

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

**809 Sergeant
James Francis Foy**

44th Battalion



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A.I.P. 44.

FOY Sgt. J.F. 809.

M. 14.3.17.

I was with him about midnight, 13/14th. Mar. when he died. This was opposite Armentieros, in No Man's Land. He had been badly wounded by a shell in the thigh and bled to death. Someone had tried to bandage him. I do not think his body was ever brought in. Pte. A.P. Joyce of B.VIII. now in England wounded, was also present when he died.

PHE.

Reference: L/Cpl. C.R. Davies. 898. B.VII.
L.Q. School.

off cl
Staples.
9.4.17.

905 AM: P. Joyce 24 3.17

44th A. I. F.,

For⁷, Sgt. J. F., 809,

H. March, 14th, 191⁷.

"⁷ was killed in the raid by us on German trenches near Armentieres. All information can be given by G.E. Naylor, Ward, A.3., 3rd London General Hosp: Wandsworth, S.W."

Eye Witness: No, G.E. Naylor,

Description: Was a great footballer, tall, fair, quick walk, came from Perth, Near Australia.

Informant:-- Sgt. H.S. Ferguson, 232,
3rd London General Hosp:
Wandsworth, S.W.

Home address:--

10.4.17.

411/ G.E. Naylor 3rd Genl 17-17.
411 G.E. Naylor
Written 20.4.17

411

A.I.F. 44.

M. 14.3.17.

POY Sgt. J.F. 809.

He took part in the raid at Armentieres on 14th. March, 1917, and was killed. I believe he was wounded first of all, in No Man's Land, was brought in and killed by a shell while waiting on a stretcher. Lt. R. Skinner, B.VII, took part in the raid and told me about Poy. He could supply details. Poy came from Perth. He used to be captain of the Fremantle Football team. He was one of the best men in the Bn. He belonged to D. XVI.

Reference: Pte. V. Pinkus. 942. Transport.
3 A.D.B.D.

SA.

Lt R. Skinner
Written

20. 4. 17
M. 9. 13

Staples.
13.5.17.

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44th Batt.
A.I.F.,

Sgt. J.F. FOY'

809

"Missing Mar. 14/17"

We were on a raid at Armentieres 13th Mar./ 17 about midnight. I met Foy as we were retiring - about 50 yds from Fritz's trenches. We talked together for a few minutes when Foy fell, wounded in the right groin. He lived about 5 minutes and only said "Oh I'm hit" I saw him die. I got hit shortly after so do not know what happened to his body.

Reference:- Pte R.O.Baker 468
44th Batt. D.Co. A.I.F.,
Dartford,
20.4.17.

London
5.4.17.
P.C.

P.

44th A. I. F.,

Foy, Sgt. J.F., 809,

M. March 14th 1917.

"Pte. Hunter D. Coy., 44th A.I.F., (number unknown) who was in the bed next to him in No 2 Australian Clearing Hospital, told him that he and Sgt. Foy were being brought down to the dressing station, on stretchers when a shell struck him, killing Foy and badly wounding Hunter. It was at Armentieres on March 13th 1917 on a midnight raid which was rather a failure."

Eye Witness: No, Pte. Hunter, D. Coy., 44th A.I.F.

Description:

Informant:-- Pte. J.M. Fagan, 5480,
44th A. I. F.,

Kelston Hosp:
Regents Park.

Probably another Foy.

Home address:-- 120, Kings Street,
New Wood Exchange,
Melbourne, Victoria,
Australia.

16.4.17.
B. Farmer.

Written Hunter 30-4-17

A.I.F. 44.

FOY, Sgt. J.F. 809.

M. March 14th 1917.

It is true this is only hearsay, but I am nearly certain that it came to the Orderly Room, for when we were in camp about four or five days after the raid the news came to us that parts of this Sgt's body had been found sufficient to identify him with so that they knew for certain that he was killed. It is worth while your writing to verify this. He was a great favourite amongst the boys and he had just got his commission

Informant: Pte. Hoekin. 81.
No. 13 General Hospital.
BOULOGNE. 20.4.17.

