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**6306 Private
James Savage**

1st Battalion



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A.I.F. 1st Btn (Hq)
7th Btn G. Coy.

SAVAGE
James 6306

"Bel: wded 8-5-17"

Wounded 5-8-5-17

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 8-6-17

Killed in Action 5-8-5-17

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 18-7-17

P.I.

London
19-7-17

1st A.I.F.

Savage J. 6306.

(K. May 5-8/17 Det. D/B)

"I have received a letter from H.V. Wood 6331, 1st A.I.F. A. Coy dated July 17/17 as follows "I think Joe Salin must be missing. No one remembers seeing him after they went in. Jimmy Savage got a good one in the foot. Finish war for him". I believe Wood to be entirely reliable and not the sort of man to make statements that he is not sure of. The report that Savage was killed must be a mistake. I came across with him and knew him well. I saw him last abt. May 2nd".

Eye-witness: No, as above.

Description: A short stout man, abt. 28. An Englishman by birth, and came from Woollard near Sydney, N.S.W.

Informant: Pte. J.L. Wilkinson 6335,
1st A.I.F., D. Coy.,
Richmond Military Hospt., Grove Rd.

Aug. 3/17,
A.E. Campbell.

Written 18.8.17 Pte Wood

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Havre

20th Aug. 1917.

1st AUSTRALIANS

SAVAGE, J. 6306 C Co.

K. 5-8.5.17. Det. D/H.

He was in the 11th platoon and came over with me in the 20th Reinforcements to the 1st Battalion from Sydney in October, 1915. He was an Englishman. I knew him in Sydney. I last saw him before the stunt at Bullecourt on the 4th May. I was told by Pte. J. Lawler of the 1st Battalion, C Co., 10th Pltn. that Savage was wounded and sent to Australia as unfit. His christian name is James.

Informant: Pte. J. Whyte, 6354
1st Australians, C Co., 11th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

Written Pte. Lawler 6. 9. 17.

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See Appendix 25/10/17

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1st BATT. A.I.F. C.

SAVAGE. J. 6306.

K. May 5-8th. 1917. Det D/B.

He was in C. Coy and came from Parrington, Sydney. He was short, with long arms, and was a bit of a musician, a sort of chap you would remember if you once saw. I saw him in our trench at Bullecourt with his leg shattered; it would have been of no use ever again. He was alive then and was carried away by the company stretcher-bearers and taken to the dressing-station. Where or when he died I don't know. JNA

Ref ---Pte A.B. Bryan. 6054. C. Coy.
No 47 Gen. Hospital.

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Le Treport. Sept 18th. 1917

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17th Nov. 1917.

1st AUSTRALIANS

SAVAGE, J. 6306, G Co.

R. 5-8.5.17. Det. D/B.

I knew Savage, and came with him from Australia with the 20th Reinforcement to the Battalion, on the "Euripides" on the 9th Sept. 1916. I was in action with him at Bullecourt on the 5th May, and wounded earlier in the day when he was killed. I spoke with him the day before. Corpl. Yates, of C Co. (now with the Battalion), told me recently that he was with Savage when he was wounded, that he was badly wounded by a shell, in three places, when in the fire trench. Corpl. Yates and a bearer of the same company, carried him in a waterproof sheet to the Dressing Station; as Savage begged to be taken out of the line, though too badly injured to be readily moved. He could not have lived long after that. Corpl. Yates was a particular pal of Savage's, in the same company; and should be able to give further particulars as to his death and burial.

Informant: Pte. J.G. Lowler, 6275
1st Australians, G Co., 18th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Ronelles.

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Written Cpl. Yates 27-11-17.

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7th Battn.
A.I.F.

Savage.
J 6306

"Killed 5.5.17"

Was called "Jimmy" Was batman to Lieut. Johnson (B.Coy) He was wounded on May 5th at Bullecourt I saw him just before he was hit. He died at the Clearing Station. I did not actually see him hit, but was told by 6214 Anderson R. 18th Battn. c/O H.Qrs. Horseferry Rd.. He can give full details.

Witness:-

P.Knapman 6267
18th Battn.

Note Written Anderson 17.12.17.

W.C.J.

London.
28.12.17.

P.I.

1st Battn.
A.I.F.

Savage.
J. 6306

"Killed in Action 5-8.5.17"

Re 6306 Pte. J. Savage. He was a man about 35 years old, standing near 5'2" high, of robust rotund proportions with a rather sunburnt complexion and clean shaven. All that I can tell you is that I was one of the four who carried him out. A shell dropped into the bay on the right of the 4th or 5th wounding 5 out of 7. Pte. Savage being one of the number. He was badly wounded in the foot and all up one side and in the shoulder. We carried him out and know that he got away from the dressing station, but further than that I know nothing of him.

