

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3103 Private
Joseph Henry
Frobisher

28th Battalion



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7/ 28th Btn
A.I.F.

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FRONTISHER
Joseph Henry

3103 (?)

Killed in Action 23.7.16

No trace Germany
cert. by Capt. Mills, 10.10.19.

London,
22.10.19.

Off. M. & P. I.

28th A. I. F.

Pte. J. FROBISHER, 3103

Missing 29.7.16.

Informant knew Frobisher and was informed by Pte. J. Gordon,
C Coy. 9 Pl. 1104, that he had seen Frobisher ^{killed} by Machine Gun fire
near Pozières, Gordon having been wounded at the same time.

Reference: Pte. A. ¹¹⁴L~~an~~der, C Coy. 12 Pl. 2700

N°6 General, Rouen, 9.11.16.

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Written Gordon 16.11.16

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28th A.I.F.

Frobisher J.^H 3103.

(M. July 29th 1916)

Informant states that "J. Frobisher was killed at Pozieres. I do not know where he was buried".

Reference: Lt. R.H. Gill,
28th A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hospt.,
Wandsworth.

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Nov. 14th 1916,
A.P. Fleck.

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28th A. I. F.

Frobisher, Pte. J. 3103
A. Co.

(M. July 29/16)

Informant says Frobisher was killed on July 29th at
Pozieres. He was a friend of Informant's who made many enquiries.

Reference:- Pte. F. Loran, 3101.
28th A. I. F. A. Co.
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth

Home address:
Horseferry Road,
Westminster.

Nov. 18.
Mary Milne

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28th Australian Imperial Force.

Probisher, J. 3103,

11 July 29th. 1916.

Informant states that on July 29th. 1916 at Pozieres Pte. Probisher was shot dead by his side in the rush. He was killed instantaneously. Next day a party volunteered to go out and bring in the killed and wounded, but were prevented by a barrage of fire.

Eye Witness Yes.

Reference:-- Pte. Alec Macdonald, 2193,
28th Australian Imperial Force, C Coy. 1Xpltn.
3rd Southern General Hospital,
Cowley Section. Oxford.

Nov. 28th.
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28th A.I.F.

Frobisher J. 3103,
C. Company.

(M. July 29th 1916)

Informant states that on July 28th at 12 p.m. a party of 900 went over the top at Pozieres, they had to retire on account of the wire being uncut and were heavily repulsed by the enemy. Frobisher was one of those who was killed, only 200 came back.

Eye-witness: No. Was told by men who were with him.

Description: Harry. Tall and fair.

Informant: G. Blake 3043,
28th A.I.F.,
County of London War Hospt.,
Epsom.

Home address:
55 Northwood St.,
Leaderville,
West Australia.

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Heald.

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28th Battn.,
C. Coy.
7th Rfts. A.I.F.

FROBISHER,
Joseph Henry. 3103?

Missing 29-7-16.

Missing on 29-7-16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' List of 8-9-16.

Killed in Action on 29-7-16.

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Off.M.
P.I.

London,
22-2-17.

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London,
22-2-17.

Written P.I. 23. 2. 17

OFF.M.
P.I.

Draft I. Y.M.C.A.

Draft 2. Cpl Frobisher

February 26th

7.

re Joseph H. Frobisher.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your inquiry for the above soldier, No. 3103, FROBISHER, Joseph Henry, C. Coy. 28th Battalion, A.I.F., who was previously reported "Wounded & Missing", we very much regret to inform you that he is now reported officially as killed in action on 29-7-16.

We shall at once forward you any further information that we receive, as we fully realise your anxiety for details.

May we express our sincere sympathy in your sorrow and loss.

Yours faithfully,

V.O.

SECRETARY.
C.A.W

Draft 2.

Cpl. Chas. E. Frobisher,
Wing I, Group 2 E.
Command Pay Office London Dist:
8, Regent Street, W.

13th January

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Corporal Charles E. Frobisher,
Wing 1. Group H.
Command Post Office.
London District.
168. Regent Street,
W.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that a further unofficial report has been received about your brother No. 3105. Pte. J. Frobisher, 28th Battalion A.I.F. who is missing since July 29th.