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44th Batt.
A.I.F.,

FOY
Sgt. J.F. 809

"Missing 14.3.17"

I was near him when he fell wounded in a midnight raid at Armentieres. He cried out "Fancy me getting a blighty" but I heard he was killed outright afterwards. ~~Referred~~ to L/Cpl J Fowe 4890 Ward C Queen's Sect. Graylingwell War Hospital Chichester who was in this action and will give you the full address etc. of Sgt. Casey who carried Foy out dead.

Reference:- 628 J Daly,
44th Batt. A.I.F.,
B.E.F.
11.4.17.

Note: Written L/C Rowe 20.4.17.

London
24.4.17.
L.P.J.

Off.M.

Ali.F.
44th. Battn.

FOY,
Sgt. J.F. 809.

Missing 14. 3. 17.

Your letter to hand regarding 809 Sgt. Foy, J.F., 44th. Battn. and am ^{very} sorry that I cannot give any definite reply as to what happened him.

He took part in a raid in which I was wounded on March 13th. The raid was not actually a success on account of the awful state of the ground which was a mass of large shell holes filled with water, which caused us to retire and I am almost certain that no one entered the enemy lines.

I did not see Sgt. Foy during the raid but it is quite possible that if he was killed or badly wounded and fell into a shell hole full of water it would have been impossible for the stretcher bearers to find him.

Sgt. Foy was a rather dark chap who I would judge to be about 28 yrs. of age, tall and well built, and well liked by all men of the unit.

Cert by letter from L/Cpl. J. Rowe, 4890,
Q C.I. Section,
Graylingwell Hpl.
Chichester, Sus. Eng.
21.4.17. (P)

London. 26.4.17.

44th A. I. F.,

Foy, Sgt. J.F., 809,

M. 14.3.17.

"We were N. of the railway from Armentieres to Lille. We went over in a raid about 11.30 p.m. Barrage opened at 12.0 We got to the enemy's barbed wire, but could not get through, he was ready for us. Then we fell back, by order. Jimmy Foy, fell into a big shell hole, killed in No Mans Land. Later the chaps searched and found the big shell hole but could not find him, but found his card dropped from a coat pocket. I was told by the chaps who found it, but I did not see it myself."

Eye Witness: Was present.

Description:

Informant:-- J.H. Randall,
44th A. I. F., D. Coy.,
Essex County Hospital,
Colchester.

Home address:--

28.4.17.

G.H. Randall.

44th A.I.F.

Foy, Sergt. J.F. ^{lie. pr.} D.14. 809.
(L. 14.3.17.)

Informant states "J.F. Foy was wounded at Armentieres on the 13th March 1917 and lived only a little while."

Eye witness: No..

Description: About 5 ft 11 ins., medium complexion and build.

Informant: Sgt. J.E.G. Coleman 808 44th A.I.F., D. XIV.
Norfolk War Hospital, Norwich.

Home address: C/o Mrs. J.T. Jones,
182 Townsend Road,
Eubiaco, W. Australia.

29.4.17.
Edgar Rice.

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44th Batt.
A.I.F.,

FOY
Sgt. J.F. 809

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"Missing 14.3.17"

I am sorry I don't know where Sgt. Foy I.F.⁸⁰⁹ was buried. I know he was killed on the field but if you write to the O.C. 44th Batt. A.I.F. France they will let you know.

Ced. by letter from ⁴311 Pte G. Naylor,
44th Batt. A.I.F.,
Ward A.3
3rd London Gen. Hospt.
Wandsworth.
23.4.17.

London
30.4.17.

P.

44th Batt.
A.I.F.,

FOY
Sgt. J.F. 809

"Missing 14.3.17"

I am sorry to say that the only information I can give is that I was with him when he was wounded. He was wounded through the thigh, we made an attempt to carry him in but he was in great pain and asked to be left. Next time we spoke to him we got no answer Poor Chap he had died. I was wounded shortly after myself and carried in, so I don't know why he is missing as there was a Lieutenant and a private lying wounded alongside Sgt. Foy. I think this is all.

Ce t. by letter from 905 A.P. Joyce,
44th Batt. A.I.F.,
D2 Ward,
King George's Hospital,
Stanford Rd,
London. S.E.

London
3.5.17.