Letter from:-

5277 Cpl. H. L. Yates
C. Coy. 1st Battn.
9.12.17.

London.
7.1.18.

P.I.

1st Battn.
A.I.F.

SAVAGE,
J. 6306

"Killed in Action 5/8.5.17."

Re No. 6306 Pte. J. Savage 1st Battn, I am sorry to say I cannot give any definite information regarding him being killed, but last August while I was in hospital I met some men of the 1st battn and they told me they heard he was killed. He was in the fight at Bullecourt and they never saw him afterwards. Pte. J. Savage was acting as batman to Lieut Johnstone 1st Battn, at that time, he is a short stoutly built man about 5'2" in height, round face and medium complexion, he is a member of the Free Mason's. Should I hear anything farther regarding Pte Savage I will let you know at once.

Letter from: Pte. R. Anderson, 6214,
1st Battn,

A.M.G.T. Depot,
Belton Park,
Grantham.

20.1.18 .

London
13.2.18

Note Written Lt. Johnstone 13.2.18.

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Havre

14th February 1918.

1st A.I.F. C.O.

Savage J. No. 6306.

K. 5-8th May 1918. Det D/B.

He was a pal of mine he came from Sydney. Being a pal of mine and knowing nothing about what happened to him I went to the 1st Battalion Orderly Room H.Q. and looked in the official records for Savage. I found his name and it was stated that he was buried near Ercaillo.

Inf:- Pte H.V. Wood No. 6331.
1st A.I.F. H.Q.
Havre Hospital.

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1st Battalion.
A.I.F.

SAVAGE.
G. 6306.

" KILLED IN ACTION" 5/8-5-17"

Re 6306. Pte James Savage. 1st Battalion A.I.F. I am afraid I cannot give you very much information. Pte James Savage belonged to C. Coy. of the 1st Battalion and was wounded at Bullecourt, on the Somme between the 5th & 8th May 1917. I was speaking to him in the trench just before he was wounded, I think it was about the 6th May. I did not see him again, and I was informed afterwards that he had died of wounds. I made enquiries after we came out of Bullecourt, but could not ascertain where the deceased died or was buried. I knew Pte Savage very well, he was a short thick setman, about 5ft high & I should say his age was something over 40 years. I am sorry to have not replied earlier, but your letter went across to the battalion and was returned to me in England, I having been wounded last October and sent to Hospital in England.

Letter from:- Johnston, William Lieut
Tidworth. 1st Bn.
5.3.18.

London.
21.3.18.

P.I.

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Lieut. Johnstone

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1st Batta. A. 1. 7.

Abroad

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6306

Pt. J. Savage

1st Batta. A. 1. 7.

R/A. 5/8 - 5 - 17.

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Chl. Gates

C Coy.

1st Batta. A. I. 7.

B. 9. 7.

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abt.

6306 Pte. J. Savage

C Coy.

1st Batta. A. I. 7.

K. 5/8 - 5 - 17

Qu.
28.11.17

lgl (17. 12. 17)

6214

Mr. R. ANDERSON

18th Battr.

A.I.F. Administrative Head Quarters

130 Hensley Rd.

SW 1.

ali:

6306

Mr. J. Savage

1st Battr.

K. 5-5-17.

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159 Anerley Rd S.E.
Oct 11. 17²⁰

Dear Madam

I cannot thank you too sincerely for following up the information re Pte James Savage 6306 1st Batt A.I.F. and any further news as to his burial place and no of his grave. I shall feel deeply grateful to you for this kind interest and trouble you were taking to find out. I was his only friend in England and was his guardian during his boyhood. It is possible you may receive some inquiries from his late employer Sir Alfred Gould of Lynnhurst Lodge, Sydney where he acted as Coachman and whose Oanchin he had to join the Aust Forces at Sydney.

Again thanking you for
your great kindness

Yours faithfully
H. C. C. C.

Sup. Vera Leakin
Secretary
A. R. + P. 7

June 7. 17

159, ANERLEY ROAD,

ANERLEY,

S.E.

