

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**3885 Private  
Arthur Wadsworth  
Robinson**

**10th Battalion**



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A.I.F. 10th Btn D.Coy.

ROBINSON  
Arthur Wadsworth 3885

"K. in Action"

Killed in Action 17-2-17 - Buried <sup>at</sup> Bazentine le petit by  
Ref. W.K.Douglas  
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 15-6-17.

London  
21-6-17

. M & P.I.

Hayre

24th May. 1917.

10th AUSTRALIANS  
D.Co.

ROBINSON, A.W. 3885

K Feb. 17th. 1917 Det. D/B.

I knew him well; he was my ohum and was in D. Company, XIII. Pltn. He came from Malvern, Victoria. He was alongside of me when he was killed near Yarra Bank, Fiers, and was carried to Battalion H.Q., about a mile back in the Sunken Road. I was told that he was buried there by Battalion Stretcher Bearers, A.W. Swanson and A. Neil who carried him out.

Informant: Pto. C. Humphris 5712  
10th Batt., D. Co., XIII. Pltn.  
Australians.  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

RDM.

Written Pto. Swanson }  
Neil } 31.5.17

Hayre

31st May, 1917

10th AUSTRALIANS

ROBINSON, A.W. 3885, D Co.

K. 17.2.17. Det. D/B.

On the 17th Feb. 1917, I was doing duty with a burial party at Yarra Bank in front of Hordern Road in the Fiers sector, and buried a Pto. Robinson. Sgt. W. Creaser, of the 10th battalion, A Co., 4th platoon, was in charge and took his dice and pay-book, and ~~and~~ they were handed in to the Battalion H.Q. I could point out the spot: there is a cross on the grave.

Informant: Pto F.G. Davis, 730  
10th Australian, A Co., 2nd Pltn.  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

RDM

Havre

6th June, 1917.

10th AUSTRALIANS  
D.Co.

ROBINSON, A.E. 3885

K. Feb. 17th, 1917. Det. D/D.

I buried him at Bazentin on 17th February, 1917 with 4 others in a military grave yard on the edge of the Village. There is a wooden cross with A.E. the ~~name~~ on it. I remember A.E. Robinson's name distinctly. ~~name~~

Informant: Pt. C, A.M.S. 2780  
10th Batt., D.Co., XIII. Bn.  
Australians.  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

REV.

P.1

10th Batt. A.I.F.

ROBINSON A.W. 3885,

"D" Coy., No 13 Platoon.

" K. Feb. 17th., '17. Det D & B "

" Robinson was killed instantly by a bomb, while on fatigue behind Yarr<sup>S</sup> Bank, at Le Barque, on Feb. 17th. The Pioneers buried him at Easington Le Petite, and full particulars may be obtained from the Battalion Pioneer Sergeant, Sgt Moreton."

Description. Hgt 5ft9. Dark complexion. Slight build.  
Age 25/26.

Witness. Slocombe Sgt Major W.G. 2791..  
"D" Coy., 10th Batt.

Taken at the 3rd Training Battalion.  
Durrington. J.G.W.  
September 18th., '17.

S. Whitmee.  
No 4 Command Depot.  
Codford.

*Am.*  
*1 P.I.*

10th Batt. A.I.F.

Robinson A.W. 3885.  
"D" Coy.

" K. Feb. 17th., '17. Det D & B."

" Robinson was killed instantly by a "pineapple bomb", while digging a communication trench behind Yarrowbank, to the right of Beaulencourt. He was buried where he fell, but I cannot say if the grave was marked in any way. I knew him well, as he was in my Coy."

~~Rev~~ Witness. Captn Heming.  
10th Batt. "D" Coy.

Taken at the 3rd Training Battalion.  
Durrington. S.W.  
September 18th., '17.

S. Whitmee.  
No 4 Command Depot.  
Codford.

*M. P.I.*

10th Btn.

ROBINSON, A.W.  
Pte. No. 3885

Killed in action 17/2/17.

"Casualty was killed whilst on fatigue going up to the Butte-Le-Barre on the 17th February, 1917. He was killed by H.E. shell. He was carrying duck boards at the time. We buried him near by and put up a cross.

Private address

C/o Mrs. W. Coleman,  
Ninth Street,

Bowden, Adelaide.

Informant:- V.J. Vowles,  
No. 394, 10th Btn.

H.A.B.  
19/11/17.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

Inquiry for

3885 Rte Arthur Wadsworth  
Robinson  
D. Co

○ 12 Reinf. 10 Batt<sup>th</sup> AIF

K.A. 14.2.14

Buried at Barentine &  
Petel.

by Rev<sup>d</sup> L. & D. Douglas.

details wanted by brother

2 S. G. Robinson

8.5.17 - 2 Lt  
Central Flying School  
Upavon  
Wilts.