P.

44th A. I. F.,

Foy, Sgt. J.F., 809,
D. Company,

M. March 14th 1917.

Informant states that "My brother R. Rowlands 551, 44th, C., X told me in a letter I received about a month ago from the front that Sgt. Foy had been killed while making a raid on the 13th March when I was wounded. There was only one man of that name. He used to live in the same street as myself named Earlie Street, Mo Lawley, Perth."

Eye Witness:
Description:

Informant:-- Pte. P. Rowlands, 552,
44th A. I. F., C. Coy., X Pltn.,
King George Hosp: Ward F,
Waterloo.

Home address:-- Australia. P.

7.5.17.
Dickson.

Written Pte Rowlands 16.5.17

44th A. I. F.,

Foy, Sgt. J.F., 809,
D. Company.

M. March 14th 1917.

"I know that Sgt. Foy was wounded while on a raid on the night of March 13-14. I was told quite recently at the C.C.S., by a Sgt. of 44th Batt: that 57th Division had found his body and buried it. Apply to Regt. S.M., 44th Batt: A.I.F., for place of burial."

Eye Witness: Regt. Sgt. Major, D. Coy., 44th A.I.F., told him.

Description: Very popular man, Jimmy, age 27, 28, fairly tall, square faced, blue eyed man, dark hair.

Informant:-- Pte. L.S.D. Greaves, 766,
44th A. I. F., D. Coy.,
Edmonton Hospital, P

*Lieut Skermer says
buried in communication -
where?*

Home address:-- Wellman Street,
Guildford,
W. Australia.

10.5.17.
D.W. Brown.

Written P.M. 22.5.17

44th Batt.
A.I.F.,

F. FOY
Sgt. J.F.

809

"Missing 1⁴ 3.17"

I believe he was the only Sgt. Foy in the ^{44th} Battalion. He was about 5ft 10ins in height ^{5ft 10ins} ~~stout~~ built rather slim. I think his hair was inclined to be dark but I am not sure clean shaven inclined to walk a little ink-toed. Was very popular with his men.

Cert. by letter from A.P. Joyce,
D 2 Ward
King George's Hospital.
Stratford Street,
3.5.17.

London
12.5.17.

P.

44th Battn.
A. I. F.

Foy.
Sgt. J. F. 809.

"Missing 14.3.17."

I sa w him killed by a shell or whizzbang in a trench or rather support trench and I saw his body taken to the Mortuary. He was hit in the head and all over. ~~Same~~ from West Australia. Same Coy with me. He was a very popular Sgt. and was the first in D Coy to be killed.

Witness:-

F. H. Priestly.

44th Battn.

Harefield W9.

London.

23.5.17.

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44th Battn.
A. I. F.

Foy.
Sgt. J. F. 809.

"Missing 14.3.17."

In reference to your enquiries for 809 Sgt. Foy, J.F., I regret sincerely to say that he was killed in a raid at Armentiers on March 14th of this year. From memory I would say he was about 5 feet 11 ins., and of medium build. Clean shaven, hair brown. I might add that while in England he proved himself such a good instructor in bayonet fighting and physical training that he was detailed to do this work behind the line. Though he made every endeavour to join his unit he was unsuccessful. He said he had come over to fight and wanted to do so. About the first week he was successful in getting back to his unit and proved himself a good soldier. He was a volunteer for the raid and did good work. Unfortunately he was killed, but his body was recovered and buried in Armentiers. While in Australia he was a great athlete and had a brother Jack. He came from Perth, West Australia about the beginning of June 1916.

Letter from:-

Lieut. Roy Skinner. B.Co.

London.
24.5.17.

France. 5.3.17.

P.

44th Battn.
A. I. F.

Sgt. Foy. 809.

"Missing 14..317."