Sir ad² 11.6.17

May I respectfully ask if
you will kindly give me if possible
some information respecting

Pte James Savage 6306

~~B. Coy~~

1st Batt. Austr. Infy

Having had no answers to my
letters from him The Record Office
reports his being wounded on the
8th day but cannot give me any
particulars as they state they do
not know where he is. He went over
in January last in a draft to the
B.C. 4: he came from Sidney with a
Reinforcement contingent he

answered my first letter in
Feb'y last by saying he was
getting through the cold weather
abright

If you can give me any
information as to his whereabouts
I shall feel grateful

Yours faithfully

H. Culver

The Secy. Council & Guardian of
Aust. Fed. & Society. Page

Mr. [unclear]

159 Anerley Rd
Anerley S.E. 20
July 13 17

Dear Sir

A month ago you kindly
promised to make inquiries re
Pte James Savage 6306
6 Coy

1st Batt Aust. Infy
who was reported wounded on
the 5th day last in France and
has no further information has
reached me I should be greatly
obliged if you would let me know
if any further details have been
obtained by your Association

I am Dear Sir
Yours truly
H. [unclear]

The Secy
Aust Red & [unclear]

[Signature]

6306

J. SAVAGE
1st Batt

K/A 5/8-5-17

P.I.

Landahar Barracks
Tidworth,
Hants

5th March 1918

(C.D.)

Dear Madam,

In reply to your enquiry regarding
6306 Pte James Savage, 1st Battalion A.S.F.

I am afraid I cannot give you very
much information.

Pte James Savage belonged to B Coy
of the 1st Battalion and was wounded at
Bullecourt on the Somme between the 5th
& 8th May 1917. I was speaking to him
in the trench just before he was wounded.
I think it was about the 5th May. I did
not see him again, and I was informed
afterwards that he had died of wounds.
I made enquiries after we came out of
Bullecourt, but could not ascertain
where the deceased died or was buried.

I knew Pte. Savage very well. He
was a short, thick set man, about 5 feet
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high and I should say his age was something over 40 years.

I am sorry to have not replied earlier, but your letter went across to the Battalion & was returned to me in England. I having been wounded last October & sent to hospital in England.

Again regretting that I cannot give you very much information.

Yours faithfully,
William J. Johnston
1st Battalion
A.I.F.

ackd
P.O.
21-1-18



6214 Pte R. Anderson

1st Battn

A. M. G. T. Depot
Belton Park
Grantham.

20th Jan. 1918

Miss Vera Deakin

6306 J. SAVAGE

Dear Miss

1st Battn.

18/17 5/8-577

In answer to your letter of the 21st Dec, which has just come to hand to-day, enquiring for information of No 6306 Pte. J. Savage, 1st Battn. I am sorry to say I cannot give any definite information regarding him being killed, but last August while I was in hospital I met some men of the 1st Battn & they told me they heard he was killed. He was in the fight at Bullecourt & they never saw him afterwards. Pte J. Savage was acting as batman to Lieutenant Johnstone 1st Battn at that time, he is a short stout built man about 5ft 2" in height round face & medium complexion, his a member of the Free Masons. I should have written Lt Johnstone 13.2.18.

I hear of anything farther regarding
Pte. Savage I will let you know at
once. Yours Faithfully
Pte. R. Anderson

159 Amerley R. S. B. 20
Jan'y 13/18

Dear Madam

6306 Re Ple of Savage 1st Batt. A. I. F.

I beg to thank you sincerely for the further information
you have so kindly sent of my poor friend and if it is
possible to encroach on your kindness I should be deeply
grateful if the place name of his Burial together with
the no of the grave could be ascertained and sent me
again thanking you for your kindness

I remain

Yours Sincerely

H. Leber

Miss Vera Seakin

July 23rd.

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Mr. Calver, Esq.,
159 Anerley Road,
Anerley S.E.

Dear Sir,

In reference to your enquiry for No. 6306 Pte. James Savage, 1st. Battn. (not 7th. Battn.) we are sorry to inform you that ~~he~~ was killed in action 5.8./5.17. We have not yet received any further details of his death, but are making every possible inquiry, and shall let you know directly we hear any more.

With sincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully

Miss Hornebrook

SECRETARY.

159 Anerley Road
Anerley S.E.
July 24. 17

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge your
kindness with thanks for sending
me the information re James Savage
6306 1st Batt. Should any further
information come along, I shall be
grateful for it, he came to see me
on arriving here as he had no other
friend in England and I was his
guardian for many years until he
left for Australia

Yours faithfully
H. Culver

The Secretary
Anti Red + Society

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16.8.17

6331

H. V. WOOD A Co

1 Batt A.I.F
B E F

for

6306 J. SAVAGE

1 Batt A.I.F

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Plg. LAWLER,

X Pltn C. Coy,

1. Battⁿ A. 1. 7.

B. E. 7.

For

6806

J. SAVAGE

C. Coy.

1. Battⁿ A. 1. 7

R. 5-8. 5. 17.

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1. 9. 17

H. Culver, Esq.,
159, Anerley Road,
Anerley, S.E.20.

October 10th, 1917.

Dear Sir,

In further answer to your inquiry for details of the death of - No. 6306 Pte. James SAVAGE - 1st Battalion. A.I.F., we very much regret to inform you of an unofficial report which has been received from a man of his unit who is in the 47th General Hospital B.E.F.

