

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**1034 Sergeant  
James Potts**

**3rd Field Artillery Brigade**



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Havre.

15th. March. 1918.

3rd. A. F. A.  
F. Sub. Section.

*James*  
Potts, No. 1034.

D/S. 22nd. November 1917. Dets. D/B.

I was told by Bombardier Maunders on November 23rd. when we were at Ypres that he was working the same gun as Potts on November 22nd. when a shell burst over them wounding Potts in the head. He carried him down to the Dressing Station and heard that he died three days after. I also heard it read out in orders about a week or so after. We sent a Cross up; he was buried at Reningelst. I know Potts he was a very nice chap, he was fair, fairly tall, and came from N.S.W. I think.

Inf:- E. W. Williams. No. 4102.  
3rd. A. F. A.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

CHU.

3rd Bde.  
A.F.A. A.I.F.

POTTS  
J. 1034

"Died of Wounds 22-11-17"

Was a Sgt. in the 9th Bty. I saw him hit by shell, was very badly knocked about. We did not think that he would live until he got to the Dressing Station. It happened at Ypres, about 20th Nov. He was taken to the dressing station at Dickebusch. He had only just come back from leave, and was hit while going up to have a look at his gun. He was buried, but I did not see his grave.

Informant. Walters A.W. 32528  
9th Bty., A.F.A.  
HAREFIELD.

W.G.J.  
London  
8-3-18

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8rd, Brigade. 9 Btty.  
A.I.F.

POTTS.  
J. 1034.

"DIED OF WOUNDS" 22.11.17"

Refer to Sgt. A. Lloyd. 9 Battery. 3 Brigade,  
who is now in France, he saw him wounded at Ypres, and  
can give full details.,

Witness;- Blair. Cpl. B S. 3307.  
9. Batty 3, Brigade.  
3. A. A. H.  
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.  
19.2.18.

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*not written to Sgt. Lloyd. 19-2-18*

9th Bty.  
A.F.A.

Potts.  
James 1034

"Died of Wounds 22.11.17"

re 1034 Sgt. P.G. Potts. He was wounded on 22.11.17 and died the 25.11.17 in the Can. C.C. Stn. Poperinghe and was buried in a Military Cemetery near by. The grave is in the lower part of the cemetery, and can be easily picked out by the cross, it is a big cross made of iron painted black, with the name, number and unit of the casualty engraved on plates of brass rivetted on to the cross. This information can be relied on as I put the cross on Sgt Potts' grave myself. As far as I can remember Sgt. Potts was about 5'11" in height, slight built, pale face, fair and walked with a long swinging stride. His address in Aust: was Combara Siding, Conambs Lane, N.S.W.

Letter from:- C.S. Wright  
France 12.3.18.

London.  
22.3.18.

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9th Battery 3rd Bde.

C.I.F. ARA

POTTS

Sgt. JI 1034

Died of wounds 22.11.18.

Died 6.25 p.m. 22.11.17 - Buried 23.11.17. G.S.Wds Head (pen.)  
Cemetery Reference Sheet 24 L. 22 D.C. 3.  
Grave Reference 27 B.B. 3A A. 46

Informant - Capt. Archer.

Note:- I have written Mrs. Potts, Combara Siding, Coonamble,  
N.S.W. all details. Sgt. Potts was admitted 22.11.17 and was  
unconscious till death.

W.L.Archer, C.F.

London.  
21.1.18

A.I.F. 3rd F.A.B.  
9th Btty.

POTTS  
Sgt. James 1034

Died of wounds 22.11.17

Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles S.W. of Poerperinghe  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqrs List for Capt. Spedding.

London  
26.6.19

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9th Batt  
A.I.F. A.R.

POTTS  
J. 1034

"Died of Wounds 22-11-17"

Re 1034 Sgt. J. Potts. He died of wounds on the date mentioned, he was wounded in the head. I cannot give the date that he was wounded, but I know he lingered on for several days and never regained consciousness. He was buried in a soldiers' Cemetery, and Farrier Sgt. Barnett, of this unit made a very nice Cross and had it erected over his grave. I do not know the name or number of the Cemetery, but it is near Poperinge. He came away as Pte. in the Light Horse and came to this unit about 18 months ago as Sgt. He was a chap about 5' 10", complexion and hair, medium, I am not sure, but I think there was a very slight squint in one eye. He walked with a long stride, and had a slight spring with it. His age was about 25, and about 3 months before his death he received the M.M. for devotion to duty.

Letter from:- Lloyd Sgt. A.R.

London  
28-3-18

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1-1-18

Sgt. A. LLOYD

9 Battery

3 Bde.

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1884

J. POTTS

9 Battery

3 Bde

AIF

D/W 22-11-17

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J. POTTS

9th Battalion  
AFA

To The Secretary

D/W 22-11-17

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The Enquiry Bureau

With reference to your enquiry re CT 1034 Long

J. Potts I am very sorry indeed to have kept you waiting so long for this but I have been trying to find out full particulars so as I could send them on to you. The above named soldier died of wounds on the date you mention he was wounded in the head. I can not get the date that he was wounded but I know he lingered on for several days and never regained consciousness. Yes he was buried in a soldiers cemetery and I am sure, Long Barnatt of this unit made a very nice cross and had it erected over his grave. I do not know the name or number of the cemetery but it is near Peperhinge. He came away as private in the Light Horse and came to this unit about 18 months ago as Long. He was a chap about 5ft 10 in complexion medium hair etc I am not sure but I think there was a very slight squint in one eye. He walked with a long stride and had a slight spring with it. His age would be about 25 years (about 3 months before his death he received the M.M. for devotion to duty). If there is anything else I can do for you in any way I will only be too pleased to send you all the info possible. Yours truly Long