On the 12th of March 1917 Sgt. Foy and myself went out with a raiding party of about three hundred strong. Sgt Foy was with my Pltn but being in a different position to myself in the Platoon I did not see him after the engagement started. I might state that I was hit very early in the stunt and did not see Sgt. Foy again. When I was taken to the clearing station I was told by a wounded man who was also in the raid, that Sgt. Foy had been also wounded, but as ~~he~~ the above soldier was not in my Coy. I did not know his name, and of course cannot guarantee to the correctness of his statement. Since arriving at Hospital I have received a letter from Sgt. Casey (now Lieut.) of our Battn. who was also one of the raiding party. He states that after getting me back to our own lines he with others again went out into No Man's Land to look for Sgt. Foy; but unfortunately was unable to find him, and he says that the general opinion of all the fellows was that Foy was killed. Of course as you know wonderful things happen out in France and it is quite possible that he may have been hit and taken by the Hun as a Prisoner. We were very close to the German front line, in fact I believe a few men got into his front line. Therefore, if Foy was wounded and unable to walk, or in any way get back to our lines there is just a possibility of what I have stated above.

Casey tells me that Foy has never been found since and of course the men who went out to look for wounded would have a better idea of the happenings than I would and perhaps it would not be wise to stake much on what I say. I might state that Sgt. Foy was a personal friend of mine, one of the best friends I ever had. He was a particularly fine fellow with a wonderfully good personality and character. He was 24 years of age, 5 feet 11 ins. high with brown hair and blue eyes. He was married about a month before we left Australia, his wife residing now I believe at Perth, W. Australia where his mother also resides. I do'nt think I can give you any further details to help you in your endeavours to prove Foy's identity and hope you will not find my remarks too lengthy. This morning just as I had written this letter I received a letter from Sgt. Gregor one of the raiders of my Coy. and he tells me that he was with Sgt. Foy when he died.

Note Written Sgt.

Letter from:-

Gregor 23.5.17. Sgt. J. E. Holeman. 808
London. No 4 Ward. Harefield.
25.5.17. 14.4.17. P.

44th Battn.
A. I. F.

Foy.
Sgt. J.F. 809.

"Missing 4.3.17."

Sgt. M. Gregor could tell about Foy.

Witness:-

Sgt. J. E. G. Coleman. 808.
44th Battn.

W. Alison.

Harefield. W 12.

Note Written Sgt. Gregor. 23.5.17. P.

London.
25.5.17.

44th Battn.

A. I. F.

Foy.
Sgt. J. F. 809.

"Missing 14.3.17."

re 809 Sgt. James F. Foy reported missing 14.3.17. I have to advise you that on the night of the 13-14th March, Sgt. Foy took part in a raid and failed to return. A few nights later his body was recovered and identification established beyond all doubt, so I shall not burden you with details of personal appearance. I can hardly express the esteem in which Sgt. Foy was held in his company, being recognised as a leader of nearly all ranks. He is sadly missed. Pte. Hunter to whom you addressed your note has also been killed in action. In view of the possibility of such, he had asked his companions to deal with his letters, and in this way your enquiry was handed to me.

merit by

Letter from:-

A. N. Birks.

2nd Lieut.

France, 15.5.17.

London.

4.6.17.

P.

44th Battn.
A. I. F.

Foy.
Sgt. J. F. 809.

"Missing 14.3.17."

Re your letter of May 23rd. I have much pleasure in being able to inform you of the burial place of our late comrade No 809 Sgt. F. Foy as you requested. He is buried in Armentieres and the name of the Cemetery is Hon Jean Cemetery.

Letter from:-

C. H. Sweeny.

R. S. M.

44th Battn.

France. 31.5.17.

London.
11.6.17.

P.

A.I.F. 44th Btn ,

FOY
Sgt J.F. 809

"M. unoffic. in Hpl Havre"

Killed in Action 14-3-17

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

P.

London
18-6-17

A.I.F.
44th Battalion.

FOY.
J.P. 809.

"Killed in Action 14.3.17".

Buried in the Honour Cemetery Armentieres in Grave 1.
Section 1. Block 1. Row A. German List of graves in
Cemetery.

Cert. by letter from Capt. Mills. 28.7.19.

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QMS

QMS

QMS

London.
7.10.19.

RECEIVED

QMS

44th Batt.
A.I.F.,

FOY
Sgt. G.F. 809

"Missing 14.3.17"

Refer to 808 Sgt. J.E.G. Coleman of his Co. D. in No 4 Main Ward of Norfolk War Hospital who can give details of his having been killed.