Informant No. 6054 Pte. A.B. Bryan stated that he saw Pte. Savage with his leg badly wounded in our trench at Bullecourt and he was then alive although very seriously injured. He was carried out to the dressing station by the company stretcher bearers, but he did not reach the base and we can but conclude that he was killed on the way down.

We are continuing the inquiry for details of his death and burial and as soon as we receive further news we shall advise you.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary.
A.W

ACK
FM 151217

6306 J. SAHAG F. B. B. B.

RA 5/8.5.17 P.1.29. 12.17

To: the Secretary.

Wounded & Missing Bureau.
Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th ult. in which you enquire
H.C. whereabouts of 6306 P.1.29. Damage of
6. 634. 1st Australian Battalion.

He was a man about 35 years old standing
near 5'2" high. of robust proportions with
a rather sunburnt complexion & clean shaven.
All that I can tell you is that he was one
of the four who carried him out. A shell
dropped into the bay on the night of the 4th
or 5th wounding 5 out of 7. P.1.29 being
one of the number. He was badly
wounded in the foot and all up one
side and in the shoulder. We carried him
out and know that he got away from the
dressing station but whether I know that
I know nothing of him.

Yours faithfully

5277. 6/1. H. L. J. /cher
over C. C. 1st B. B.

If you write to the following address
Mr. James H. Farlane may be able to
give you further details.

6281. Mr. James H. Farlane

c/o Mr. Farlane

19. Gardner Street

Partick

Glasgow, W.

Scotland

December 15th, 1917.

H. Culver, Esq.,
169, Anerley Rd.,
Anerley, S.E.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you of another unofficial report about

No 6206 Pte. J. SAVAGE, 1st Battalion, A.I.F.

and trust that it will be some consolation to know that he did not live for long after being wounded.

Informant, - No 6275 Pte. J. G. Lawlor, when interviewed in an Australian Camp in France, reported that he had come from Australia in the Harpides with Pte. Savage in September 1916, and was in action with him at Bullecourt on May 5th, which day he was himself wounded. He was told by Cpl. Yates that he was with Pte. Savage when the latter was badly wounded in three places, by a shell, when in the fire trench and he carried him with the aid of a stretcher-bearer to the dressing station. This was done at his own request although they felt that he was too badly injured to be easily moved.

He refers us to Cpl. Yates for further news of Pte. Savage's death and as soon as a reply is received from him we shall advise you.

With our sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

Law.

SECRETARY.

A. Culver, Esq.,
159, Sherley Rd.,
Newley, S.W.

January 10th, 1913.

Dear Sir,

We have to inform you of another unofficial report about No 6806 Pte. J. SAVAGE, 1st Battalion, A.I.F., though we fear there is very little fresh information.

Informant - No 5277 Col. F. E. Yates, C. Co., 1st Bn., speaks of Pte. Savage as being a man about 35 years old standing nearly 5'8" of rotund proportion with a ruddy complexion and clean shaven. Yates was one of the 4 men who carried him out. He was badly wounded in the chest and all up one side and in the shoulder, but beyond the fact that he helped to carry him out and knew that he got away from the Dressing Station, he can give us no further information.

We will continue our enquiries hoping to get you something more definite.

Yours faithfully,

for him Russell
SECRETARY.

H.Culver, Esq.,
159, Anerley Rd.,
Anerley, S.E.

January 28th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

In further answer to your enquiry for

No 6306 Pte. JAMES SAVAGE, 1st Battalion, A.I.F.

We beg to inform you of an unofficial report given by
6267 Pte.P.Knapman, of the same unit. He stated that Pte.
Savage who was batman to Lt.Johnson was wounded in May
5th, at Bullecourt and he died later at the Casualty Clearing
Station.

We have written to Pte.Anderson at A.I.F. Headquarters
who is said to possess further details and as soon as we
receive his reply we shall advise you.

Yours faithfully,



SECRETARY.

H. Culver, Esq.,
159, Anerley Rd.,
Anerley, S.E.

February 23rd, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We have heard unofficially that No 6306 Pte. J. SAVAGE,
1st Battalion, A.I.F., was buried near Noreille. Our
informant states that he saw his name on the Battalion Records,-
but we are quite unable to verify the particulars. If you are
specially desirous of making further enquiries we advise you to
write to the Director,

Graves Registration & Enquiry Bureau,
War Office, Winchester House,
St. James Square, S.W.1.

and it is possible that they may be able to help you.

This enquiry is now closed, it being very improbable that
any more details will be received, but should we received any
fresh information we will write to you again.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. C.
SECRETARY.