Informant states that on July 26th, at 12.p.m. a party of 900 men went over the parapet at Tosiernas. They were forced to retire as the barbed wire was uncut and were heavily repulsed by the enemy. Pte. Frobisher was one of those who were killed and only 200 came back. He describes your brother as tall and fair and speaks of him as Harry.

With sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

V.D

Secretary.

A.A.

December 6th

Capt
Captain Charles E. Frobisher.
Wing 1. Group E.
Command Pay Office.
London District.
108. Regent St.
W.

Dear Sir;

We very much regret that another unofficial report has been received about your brother 3103. Pte. Joseph Henry Frobisher 28th. Battn. A.I.F. which only confirms the sad news we have already sent you. No. 3101. Pte. F. Loran 28th. Battn. who was in the 3rd. London General Hospital Wandsworth, says that he was a friend of your brothers', and on making inquiries he learnt that he was killed at Pozieres on July 29th.

We regret very much to have to send you this sad news, & are still making enquiries, in the hope of hearing further information. With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

V. D.

Secretary.
A. A. W.

9th December,

Dear Sir,

We regret to say that another unofficial report has been received about your brother -

No. 3103. Pte. Joseph Henry PROBISHER 28th Battn. A.I.F. in which informant states that on July 29th, at Pozieres, he saw Pte. Probisher shot dead by his side in the rush. He was killed instantaneously, and next day a party volunteered to go out and bring in the killed and wounded, but were prevented from so doing by a barrage of fire. Informant was No. 2193. Pte. Alec. MacDonald 28th Battn. A.I.F., and he was in the 3rd. Southern General Hospital, Oxford. Perhaps he would give you more detailed information than that which he gave our researchers.

We can only emphasise that the reports we send you are unofficial and therefore not wholly reliable, but we fear that after this lapse of time, the worst must have happened.

With sincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Cpl. Chas. E. Probisher,
Wing 1. Group E.,
Command Pay Office,
London. W.

SECRETARY
A.A.C.

22nd November

Cpl. Charles E. Frobisher,
Wing I Group E
Command Pay Office,
London District
No. 8 Regent St,
W.

Dear Sir,

We are very sorry indeed to inform you that we have received an unofficial report from Lt. R.H. Gill, 28th Battalion, A.I.F., in which he states that your brother 2103 Pte R.H. Frobisher, 28th Battalion, A.I.F., was Killed at Pozieres. He could not tell us where he was buried. When he gave the report on November 14th, Lt. Gill was at the 3rd London General Hospital Wandsworth. Another Informant tells us that he was Killed by Machine Gun Fire.

With deep sympathy in your loss,

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Secretary
L.A.W.

17th November.

Dear Pte. Gordon,

We are making enquiries for -

No.3103. Pte. J. FROBISHER, 28th Battalion. A.I.F.
who is reported "Missing 29-7-16" and have been told that you
may be able to help us by giving us some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you could
send us concerning Pte. Frobisher and would also be glad if you
would add a short personal description in order that we may satis-
fy his relatives that no error has been made.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

No.1104.
Pte. J. Gordon,
C. Coy.,
9th Platoon,
28th Aust. Inf. Battn.
B. E. F.

V.D.
SECRETARY.

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Wing 1 Group E.
COMMAND PAY OFFICE,
LONDON DISTRICT.
155, Regent Street, W.

30 Sep 1916

Dear Madam

Could you give me any information about my brother. He has been reported missing in France since 29th July 1916.

His name is:-

3103 Pte Joseph Henry Frobrisher.

7/28th Battⁿ Australian I. F.

C. Co.

The Australian Record Office inform me that they have no further information beyond the fact that he ^{is} ~~was~~ missing from 29th July. As they do not say he is killed, I am encouraged to hope that he has been taken prisoner. I should be extremely grateful if you could enlighten me.

I enclose stamp for reply.

Yours faithfully

Chas C. Frobrisher

(Corpl.)

The Secretary

Prisoners of War Help Socy

Russell Sq.

W.C.