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2195 Private
John Henry Horsburgh

6th Battalion



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6/6th Btn. A.I.F.

HORSBURGH
Pte J.H. 2195.

Alleged Awd. K.

how reported
K. 7/8/15.

A.I.F. H.Q.

CAIRO.
14/4/16.

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Moore's Modern Methods, Ltd., London, England. Binder and holes in leaves, Pat'd No. 8775, 1906.

6th Btn.
6th Rfcts.

HORSBURGH,
Pte. J.H. No.2195

Mentioned in our cable of the 25th February, and alleged to have been killed. Reference is made to Cpl. W.J. Dobson, No.2148 A. Coy. 6th Battalion, who stated he though he saw the casualty fall in a bayonet charge on the 6th August.

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6 A.I.F. Unoff. K. Aug.1915 Horsburgh, J.H.
No. 2195.

The above man was seen by witness in the charge on the German Officers' trench made from Steele's Post on 6th August. He went out and was never seen again. Either he was killed or taken prisoner. It is generally believed he was killed.

Witness - Pte. F. Allen, 2102, A Coy. 58th Battalion,
Tel-el-Kebir

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6th Btn. A.I.F.

HORSBURGH
Pte J.H. 2195.

M. 7/8/15.

"In reply to your inquiry of the 1st inst. re the whereabouts of Pte J.Horsburgh, 2195, I beg to inform you that on the night of Aug. 6th 1915 he took part in a charge. Since then he has not been seen or heard of. I have made inquiries from every person who saw him during that night, prior to the charge, but nobody could tell me anything more that I knew myself. So, knowing the circumstances of the whole affair as I do, I think I can say with a degree of certainty that Pte Horsburgh lost his life on the 6th August 1915."

Sgt. W.J.Dobson,
A Co., 58th Btn. A.I.F.

CAIRO.
22/3/16.

L. & M.

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Jt. El. Fleet
Egy. Ft.
March 17th 16

M 25/4/15

Dear Sir,

On reply to your inquiries of the 5th inst. re the whereabouts of Pte. H. Forsbury, No. 2495, I beg to inform you that on the night of August 6th 15 he took part in a charge and I know he has not been seen or heard of since. I have made inquiries from every person who could inquire but could get no further to the charge but no one could tell me anything more than I have stated. Considering the circumstances of the affair as I do I think I can with a degree of certainty that Pte. Forsbury left this life on the 6th August 1915.

I will be glad to give any other information that may be required by his relatives or friends of a like.

Yours faithfully

L. [illegible]

The Secretary
Australian Branch
Red Cross Society
Cairo.

W. J. Gibson
D.A.Q.M.G. 53rd Div.
Egypt.

Cairo, 11th May 1916.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of 17/4/16 re Pte J.H.Horsburgh, 2195, of the 6th Btn. I much regret the error in mine of 12/3/16 confusing the two Horsburghs for whom we have received inquiries. Should you have been able to obtain any further information concerning Pte Horsburgh which we might send on to his people in Sydney, we would be most grateful to receive it.

With apologies for troubling you again.

Yours faithfully.

(Miss) [signature].

Secretary.

2148 Sgt. W.J.Dobson,
58th Btn., A.I.F.
Canal Zone.

Cairo, March 11th 1916.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 6th inst regarding our source of information re 2195 (not 4) Pte Horsburgh J.H., 6th Btn A.I.F., we regret our inability to forward your office any particulars other than the following which we received from our Melbourne Bureau by cable on 26/2/16: "2195 Horsburgh 6th Rfts 6th Btn alleged August killed refer 2148 Dobson 6th Btn".

We have not received as yet from Pte Dobson, nor have we been able to obtain further reports from any other source, and will be most grateful for any information you will be able to send us.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) [signature]

Secretary.

The O.C.
Australian Records Section,
3rd Echelon G.H.Q., M.E.F.
Alexandria.

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BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY
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Sharia Soleiman Pasha
CAIRO
Telephone No. 3963

Cairo, March 22nd 1916.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter dated the 12th inst. containing information regarding the fate of Pte Horsburgh, 785, 5th Btn., and your offer of further assistance in the matter. We should be much obliged if you could ascertain whether there was another Pte Horsburgh in the 5th Btn. attached to the Pioneer Corps with whom Pte W.B.Horsburgh might have been confused, as we have several contradictory reports.

Hoping this is not troubling you too much,

I remain,

Yours faithfully.

(Miss) Vera Deakin.
Secretary.

Sgt W.J.Dobson,
A Co, 58th Btn., A.I.F.
Tel el Kebir.

785 William Brown
Horsburgh 5th Bn

Ferry's Post
Egypt
17-4-16

Dear Madam.

In reply to this, your letter dated 22nd March, I beg to inform you that it was Pte J. Horsburgh 2175(?) of the 6th Batt, whom I gave you particulars of, concerning his whereabouts. You are evidently confusing my letter with somebody else who has probably written you concerning a certain Horsburgh in the 5th Batt, with whom the Pte Horsburgh of the 6th Batt has no connection. If you turn up my letter regarding J. Horsburgh, you will find it explicit, & admits of no confusion. I have not been able to get in touch with anyone in the 5th Batt who knew any body by the name of Horsburgh in their Batt. As previously stated in my letter, nothing is a trouble to me, in trying to give information, to trace the whereabouts of any of our boys. Trusting this will be satisfactory.

I am, Yours Faithfully

[illegible] W. Fabian Esq
5th Batt
Egypt.

To The Secretary
Red Cross
Cairo