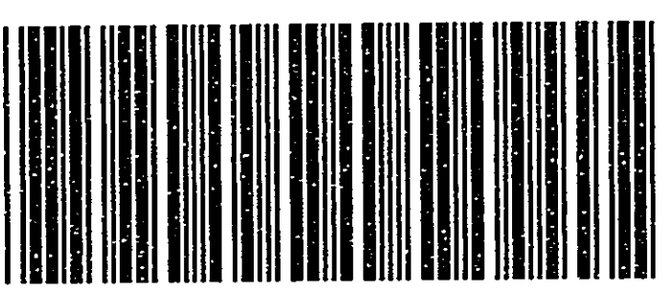
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1053 Trooper George Letts

4th Light Horse



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4th Light Horse

LETTS, G.
Pte. No. 1053.

Officially reported as accidentally killed on November 13th 1916.

Relatives desire to know all particulars of the accident which caused death, and place of burial etc.

4/12/16

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

(Accidentally killed13.11.16.)
(Send full particulars.)
(Australian London Cable recd 2.2.17.)

9. Letts 1053

4 L.H.

Accidentally killed 13.11.16. by being thrown from his horse & dashed up against a tree.Death was instantaneous.Buried in British Cemetery Cairo by Capt. Chap. Frozer.Grave No 160. Section F.
Fuller particulars are not yet to hand.

Record Office. 8.2.17.

Alexandria 9.2.17.

4th Light Horse.

IETR, G.
Pte. No. 1053.

Killed in accident. 13/11/16.

"I heard from Pte. Cleaver now with the regiment, that Casualty was riding from the Station with several others, 30 miles from Tel-le-Kaba, when he dropped his pipe, and the others went off. He stopped to pick it up and remounting was caught by a bough of a tree and killed."

Informant:- Tpr. J.S. Dalgaro,
93, 4th L.H.

Private address
130 Clark Street,
Port Melbourne.

H.A.B.
2/10/17.

Time Casualty occurred 1917

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E.E.F.

4.A.L.H. LETTS. 1053. G.

K.13/II/16.

He and Informant were both in A Squad,D troop. His Home -Victoria before joining; he was a farmer.

On November 13th 1916 part of "D" Troop including Letts and Informant were on "Isolated Outpost" at Elsamwill,a village on the fringe of the desert. During the evening coming away from the station Letts Informant and 4 others were together- Lett's horse bolted with him and dashed him into an tree breaking his ribs; one rib penetrated into his heart causing death at once; when they got up to him and examined him Informant says he looked just as if he were asleep. His body was brought in the next day to Cairo and buried in "Old ~~Cairo~~ Cairo Cemetery". Informant is almost sure his grave number is 96.- There is a fully marked ~~tombstone~~ tombstone erected over his grave with everything but his age on it; that was not known so was not put on.

Informant:- 1119. E.Hakansson.
4.A.L.H. A.Squad.
14 A.G.H.Abbassia.
Cairo 6/II/17.

J.N.Downes.

acc. Killed. Trim Cancel Oct. 1914

NOTE.
1053.Tpr. G.Letts. 4.A.L.H.
Buried Old Cairo Cemetery 15/II/16.
Grave No 160. Section F.
Chaplain Capt. Fraser. C.F.

M.

E. E. F.

4. A. L. H. (K. 13/11/16) LETTS. 1053. G.

In A.Squad D.Troop. Home--Weddorburn Victoria. Trade a fireman,informant knew him well,they were mates and both came over from Australia together. In Nov: /16 Letts was stationed on the canal at El-Smaomel. On the night of Nov 13th Letts & Srgt Daly of A.Squad D.Troop were taking some horses to the station to meet some fellows who had been on leave in Cairo;while Letts & Daly were cantering along the bank beside the canal,Letts' horse shied at a branch of a tree & bolted dashing Letts into a tree & wounding his chest very badly;when they tried to move him he bleed to death. Informant says next day after dinner about 3.p.m. Letts' body was buried in Old Cairo Cemetery,informant with some others of the 4th came to Cairo for the funeral.

Informant: 1044. Smith.V.R.
4.A.L.H. A.Squad D.Troop.
14.A.G.H. Abbassia.
CAIRO. 17/11/17.

Note:
1053.Letts.G. 4.A.L.H.
buried in Old Cairo Cemetry 15/11/16
Grave:No.F.8160
Chaplain:Capt N.Fraser.

J.N.Downes.

Typed Copy

4th Light Horse.

LETTS, G.
Pte. 1053.

"Killed 13/11/16 Result of Accident."

Informant states that Casualty was out with a party riding and when coming home he had some difficulty in managing his horse and the others left him. The horse bolted and ran him into a limb of a tree breaking Casualty's neck. This happened at Elzawamel. I was not an eye-witness but I saw the body afterwards.

Informant:- Cpl. Holland,
No. 1128.

Private address:-
Albacutya, Vic.

T.C.F.
17/12/17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

4th Light Horse.

LETTS, G.
Pte. 1053.

Killed 13/11/16 - Result of accident.

"I knew Casualty. He was a well built man about 5 ft. 11 in fair complexion about 40 years of age. Casualty was coming home from the Railway Station, Inchas. I was riding alongside of Casualty. He had just previously got off to pick up a box of matches and on mounting the horse bolted running into a branch of a tree, the bough striking him in the ribs penetrating his heart. He was buried in the old Cairo Cemetery with a headstone and an iron fence around his grave which was erected by his comrades. I was an eye-witness. He was well known and liked by all his comrades."

Informant:- E. H. Hakansson,
No. 119, 4th Light Horse.

Private address:-
43 Palmer Street,
Fitzroy.

T.C.F.
10/1/18.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

4th Light Horse.

LETTS, G.
Pte. 1063.

Killed 13/11/16. Result of Accident.

"I know Casualty. He was well built, about 5 ft. 11 ins. fair complexion, about 40 years of age. Casualty was coming home from the Railway Station, Inchas. I was riding alongside of Casualty. He had just previously got off his horse and on mounting again it bolted running him into a branch of a tree. There was an enquiry about him. He was buried in the Old Cairo Cemetery with a nice headstone and railing subscribed by his comrades. I was an eye-witness. He was well known and liked by all."

Informant:- W.O. Daley, S.A.
4th Light Horse.

Private address:-
Great Britain Hotel,
Flinders St. City.

T.C.E.
10/1/18

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS

WOUNDED & MISSING INFORMATION BUREAU

CABLE ADDRESS:
"ETGYX-CAIRO"

EGYPT.
E.E.F.

4th.L.H.Regt. (K.13.11.16)

LETTS
G. 1053

Informant says:- "Letts was riding back to the Camp, he had been to the Village near Abou Zabul, 25 Miles from Cairo. the Horse bolted with him and ran into a Tree; part of the Limb of the Tree broke off and pierced his Heart ; he died instantly. A fellow named Jackson was with him. He was buried in C airo."

Informant:- Sgt.Organ 165
4th.L.H.Regt.,A.I.F.

14th/A.G.Hospital.
PORT SAID. 28.5.18.

Mrs. A. Hayward