Reference:- 2821^A F.J. Newburn,
44th Batt. A.I.F.,
17.4.17.

Note: Written Sgt. Coleman 18³.4.17.

London
17.4.17.
L.P.H.

Off.H.

44th Battrn.
A. I. P.

Foy.
Sgt. J. 809.

"Missing 14.3.17."

Re your enquiry 809 Sgt. J. Foy. I was in the party with Sgt. Foy on the night of the 13-14th of March. He was wounded and shortly afterwards died. His body was not recovered until about a month afterwards, but has since been recovered and identified.

Letter from:-
Sgt. M'Gregor.
B. E. P.
13.6.17.

London.
25.6.17.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
"THE SECRETARY."
WOUNDED AND MISSING
— INQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

54. VICTORIA STREET.

LONDON, S.W.

20. 4. 17

G. E. Naylor
44 Batt A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit. 809

Sgt Foy J. F. M. 14. 3. 17
and have been told that you may be able to
help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you
can send us concerning Sgt Foy J. F. 809 but
our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was
buried, if so, whether it was on the Field or in a Sold-
ier's Cemetery, where the grave would be registered.
We should also be glad if you could add a short description
of his personal appearance or any points that might help
to prove his identity

Yours faithfully,

Hera Deakin
SECRETARY per M. G. B

905

A. P. JOYCE

B. VIII. 44 BATT

A. I. F

King Georges.

LONDON.

B. E. F

FOR.

Foy Sgt. J. F. 809

44 BATT

A. I. F

B. E. F.

C. M. 14. 3. 17

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20. 4. 17

M. G. B

Front France

E.D.S.-V. 12134

AS TO				Casualty.
Rank	Battalion and Regiment	Co.	Platoon	
	17 Australian I. 4			W as M March 2/17

BY				Home Address.
Rank	Battalion and Regiment	Co.	Platoon	
17	Australian I. 4	D	XVI	7 South St King's Lynn Norfolk

INFORMANT.
(in first person).

was wounded and missing, about March 2nd -
 on the left side of Bapaume, in the early
 of German lines. The others heard him
 then the enemy made a counter attack,
 and in their trenches -
 later we found his grave. The Germans
 up with his name & no on it. I saw

5

THE FOLLOWING:

Give name, number, etc., of man who told him.	Dr. saw the grave later
Informant says a man was killed, instantaneously, and was buried, and if so where?	
Were there any other man of same name in Co. or Battalion?	no other
to 30.	

Signature of Searcher } Hilda M. Pilchard - Cambridge
 Date of Report 16 April 1917

411 G.E. NAYLOR

44 BATT

A.I.F

Ward A.iii

3rd LONDON GEN. HOS

WANDSWORTH. S.W.

FOR.

Sgt Foy J. F 809

44 BATT

A.I.F

B.E.F

M: 14. 3. 17

HOSPITAL 3¹⁰ Southern General Oxford Condu

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	R
	Brown	A.L.	1413	P

SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	R
Stevenson	John.	288	P

STATEMENT OF (to be taken)

NOTE. In all state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

"I believe that Plt. A.L. Brown (20. Salisbury Plain. I saw him not likely to have been sent not fit for foreign service"

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? <u>He saw him in November.</u>	2. If not, of the
3. Was the ground held or lost? <u>/</u>	4. If Info, was of the b
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? <u>A.L. 1413.</u>	6. Was the name
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. <u>5ft. 7. medium build, d in 1st or 2nd</u>	
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence <u>Informant is one of the origin battalion. reliable.</u>	

Lt. R. SKINNER

B. VII. 44 BATT

A. I. F

B. E. F

FOR.

809 Foy Sgt. J. F

44 BATT

A. I. F

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Sgt J.F. Foy

44 Batt. A.I.F.

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M. 14-3.17

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4890 L/CPL J. POWE.

Q.C.I. Section

Graylingwell Hosp'l

Chichester

Sussex Eng.

21-4-17

Dear Sir

Your letter to hand
regarding 809 Sgt. Foy, J.F. -
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any definite reply as to
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18 March 13th

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I am
Yours faithfully
Lt. J. J. Foy.

