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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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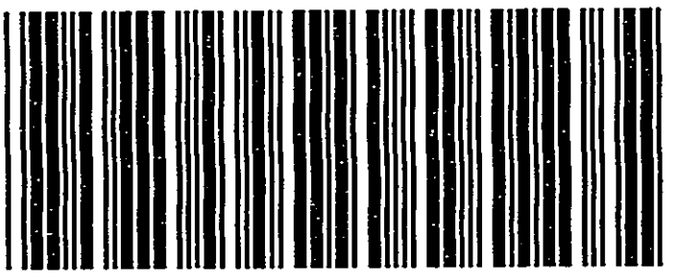
# 5475 Private
# Robert Hartley Roach

## 6th Battalion



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6th Battn.
A.I.F.

Roach.
Pte R.H. 5475

"Died of Wounds"

Died 4.40.p.m. 16.9.17 from wounds of both buttocks and abdomen. He was buried in Cemetery, Map location Sheet 27. L 22, D.6.3, Plot 19 B. Grave 16 B

Letter from:-
The O.C.
3rd Can.C.C.S.
8.11.17.

London.
4.12.17.

H.

6th.Batt. A.I.F. Roach, Pte R.H. 5475.

D/W. Sept.16/17. Det. D/B.

" I knew Roach, he was killed at Dickie Bush on Sept.16/17, from shrapnel. There is a large cemetery there & he is buried in it. I have seen his grave & there is a cross erected on it. He died about ½ an hour after he was hit."

Eyewitness:- No.

Description:- Comes from Mendigo, about 23, short & fair.

Informant:- Sgt.Reuben Wheeler, 4935.
6th Batt.A.I.F. B Coy.
Penketh Rd.Hosp., Wallessey.
Home address:- Wallace Dule, Victoria, Australia.

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6th Bn.
A.I.F.

ROACH
R.H. Pte.5467

Died of Wounds 16.9.17 Det. D/B.

A man called Roach of B. Coy. 8th Platoon was killed by the "Nose-cap" of an enemy shell, behind the lines, just before going into the lines about the middle of Septr. and died about a day later. Sergt. Reed of 8th Platoon might know more. The ground was held.

Eye-witness:- No.
Description:- Fine big man. He was drilling men at Pelham Downs, Salisbury Plain before going out to France.

Infdrmant:- E.P.Jones, Pte.
6th Battn. A.I.F.
5th Southern General Hospital
Portsmouth.

Note:- Written Reid 5.1.18

London.
11.1.18

M.

6th Battn
AIF

ROACH
R.H. 5475

"Died of wounds Sep. 16th 1917"

I was told Roach was killed by the nose cap of one of our anti-aircraft guns while an aeroplane was being strafed. He was proceeding up to lines at Dickebusch and was taken away by S/Brs,

Witness:-
H.C. Nott, 228
6th Battn B. Coy.,
Hut 9
Westham

W.A.Rand
London.
25.1.18

M

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

Rpach.
R.H. 5475

"Died of Wounds 16.9.17"

Re 5475 Pte.Roach. The nearest idea that I could possibly give you as to where he was buried, was just outside Ypres at a little place by the name of Dickebusch. Of course I am not certain about it but as far as I can learn he passed away at a dressing station somewhere in that vicinity, so if that is correct it is most probable that it would be a Military Cemetery. As regards his particulars all I can give is the next of kin which is his father Mr.R.Roach, White Hill Road, Bendigo and his age 25 years. Religion Methodist.

Letter from:- Sgt.Jack Reid
6th Battn.

London;
7.2.18.

M.

6th Battn.
A,I.F.

ROACH,
R.H. 5475

"Died of Wounds 16.9.17."

I was sitting near him when a dud came and hit him in the groin and he died that night. I saw him dead. Behind Ypres before we went in,so sure to have been buried. From Victoria. I think short chap 5ft7 and fair. I just knew him.

Informant:- D.W.Hamond, 6300,
6th Battn.
Warchest.

W.Alison.

London.
2.3.18.

M.

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

ROACH.
R.H. 5475

"Died of Wounds 16.9.17."

Roach was badly wounded in lower part of the back by shrapnel near Dickeybusche some miles behind the lines. I saw the M.O. bandaging him and S/Brs ready to take him away but can't give any information as to his later movements. I heard later he had died.

Informant:- L/Cpl. A.E. Smith, 5192,
6th Battn A.Coy,
Hut 17,
Westham.

W.A.Rand.

London.
2.3.18.

M.

O.C Draft. No 2

The O.C
3rd Canadian Casualty
Clearing Station
B.1.7.

No 5475 Pte R. H Roach
6th Bde A.I.F

Died of wounds 16-9-17.

Pte. R. H. Roach 5475:
6 Batt.

see under

Pte. Sinclair 5764.
1st Batt.

15/11/17.

Pte. R. H. Roach {5475 / 5776} 6 Batt.

see under

Pte. W. F. Connelly 4997.
39 "

28/11/17.

Sgt. REED. 9. C

B. Coy VIII plu

6A.I.F.

B.G.7.

about.

R.H. ROACH

5457

6 A.I.F.

D.W. 16.9.14.

Ew.

3.1.18

5475 R. H. ROACH
6 Batn
D/W 16-4-17

22/1/15.

Ack. P.C 30.1.16
Anitt.

To Secretary.

Re your enquiry of 5475 Pte Roach R.H. of the 6th Batn. A.I.F.

The nearest idea that that I could possibly give you as to where he was burried, was just out side Ypres at a little place by the name of Dicky-Bush. Of course I am not certain about it but as far as I can learn he passed away at a dressing station somewhere in that vicinity, so if that is correct it is most probable that it would be a Military Cemetary. As regards his ~~[illegible]~~ particulars all I can give is the next of kin which is his father Mr R. Roach White Hill Road Bendigo & his (Age) 25 yrs. (Rel.) Methodist,

Jack Reid Sgt
6th Batn.