

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**4305 Private
John Joseph Smith**

13th Battalion



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A.I.P. 10th Battalion

ENTER
J.J. 4203

(John Joseph)

KILLED 4/2/17

OF B Company - on 4th February 1917 at Gallipoli during our attack at 10 o'clock at night. He was killed by piece of shell - I was a few yards away, but could not stop to examine him. Stretcher bearer told me that he was killed outright - they took him out and buried him in Military Cemetery but I could not say more. Stretcher bearer told me they buried him. He was a neighbor of mine and lived at Victoria South Coast New South Wales.

Informant:- 4203 2/4/17 J. J. Joseph,
10th Battalion, 2 Coy.,
Prisoner of War.

10/1/17
17/1/17
JJA

J.J.

The Secretary.

Australian Branch B.P.C.S.

Wounded & Missing

Bureau

London

Brynwood.

Douglas.

Isle of Man.

23rd May 1917.

My dear Secretary.

I had a letter from a lady in Australia asking if I could get to know through you anything about her nephew who was killed in action on July 4th 1917. His address is as follows. J. J.?

P^r J. J. Smith

B. Company. 18th Battalion

4th Brigade A. V. G.

if you could hear anything & would let me know I would be so glad

There is another of my men who was wounded

sometime about the 3rd or 4th
May a piece of shrapnel entered
the back & came out through the
chest his name and address
are as follows.

Pt. Charlie Hare 2266.
6th Infantry Brigade H.Q.
A. I. I.

I would like to get to know
about him

Thanking you in
anticipation

Yours very sincerely

Kelcy M. Clarke

Inquiring for details

DB

4305 J. J. Smith

13 Batt AIF

K. 4. 2-17.

Inquirer

(Aster)

Miss Smith

Eureka

Wolumba

N.S.W.

per Sussex County

Hort.

F.M.
25.8.17
W.H.

34th A. I. F.,

Warner, Lieut. L.,

D/C June 8th 1917.

"I was in the action, the Messines fight, when Lt. Warner was wounded. We were advancing, the time was 3.10 a.m. I was on the left hand side of Lt. Warner, close to him. It missed me, Lt. Warner got it. I dressed and carried him out to first aid post. He was hit in the Thorax on the left hand side. The lung was penetrated, and he was dying from haemorrhage, but he was not dead when I left him at the first aid post. I then carried on, as a stretcher bearer until I was wounded two days later."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: About 5ft. 6ins, very dark, about 10 stone, clean shaven, about 23-24 years old.

Informant:-- Pte. George Weale Colchin, 387,
34th A.I.F., B.Coy. 7 Pl:
Brondesbury Military Hosp.:
(Park.)

Home address:-- 32A, High Street, North Sydney,
Lavender Bay, N.S.W.

15.8.17.

H. Constable.

August 28th, 1917.

6056 Pte. J.F. Jones,
13th Battalion, A.I.F.,
Royal Sussex County Hosp.
Brighton.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your inquiry for

4305 Pte. J.J. Smith,
13th Battalion,
A.I.F.

we very much regret to state he is officially reported
"Killed in Action 4.2.17".

We are making inquiries and hope to obtain details
of his death and burial, but so far no particulars have
come to hand. When they do so we shall at once advise
you if you will notify us of any change in your address.

With sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Craig
SECRETARY.