Ad

FM 16.8.17

France,

5th Mar. 1917

The Secretary,

Wounded & Missing Bureau,
Australian Red Cross Society,
London,

Dear Miss Lamb,

In reference

to your records for
No. 809 Sergt. Foy. J. F., I regret
sincerely to hear that he
was killed in a raid
at Arras on March
24th of this year.

From memory I
would say he was
about 5 ft 11 inches tall
medium build. Chestnut
hair brown. I regret

add that while
in England he proved
himself such a good
instructor in bayonet-
fighting & physical training
that he was detailed to
do this work behind the
line. Though he made
every endeavour to join
his unit he was un-
successful. He said he had
come over to fight &
wanted to do so.

About the first week
he was successful in getting
back to his unit & from
himself a good soldier.

He was a volunteer
for the paid & did get

Work.

Unfortunately he
was killed, but his
body was recovered &
buried in Ammanford.

While in Australia
he was a great athlete
& had a brother Jack.
He came from Perth,
Western Australia, about
the beginning of June 1916.
 Hoping this information
will be of some use to
you,

I remain

Yours faithfully,

809. Sgt J. F. Foy

M. 14.3.17

44 Batt AIF

Lein
B Co

P. 3

ack
F.M. 1854

If a 3 to one (4000)
 If a 4 to 1 or 5 to 1
 If a 6 to 1
 If a 7 to 1
 If a 8 to 1

My Dear Mr. [illegible]

to meet my father's change of mind

... ..

13th 1917 and in reply we stated that the
1st of March 1917 that they should wait until a
raiding party of about three hundred strong.

thing is a different position. The same thing
 Platen & the other side of the page is
 started

I shall not be long in returning
in the boat and will call on you again.

When I was taken to England & France
I was told by a younger man who was also
the word that soldiers were sent in one day
as the above soldier was sent in one day
things he saw, & things about movements of
the army.

the correctness of his statement. Since
arriving at Hospital I have received a letter from
Sgt. (now Lieut) of our Battalion who was
also one of the raiding party.

He states that he is quite sure as to
the time he was with other officers when he saw
the 7th and 8th and that the 7th was
unable to find him. The only person
general opinion of the pilots was that he was
killed. Of course as you know, undoubtedly, this
happened in France and it is quite possible
that he may have been hit and taken as a
prisoner as a prisoner. The most way was to see
German. But since in fact I believe he was
killed in the last time. The only way
was accounted for and I believe it is the only
way to see the time. I am sure of
of what I have stated above.

Now, I am sure that the only way to see
him is of course to see who was with him
and the wounded were seen in the last time
of the raid. The only way to see him is
to see the last time he was seen.

I might state that Sgt. Foy was a
personal friend of mine, one of the best friends
I ever had. He was a very brave and noble
and wonderful good soldier and patriot.

He and I went to the front line together
between the lines with the machine guns and
the

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and wonderful good soldier and patriot.
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and wonderful good soldier and patriot.

I don't think I can do justice to the
details of his life and his noble character.
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Sgt Foy
44 Batt
N. 14.3.17

Wrote Written Sgt Foy 23.5.17

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Dear Madam.

Having received your letter asking me if I can give any information of 809 Sgt. Foy J. F. I am sorry to say that the only information I can give is that I was with him when he was wounded. He was wounded through the thigh and made an attempt to carry him in and he was in great pain and asked to be left there and asked to be left there. I was in the area and saw what he had done and saw him die.

809 Sgt. J. F. FOY
144 Battr AIF

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Dear Madam

I am sorry I don't know where
Sgt Foy. J. F. 809 was buried I know he was
killed on the field but if you write to the
O.C. 44 Batt A.S.F. France they will let
you know.

Yours faithfully

Pte. G. Baylor
44 Batt.

809. Sgt. J. F. Foy
44 Batt A.F.

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25th April 1917.

No. 4890. 1st Cpl. J. Rowe,
Q.C.I. Section.
Graylingwell Hospital.
Chichester
Sussex.

Dear Cpl. Rowe,

Very many thanks for your letter of April 21st in answer
to our enquiry for:-

No. 809. Sgt. J.F. Foy. 41th Batta. A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance.

