

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6987 Private
Evans James Hall

9th Battalion



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Statement made by Lieut E.B. Smythe 21st Can. Bdn.Re No. 6987 Pte E.J. Hall 9th Bn. I.F.
Missing 3.11.17.

France.

March 17th 1918.

On the night of 2/3rd November 1917 on our way into Passchendaele there was an Australian killed together with a number of our men. When collecting the identification discs and paybooks we found a pocket book with a number of photos, etc, on the Australian, but no identification disc. Several days later I forwarded the pocket book and contents to a sister of the owner, to an address found inside. I did not keep a record of the man's name or number, but I remember that it was "Hall", so as 6987 Private E.J. Hall was missing 3.11.17, and no doubt the Australian Imperial Force got my name from the recipient of the pocket book, I think it is safe to say that he was killed in action on the night of 2/3rd November 1917, about 1000 yards in front of the town of Passchendaele.

(Sgd) E.B. Smythe.

Lieutenant. *B* *9 Nov 1918*

A.I.F. 9th Stn

BALL
E.J. 6987

"MISSING"

Killed in action 3-11-17 - previously reported Missing
cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 18-4-18

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