

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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555 Private
Edward John Skerritt

26th Battalion



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A.I.F. 26th Btn

SECRET.
Edward John. 555.

Killed in Action. 26.3.17.

No burial report.
Cert by A.I.F. Hdqrs 17.7.19.

NAME

UNIT

DATE

CAUSE OF DEATH

London.
8.10.19.

RECEIVED

OFF M.

CYNGERS

A.I.F. 26th Btn.

RR
SECRET.
Edward John. 555.

Killed in Action. 26.3.17.

No trace Germany.
Cert by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
24.10.19.

OFF M.

26th Batt.
A. I. F.

Sherrit
R.J. 555

"Missing 26.3.17"

Killed in Action 26.3.17 - previously reported missing believed
Prisoner of War

Cert, by A. I. F. Headquarters 25.5.17

Logda
29.5.17

Off M

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26th AUSTRALIANS

24th May. 1917.

SKRAIT, E.J. 555 and 6 others
(For full list of names see
report on Browne, Cpl. T. 4099)

M. March 26th. 1918.

These boys were all in A. Company and were at an advanced post at Lagnicourt on March 26th. 1917, between 7 and 9a.m. The enemy worked round them and as our machine guns seemed to blow out they were able to take our boys prisoners of war. Our boys were seen going over to the enemy with their hands up and were march away. Lt. T.S. Humphrys of the 26th Batt., A. Co., was ~~in~~ in charge of the Party and has been taken prisoner of war also. This information was read out in Battalion orders. The Germans were in force 10 to 1. Our boys had no chance at all. It was a wet muggy sleety day and they could not use their rifles.

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