

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

**1006 Trooper  
Ernest William Capp**

**1st Light Horse**



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Moore's Modern Methods, Ltd., London, England. Printer and holes in leaves Pat'd No. 8776, 1906.

1st A.L.H. Regt.  
A Squad.

Med.

CAPP  
Tpr. 1006.

Died. Details.

He was found dead by his tent-mates on turning out at reveille. No reason can be given by any of them for cause of his death. He appeared to have died suddenly and quietly in his sleep. He appeared perfectly well the evening before and gave no outward signs of sickness or trouble of any kind. He was a man of splendid character and physique. He was esteemed by the whole squadron, and his death was as great a shock to us as to his own people. Tpr. Jones and Tpr. Smith were both with the squadron at the time and saw to the purchase of a proper coffin and his military funeral in Cairo. They will be able to give his people full information.

(signed) H.S. Lawry, Major,  
O.C. A Squadron  
1st L.H. Regt.  
ROWANI 21/5/16.

CAIRO.  
26/5/16.

*Called Tpr  
Sydney*

S.

M E D .

6/1st A.L.H. Regt.

CAPP  
Ernest William 1006.

D. heart 29/4/16.

Died of heart failure at Takh el Kheikh 29/4/16.

A.I.F. H.Q.

CAIRO.  
9/5/16.

S.

Cairo, 9th May 1916.

Dear Sir,

We have a cable inquiry from Sydney asking for details of the death of Tpr. E.W.Capp, 1006, of the 1st A.L.H.Regt., and we were especially asked if you were present when he died, also how long he was ill, and the cause of his death.

If you will kindly write and tell us the details we will send them on immediately to Sydney.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully.

(Miss) *Y.D.*

*M.S.*  
Secretary.

1020 Tpr. Jones,  
6/1st A.L.H. Regt.,

Cairo, 9th May 1916.

Dear Sir,

We have received a cable inquiry from Sydney asking us to send them details of the death from heart failure of Tpr. Capp, 1008, of the 6/1st L.H.Regt. They desire to know the nature & duration of his illness, and especially whether 1020, Tpr. Jones, and 1046 Tpr. Smith, of the unit, were with him when he died.

If you will kindly procure these details for us, we shall be very grateful.

With apologies for troubling you, but we knew not how to get anything beyond the bare official facts of his death.

Yours faithfully.

(Miss) *V. D. de la Roche*

Secretary.

The Adjutant,  
1st L.H.Regt.,  
A.I.F.

Com. O.C. A. Syster  
1st Light Horse Regt

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In Secret

Confidential to me

Baronet Red Cross Society,

Re. 1006. The Coffin

In reply to your memo of 9<sup>th</sup> inst re death  
of above Officer. He was found dead by his  
tent mates on turning out at 0500.  
No reason can be given by any of them  
for cause of his death. He appeared to have  
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& gave no outward signs of sickness or  
trouble of any kind. He was a man of  
splendid character & physique, was  
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death was as great a shock to me as to  
his own people.

The fact is the burial was held with  
the Squadron at the time & care by the  
private chaplain, Coffin & his military  
funeral in Cairo. They will be able  
to give his people full information.

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W. J. Syster

O.C. A. Syster  
1st Light Horse Regt

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*Duplicate*

Cairo, 26th May 1916.

Dear Sir,

We beg to thank you for the very full account you sent us of the death and burial of 1006 Tpr. Capp of A Squadron. The knowledge that his death was so peaceful and that his friends were able to arrange the funeral ~~will~~ will be of the greatest comfort to Tpr. Capp's people.

Yours faithfully.

(Miss) *V. Dickinson*  
Secretary. *MS*

Major N.S. Lawry,  
O.C. A Squad.  
1st L.H. Regt.,  
Romani.