We trust you are making good progress and will soon be able to
enjoy your furlough.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary.

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26th April 1917.

No. 411. Pte. G. Naylor,
44th Australian Inf. Batta.
Ward A. S.
3rd London General Hospital.
Wandsworth.
S.W.

Dear Pte. Naylor,

Many thanks for your letter of April 23rd.
in answer to our enquiry for:-

No. 809. Sgt. J.F. Foy. 44th Battalion A.I.F.
and for your suggestion that the O.C. 44th Battalion would
be able to give us details.

We trust you are making good progress and will soon
be able to enjoy your furlough.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.
Secretary. *J.L.*

27th April, 1917.

905, Private A.P. Joyce,
44 Bn. A.I.F.
22 Ward
King George's Hospital
Stanford Street. S.E.

Dear Private Joyce,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to
our enquiry for

809, ~~Sergt. J. F. Foy~~
44th Bn. A.I.F.

The information you have sent is exceptionally valuable
as so far you are the only one with whom we have been able
to get in touch who was an actual eyewitness when Sergt.
Foy was wounded: and the only one who could tell us
anything of his death from personal knowledge.

Unfortunately there has been some confusion we
think between two men of the same name as some of the un-
official reports mention him as having been seen wounded
in Hospital in Havre.

We should, therefore, be very glad if you would

905, Pte. A.P. Joyce (2) 27.4.1917.

send us a personal description of the Sgt. Foy whom you knew to have been wounded and believe to have died on March 14th. as in that case it will help us to distinguish him from the other Sergeant Foy with whom he is being confused.

We trust you are making good progress and will soon be able to enjoy your furlough.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

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Pto. A.P. Joyce
44 Batt. A.I.F.
D 2 Ward
King George Hosp.
Stamford St. London.

Dear Pto, Joyce

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry about
809 Sgt. J. F. Foy 44 Batt. A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance.

We trust you are making good progress and will soon be able to
enjoy your furlough.

Yours faithfully

K.D.
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Pte Hunter D Coy

44 Battr A.I.F.

B.E.F.

For

809 Sgt J. Coy

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44 Battr

ref M 14-3-17

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THIS REFERENCE MUST BE

INQUIRY BUREAU, 39 BROAD STREET, BRISTOL.

Cross Index No. 11475.

2nd. SOUTHERN GENERAL.

NAME ^(Surname first) Holland, Colin Septimus. No. 2150 Rank p.c.

Regiment 17. A.I.F. Coy. D Plat. 14.

Hospital Southmead. Ward 3.

Arrived 7/12/16 At Front from March /16 To Nov /16

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GIVES INFORMATION REGARDING:—

Missing man Felan, Cpl J.R. Casualty? K July 27/16

Regiment A.I.F. Battln. 17. Coy. D No. 1547

Red Cross List dated December 1/16 page 27 A.

Cpl. Felan was killed by a shell in Pozieres in the main trench in the front line. I saw him killed instantaneously. We had to retire from the trench and the body was not brought back. It is probable that in the shelling the body was buried in the trench which was blown to pieces.

17.5.17

Lieut. R. Skinner. B. Co.
44th Battn. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you very much for your letter in answer to our enquiry about

809. Sgt. J.F. Foy. 44. Battn. A.I.F.

The information you have sent is of great value and we shall now be able to apply to the Graves Registration unit for a photograph of his grave for the next of kin.

Yours faithfully

V. D.
Secretary. *Hu.*

21.5.17.

808. Sgt. J.E.G. Coleman
44. Battn. A.I.F.
1a. Austr. Aux. Hospt.
Harefield Park
Harefield.

Dear Sgt. Coleman

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry
concerning *J.Y.*

809. Sgt. Foy. '44. Battn. A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance.

We trust you are making good progress and will soon be able to
enjoy your furlough.

With best wishes

Yours faithfully

V. D.

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"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

54, VICTORIA STREET.

LONDON, S.W.

April 30th 1917

Pte Hunter D Coy
44 Battr A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit
809 Sgt. ~~G. F. Foy~~ 44 Battr A.I.F. reported
missing 14.3.17 and have been told that you may be
able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you
could send us concerning ~~G. F. Foy~~ and
would also be glad if you could add a short description
of his personal appearance, or any points that would
help us to prove his identity.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

SECRETARY.

