Pt. J. Engel

10 Company Runner

23rd Infantry Battalion

Australian Imperial Force

London
S.W. 1

Abroad

Tel.: VICTORIA (8576
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO

"THE SECRETARY."

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

Pt. J. Engel
10 Coy. Runner
23rd Batta. A.I.F.
abroad

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

6896 *Pt. H. G. Thompson 23rd Batta.*
R. 23. 7. 18. A.I.F.

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 him, but our enquirers wish especially
to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the
field, or in a soldiers' 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.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number,
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caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have
written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *hira Winton*
Per A.I.B.
Secretary.

Informant note to Melbourne 14.3.19

Tel: VICTORIA { 8576
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(Miss) Mrs Watson

Per A.I.B.

Secretary.

Memorandum Note to Melbourne 14.3.19

January 2nd, 1918.

59 Pte. J.H. Thompson.
24th Machine Gun Coy.
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry concerning 6896 Pte.
H.G. THOMPSON. A.Coy. 23rd Battalion. A.I.F. Killed in
Action 23.7.18. We beg to send you the following unofficial
report.

5594 Sgt. J.H. Garden, A.Coy. 23rd Bttn, states that
he heard that he was killed on a night patrol at Villers
Bretonneux by a machine gun bullet in the head he thinks.

We are continuing our enquiries and hope to be
able to send more definite news from an eyewitness soon.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

H.M.