Photograph of brother.



(31/5/17)

Ret A. W. SWANSON

+ A. NEIL } Speakers

C 10 Batt AIF  
BEF

for

3885. A. W. ROBINSON

DC

10 Batt AIF

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Uphavon.  
13<sup>th</sup> June 17

The Secretary.  
Anti. Red Cross Society.  
London.

Many thanks for  
your unofficial report about my brother  
A. W. Robinson. <sup>to B. L.</sup>

Could you let me know  
the address of the place where my  
brother's things would have been sent  
to? and could you arrange to get me  
a photo. of my brother's grave?

Please accept my sincere  
thanks for your sympathy and for the  
trouble you have taken to get information  
for me.

Yours faithfully  
A. W. Robinson.

7th. June, 1917.

2nd. Lieut. S.G. Robinson,  
Central Flying Corps School,  
Upavon,  
WILTS.

Dear Lieut. Robinson,

We are sending you an unofficial report  
concerning :-

3885 Pte. A.W. ROBINSON, 10th. Battn., A.I.F.  
which we have received from a man of his Unit : 5712 Pte.  
C. Humphries.

Information states he knew Robinson well  
He was his chum in D. Company. He came from Malvera Victoria,  
and that he himself was beside him when he was killed near Zarra  
Bank, Flers, and was carried to Battalion, Hdqrs. about a mile  
back in the Sunken Road. Informant was told he was buried there  
by Battalion Stretcher Bearers - A.W. Swanson, and A. Neil who  
carried him out.

We have now written to these two men and  
will advise you immediately as to their reports.

With our sincere sympathy to you for the  
loss of your brother. *Yours truly* *Wm B. Mc*

15th June 1917.

2/Lt S.G. Robinson,  
Central Flying School,  
Upavon,  
Wilts.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of 13th inst., about your brother No. 3885 Pte A.W. Robinson, 10th Btn, A.I.F., and are making an application to the Graves Registration Bureau for a photograph of his grave, which, if the latter is registered by that organisation, will be sent in due course direct to his Next of Kin.

You should apply to the A.I.F. Kit Stores, 110 Greyhound Rd, Fulham, S.W. for information as to his kit and personal effects.

We are pursuing further inquiries and will send you any information that we receive about him.

Yours faithfully,

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SECRETARY.

A.W.

19th June 1917.

2nd/Lt. S.G. Robinson,  
Central Flying School,  
Upavon,  
Wilts.

Dear Sir,

Another unofficial report has been received from a man of his unit about your brother - No.3885 Pte A.W. Robinson, 10th Btn, A.I.F., informant being 2788 Pte C. Adams. He said - that he buried Pte Robinson at Le Bazentin on February 17th in a Military graveyard at the outskirts of the village. Four others are buried with him and a wooden cross bearing their names and particulars marks the grave.

We are making further inquiries and will send you any information that we receive about him,

Yours faithfully,

V.L.  
Secretary,  
EAW.

Lieut. S.G. Robinson,  
Central Flying School,  
Upavon, Wilts.

October 10th, 1917.

Dear Sir,

We are writing to inform you of further unofficial evidence about the death of your brother -

No. 3885 Pte. A.W. ROBINSON - 10th Battalion. A.I.F. -  
and we regret that they <sup>you</sup> contain no more definite information.

Captain Heming who was at the 3rd Training Battalion, Durrington, Salisbury Plain, stated that your brother was killed instantly by a pineapple bomb while digging a communication trench behind Yarra bank at Beaulencourt on February 17th and he was buried where he fell.

No. 2791 Sgt. Major Slocombe who was in the same training battalion gave similar evidence and adding that your brother was buried by the Pioneers at Bazentin - le Petit.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

V. D  
Secretary.  
LAW

2/Lt. S.G. Robinson,  
Central Flying School,  
Upavon, Wilts.

15th March, 1918.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry concerning :-

3985 Pte. ARTHUR W ROBINSON. 10th Battn. A.I.F.

We have received the following unofficial report from 394 Pte.

V.J. Vowles, of the same Battalion.

He states that Pte. Robinson was killed by a high explosive shell, whilst going up to the Butte le-Barre on 17-2-17. Pte. Robinson was on fatigue and was carrying duckboards at the time. Informant helped to bury him nearby, and a cross was erected on the grave.

We have now concluded our enquiries, and have applied for a photograph of the grave on behalf of the next of kin but should we obtain further details we shall immediately advise you.

Yours faithfully,

*Ans Craven*

SECRETARY.