Per G. G.

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ACK
F.M. 21.5.17

France,
May 15: 1917.

The Secretary
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau
54 Victoria St., London.

Dear Madam

In reply to your note of enquiry of the
30th ultimo re 809 Sergeant James F. Foy, reported
missing 14.3.17.

I have to advise you that on the night of the
13-14th March, Sergeant Foy took part in a raid & failed
to return. A few nights later his body was recover-
ed, & identification established beyond all doubt, so I
shall not burden you with details of personal appearance.

I can hardly express the esteem in which Sergt.
Foy was held in his company, being recognised as a
leader of men by all ranks. He is sadly missed.

Private Hunter, to whom you addressed your note,
has also been killed in action. In view of the possibility
of such, he had asked his companions to deal with his
letters, in this way your enquiry was handed to me.

Faithfully yours,

809. Sgt J. F. Foy
M. 14.3.17
44 Batt AIF
A. N. Burks.
2nd Lieut.

AMB.

May 23rd, 1917.

Regt. Sgt. Major,
D Coy
44th Batta, A.I.F., D.F.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been making enquiries at the request of our
Forth Bureau concerning -

609 Sgt. J. E. Foy, D Coy: 44th Batta, A.I.F.

reported Missing 14-8-17, and recently received a letter from
Lt. Skinner in which he said that Sgt. Foy was buried in
Armentieres. We have been told that there are several different
cemeteries at Armentieres, and a report has to-day come into
our hands, which states that you knew Sgt. Foy's place of burial
and you had told our informant about his burial.

We should be most grateful if you would kindly tell
us in which cemetery in Armentieres it was that Sgt. Foy was
buried, as before applying to the Graves Registration Units for
photographs to be sent to the next of kin, we always endeavour
to obtain location of graves as definitely as possible, in order
to save them something in the enormous amount of work they
have to deal with.

With best wishes -
Yours faithfully,

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Ser. Jhu

23.5.17.

2nd. Lieut. A.N. Birks
44th Battn. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you very much for your letter in answer to
our enquiry made to Pte. Hunter concerning

809 Sgt. J.F. Foy 44th Battn. A.I.F.

though we much regret the cause of your writing, i.e. Pte. Hunter's
death.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance,
and we know his relatives will greatly prize your words of
appreciation of Sgt. Foy.

Yours faithfully

R.D.

Secretary.

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551 Rte R. ROWLANDS

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809 Sgt J. F. Foy

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809 Sgt J. F. Foy

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Home.

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Dear Mother.

Got your letter of the 14th. I was
glad to hear of your getting home.
You are the sweetest thing I ever
knew. I am so glad for you.
As you are now in the hospital
I am sure you are getting
better every day. I am sure of it.

I have been so busy lately
that I can't write much more. I am
in the hospital. I am sure of it.

With love,
Your son,
J. F. Foy

21. 5. 17

June 11th, 1917.

R.S.M.,
C.H. Sweany,
44th Australian Inf. Battn.,
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

Very many thanks for your letter of May 31st in answer to our enquiry as to the burial place of 809 Sgt. J.F. Foy, 44th Battn, A.I.F. Owing to the information you have given us, we are now able to apply for a photograph of his grave to be forwarded to Sgt. Foy's next of kin, and we know how greatly it will be valued.

Thanking you again and with best wishes -

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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It could be easily found.

Dear Madam,

Yours from 8-6-17 to hand.

Re your enquiry 809 Sgt J. Foy.

I was in the party with Sgt Foy on the night of the 12-14 of March. He was wounded and shortly afterwards died.

His body was not recovered until about a month afterwards but has since been recovered and identified.

Yours faithfully
H. Gieger

809 Sgt J. Foy

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20th June 1917.

Sgt. M. Gregor,
44th Battalion,
A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sgt Gregor,

Thank you very much for your letter of 13th June
in reply to our enquiry, concerning:-

809. Sgt. J. Foy, 44th Battalion A.I.F.

We are most grateful for the information you have given us

With good wishes to yourself,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary,

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