

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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4277 Private
James Plunkett

11th Battalion



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2101A PLUNKETT
JAMES 4277

No trace Germany.
 Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19

Case of Council	Case	Date	Name
London. 21.10.19.		P.	

A.I.F. 11th Btn

J. PLUNKETT
4277

"M. 16-4-17"

Missing 16-4-17

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 4-5-17

Killed in Action 16-4-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 14-6-17.

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London
19-6-17

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19th Sept. 1917.

11th AUSTRALIANS

PIONKETT, J. 4277

K. 16.4.17. Det. D/B.

He was buried at Morchies. I saw the cross that the Pioneers made for the grave. They will be able to give the exact location.

Informant: Pte. F.W. Mellows, 3886
11th Australians, H.Q.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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11th Battn
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PLUNKETT
J. 4277

"Killed in Action 16.4.17."

These reports were given about Sgt. W. Plunkett 586.
"He was killed by a shell being first wounded at Lagnicourt
in our trenches during a German attack, about 8 weeks later
his body was found and his disc returned to the orderley
Room by an English Line Regiment. I know Plunkett's family
well. He was a middle aged man.

Informant:- 2055 F.P.C. Ryan
11th Battn, Sig. Sect.
H.S. Grandully Castle.
Havre 4.10.17.

We wrote to the adjutant about this report and he replied
on 16.10.17. as follows:- "Sgt. W. Plunkett. I regret nothing
further then missing is known of him up to date. Body and disc
referred to was No 4277 Pte. J. Plunkett found and reported by
9th Battn Lancs. Fusiliers.

London.
2.8.18

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Plunkett, Pte.J. 4277
C.O.

(K. April 16/17) 1917

"Pte.J.Plunkett was wounded at the same time as I was and as a number of us were taken prisoners, he should have been among the number, unless he died of his wounds on the way. I am one of the repatriated prisoners of War."

Eye-witness: Yes to being wounded.

Description:

Informant:- Pte. W.P.Griffiths, 4510 (repatriated prisoner
11th A.I.F. C.O.
1st London General Hospital,
Camberwell.

Home address: Hamilton Street. Cannon Road,
E. Freemantle.

Feb.- 3/18
M.A. Paul

11th Battn.
A.I.F.

Plunkett.
J. 4277

"Killed 16.4.17"

In my M.G. Section 2nd C. Coy. I saw him shot through the leg at an F. Outpost at Lagnicourt near Mouvies(?) I was taken P/W and saw a German carrying him back to their lines. He did not seem dangerously wounded. L/Cpl. Bert Smith of same section now P/W was with us and may know more about him.

Informant:- W. Griffiths 4510
11th Battn.

L.P.J.

repeated

Written Heph Smith
6.5.18

London.

20.4.18.

We are endeavouring to get further particulars from Pte Griffiths P. & are writing to Heph Smith. If this report is correct Pte Plunkett must have died almost as soon as captured, for we have no trace of him in P.W.

11th Battn.
A.I.F.

PLUNKETT
J. 4277

"Killed 16-4-17"

Further report.

I was a prisoner of war behind the German line at Iwny, about 7 kilos behind Cambrai. Plunkett was No. 2 in M.G. Section, C. Coy. He was attacking in the gun section, knew him a year in France. He was called Jim, medium height, fairly dark. He had not been wounded. He was in Hpl in France for Mumps in May 1916. There was another Plunkett, Sgt., in charge of our M.G. Coy.

Informant. Griffiths W. 4810
11th Battn.,

2nd A.A.H.,

SOUTHALL. 15-5-18

Searchers note:-

I return the same with my notes thereon. It is over a year ago and the man seemed to find it difficult to recollect details, but he was intelligent. There was another Sgt. Plunkett, they were all in C. Coy., besides J. Plunkett. Griffiths thinks "they did away with Plunkett". Griffiths seemed certain as to identity.

London
30-5-18

See our slip 2-1-18 quoting
admiral's letter

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11th Battn.
A.I.F.

PLUNKETT
James 4277

"Killed in Action 16-4-17"

I have been requested to give you any information I can in respect to the fate of 4277 Pte. J. Plunkett - 11th Battn. A.I.F. I am sorry to say I know nothing whatever beyond the fact that he was badly wounded about an hour before I was made prisoner on 15-4-17.

Extract from P.C. to Miss Chomley,
from:- 4293 L/Cpl. B. E. Smith,
11th Battn. A.I.F.,
Prisoner of War,
Herseburg,
GERMANY.

London
10-8-18

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See also notes in Case in Search is
file 16.5.18.

Gen. Corrao

11th Battn.
A.I.P.

C. Corp
Plunkett,
J. 4277

"Killed 16.4.17"

No. 2 in section

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a couple of feet away)

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Informant:- W. Griffiths 4510
11th Battn.

L.P.J.

Written d/cpl. Smith

6.5.18.

London.

20.4.18.

He was all along in the front line 7 miles behind Cambrai. He was known to me a year in France. He was a medium height - fairly dark called "Jim" - medium build - He was in 4th Corps in France for 18 months in 1916. (3 years) There was another Plunkett, L.P.J. in charge of our machine gun. Capt

File 16-8-18.

Y.I.V.

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4293 L/Cpl. B.E. Smith,
British Prisoner of War,
Gefangenenlager Merseburg,
Germany.

6th May, 1918.

Dear L/Cpl. Smith,

We have been asked to make enquiries about -

4277 J. PLUNKETT, of your Battalion.

who is officially posted as killed in action 16-4-17, and have been told by 2510 W. Griffiths (a repatriated prisoner of war) that you may be able to give some information about his fate.

If this is correct will you please send any particulars you can on your next postcard to Miss Shonley, just mentioning that this Department was enquiring and quoting Pte. Plunkett's name and number so that we can easily find the case in our files.

We trust that your letters and parcels are now reaching you regularly and contain the things you need most.

With best wishes for yourself and your comrades in the camp.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.