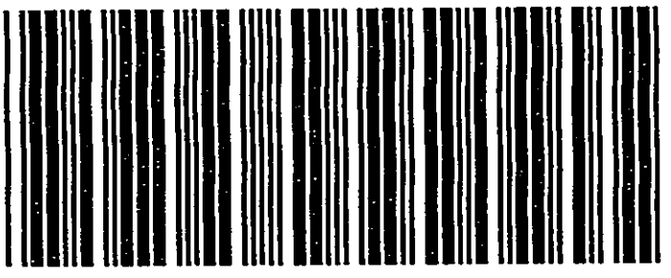
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

1335 Shoeing Smith Frederick Charles Robinson

1st Light Horse



2330702H

1st Bn.
/ IH Bgde
AIF

ROBINSON
Fred Charles 1535

"Whereabouts"

Died of wounds 4.11.17.
Cert. by AI^{F} HdQtrs 22.12.17.

P.I

London.
27.12.17.

A.I.F.
1st LIGHT HORSE.
A Squad.

ROBINSON, F.C.
1335.

"DIED OF WOUNDS, 4/11/17."

I knew Robinson, he was in A Squad, and we called him Snowy. He was medium sized, inclined to be fair, medium build. He was wounded by an aeroplane bomb going from Beirsheeba to Julius in November, 1917. I was there at the time, we were marching at the time. He was picked up and taken to the Clearing Station. About three days later we heard he had died. I do not think he was conscious when he was picked up. He was taken back by the Regimental Stretcher Bearer. The Clearing Station was then between Beirsheeta and Cam.

Informant - Sapper R.R. Easton - 16116,
1st Light Horse, A Squad Engineers.
Home Address - C/o William Street, Post Office,
DARLINGHURST.

H.S.O.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
R A N D W I C K.

4/10/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

F.A.

P.1

1st LIGHT HORSE, A.I.F. ROBINSON.
Trooper F.C. 1335.

"DIED OF WOUNDS. 4.11.17."

Informant described Robinson as about 5'6" high, nuggetty build, fair complexion, about 30 years of age. He was a Farrier in the Regiment.

Informant states that on the 3.11.17 the Regiment was attacking a Turkish redoubt at Kewelfi, [illegible] Robinson was not one of the attacking force. He was with the led horses about 400 or 500 yards behind the attacking party when he was hit in the chest by a bullet Informant, who was moving all over the place in fulfilment of his duties, did not see Robinson hit, but saw him just afterwards where he had fallen. He was unconscious and was taken away, and Informant never saw him again.

According to Informant Robinson was a well liked chap.

INFORMANT: Sergeant M.W. Hulton, 122,
"A" Squadron.

Home address: Bourke Street, GLEN INNES.

W.E.G.
Anzac Information Bureau, SYDNEY.
30.1.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.
1st LIGHT HORSE.

ROBINSON, Shoeing-Smith
F.C. No. 1335

He was a short, thick-set fellow, fair, and was very well liked by his Troop. He was a married man and came from a place I cannot remember, but it is just above Newcastle. He was wounded at Kewelfeih, near Beersheba, and was sent to the Casualty Clearing Station at Beersheba and died there. I went to the Casualty Clearing Station to see him. He was quite unconscious and died without gaining consciousness. We moved out the night after he died, so I cannot say where he is buried. Informant saw him get hit.

Informant;- No. 3185, Trooper S.A. Sims,
1st Light Horse.
Home address;- 24 Wentworth Street, MANLY, N.S.Wales.

B.J. Skilton, Sergeant.
H.M.T. "Euripides".
21/3/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.

1st Light Horse.

ROBINSON, Farrier
F.C. No. 1335

He was a short, fair fellow and was in "B" Troop "A" Squadron. It was during a stunt at Quewelphi and Robinson was holding the horses when a bullet hit him, and he was sent to the Casualty Clearing Station at Beersheba, where he died next day. Informant was holding horses only a few yards away when Robinson was wounded, and although not present at the burial saw the grave some days later.

Informant;- 3074, Tpr. E.J. Robinson.

Private address;- "Elsthorpe" - View Street, Woolwich, N.S.W.

Sgt. B.J. Skelton,
"Euripides",
11/4/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.F.
1st LIGHT HORSE.

ROBINSON, F.C.
No. 1335

D/W 4.11.17.

He was an Englishman and married an Australian girl. There is a child living with her mother at Gundy, N.S.W.

Witness heard from several in the troop that he was killed while holding a horse at Khwelphi near Beersheba. Only a few minutes elapsed between his being wounded and expiring. Witness understands Robinson asked Trooper E. Milburn of the same Squad to write to his Mother-in-law if anything happened to him and that he did so. Witness knows nothing of Robinson's burial.

Witness;- 2959, Trooper F. Ross.
Home address;- MUSWELLBROOK, N.S.Wales.

F. De V. Lamb - Major,
H.M.T. "Euripides" 17/4/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

P.1
Time cd

1 more J.E.A.

3.9.17.

Mrs. Joseph Topley
25 Rose Street
Lodge Lane
Liverpool

Filing Copy.

Dear Madam.

With reference to
your Enquiry for 1335
Tpr. ~~Lt.~~ Fred. Charles Robinson
1st Light Horse Regt. A.I.F.
who is officially reported to
have died of wounds on 4.11.17
We beg to inform you of two
unofficial reports of his death
which we have ~~had~~ received
from men in his unit who

have now returned to Australia.

3185 Tpr. S.A. Sims described Pte. Robinson as short, fair & thick set. He stated that he was a married man & very well liked by his Troop. He was wounded at Kewelfeih near Beersheba & was sent to the Casualty Clearing Station there – he was quite unconscious & died without regaining consciousness.

3074 Tpr. E.J. Robinson confirms the above reports & added that ~~the casualty occurred when~~ Tpr Robinson was wounded by a bullet whilst holding the horses. Informant was close by when the casualty occurred

though he did not attend the burial he saw the grave a few days later ~~the~~ but he did not mention its locality.

We trust these reports maybe of ~~some~~ value to you & that it will be of some comfort to know Tpr. Robinson did not suffer.

D.S.

P.C. 19.12.17

British Red Cross Enquiry Department.

Have you already applied to the British Red Cross Society, London ? No

Regiment Australian Light Horse Brigade.

*Battalion 1st

Company Squad

Platoon

Surname Robinson

Christian Names Frederick Charles

Rank Shoeing Smith

Regimental Number 1335

Approximate date of casualty November

Nature of casualty, viz.: { Killed / Wounded / Missing } Missing.

Is this Information { Official ? / Non-Official ? } Non-official Report from another man who found overcoat.

Where did casualty occur ? Egypt?

Permanent address of enquirer Mrs. Joseph Topley
25, Hoel Street,
Lodge Lane, Liverpool.

Date of present enquiry 13th December 1917.

*N.B.—The battalion given should, if possible, be that in which the missing man was serving in the field, and at the time when the casualty took place.

Mrs. Joseph Topley,
25, Noel Street,
Lodge Lane, Liverppol.

January 1st, 1918.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your enquiry we regret very much to tell you No 1336 Pte. F.C.ROBINSON, 1st Light Horse Brigade, A.I.F. is officially reported to have died of wounds 4.11.17. As yet we have been able to obtain no further information as to the place of death or nature of his wound, but his name is on our Searcher's list and should any details come to hand we will at once send then to you.

With our sincere sympathy and trusting we may soon have further information.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

Blunt