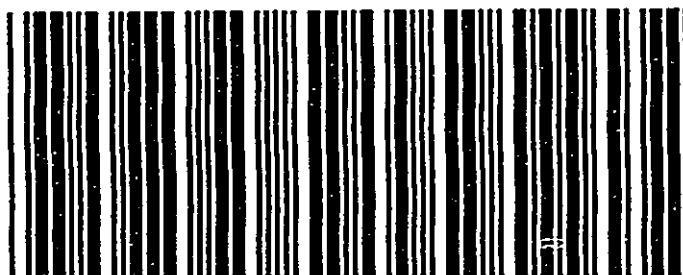


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**5188 Private
Maurice Clarence
Robinson**

11th Battalion



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11th Battn.
A.I.F.

ROBINSON.
Maurice.Clarence. 5188.

"Missing" 21-9-17.

Killed in action 21-9-17. Previously reported Missing.
Cert: by A.I.F.Hqrs. 12-6-18.

London.
15-6-18.

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A.I.F. 11th Battn.

ROBINSON
C.A. (Maurice Clarence)
5188

"KILLED IN ACTION" SEPT. 1917"

Killed in action 21/9/17 - Previously reported Missing in action at Menin
Road No further report
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 3/10/18.

London
5/10/18.

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A.I.F. 11.

ROBINSON, M. O. 5188.

K. Sept. 21st, 1917. Det. D/B.

This was at Glencorse Wood, Ypres, on the morning of Sept. 20th not 21st. We were waiting for our baggage to start before advancing, and Fritz put up his before ours began. Robinson and two or three more took shelter under a great pile of timber, and two or three shells landed on it blowing them all up in amongst the timber. There was no possibility of burial; they were all blown to small pieces. I know this for a fact because I tried to get into the timber myself then, but got caught in the wire and couldn't. *W.H.*

Robinson was in my section, C.XII. His people live at North Dandeloye, S.W. Railway, Bunbury Line, W. Australia. *W. H. H. H.*

Inf. L/Opl. C. H. Parker, 6081/A. 11.C.XII.
No. 35. Gen. Hosp.
CALAIS. 5.8.18. GGP. *P.*

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The Secretary,

High Commissioner, A.I.A

"REVEAL ENTIRE"

Australia House,

STRAND, W.C.2.

REF 35-2218 .A.I.A

25th June

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Re 5188 Maurice Clarence Robinson 11th Battn., A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported Killed in Action on 21/9/17.

We are making further inquiries in the hope of learning details of his death and will send you any information that we receive.

Regretting the distressing character of this news

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

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Secretary.

Pt 5188 Maurice Clarence Robinson

11 Batt

"Missing" 21/9/17

{ In his brother

7301 Pt W. Robinson

11, Batt

Ward 30

1st London General Hospital

Camdenwell

Aunt Ned X. Store

Camberwell

Oct 25-17

Written to
7301. Pte W. Robinson
27.10.17.

Dear Miss Blakins

Will you kindly make
enquiries re M. C. Robinson
reported "Missing" for his
brother in this hospital.

Robinson would be most
grateful if you could
obtain any particulars

for him to send to his

mother

Yours faithfully

P. A. Foster

27.10.17 HOSPITAL

Missing Draft for

7301. Pte W. Robinson
11th Battr. A.I.F.

Ward 30.

1st London General Hosp:
Camberwell

regarding:-

5188. Pte M.C. Robinson.
11th Battr.

M. 21.9.17.

For
Pl. 5188
M. C. Robinson

Ward 30
St. George's General Hospital
Camdenwell London. 30/10/17

Dr. H. Lee

Australian Red Cross Society

Mis Vaia Lidakia

Dear Sister

Many thanks for your enquiries
concerning my dear brother I have
received all your replies and fear that his
case is a hopeless one. Knowing my the
Doctors are sure I don't think it is very
likely that he would be taken a prisoner.
I have very poor hopes as far as that is
concerned. but should I get such news
I will immediately inform you.
Thanking you sincerely for your kind
attention & promptness in reply
I remain

Yours very gratefully

M. C. Robinson

7301. 11th St

P.S.

If you should get better news will
you kindly let me know

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in Astoria at Union Rd on

21.9.17.

O President Capt. W. Hallahan

11th Oct -

TEL. NO. CITY 1743. EXT.....

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"CROTONATE, ESTRAND, LONDON."



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Any further communication on this
subject to be addressed to
THE OFFICIAL SECRETARY.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES,

AUSTRALIA HOUSE,

STRAND,

LONDON, W.C. 2.

2nd July, 1918.

Dear Madam;

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 25th June with regard to 5188 Maurice Clarence Robinson, 11th Battalion, A.I.F. The information contained therein has been forwarded to his brother, and I shall be glad to receive any further details that may come to hand.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. Smart

Miss Vera Deakin,

Secretary,

Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau,

Australian Branch B.R.C.S. & Order of St. John,

36 Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

TEL. NO. CITY 1743. EXT.....

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
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P.C.
17.10.17

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IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES,

AUSTRALIA HOUSE,

STRAND,

LONDON, W.C. 2.

15th October, 1917.

Dear Sir,

No. 7301 Private *W.* Robinson, 11th Battn. A.I.F.,
who is now in Ward 30, No. 1 London General Hospital, Cam-
berwell, has informed us that he is anxious to find out
the whereabouts of his brother No. 5188 Private M. C. X
Robinson, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

He was in the battle of Menin Road on September
30th and his brother was also in the same battle -

I shall be glad to know if you can do anything
in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. Smart
urss.

The Secretary,
Search & Enquiry Dept.
Australian Red Cross Society,
54 Victoria Street,
S.W.1.

October 19th, 1917.

E. Henly, Esq.,
Australian Red Cross Society,
54, Victoria Street,
London S.W.1

Dear Sir,

No 7301 Pte. L. Robinson,
11th Battalion,
A.I.F.

who is in Ward 30, No 1 London General Hospital, has been
inquiring for his brother No 5188 Pte. M.C. Robinson,
~~11th Battalion,~~
~~A.I.F.~~

We think that he must be seriously ill as he got some
one else to write for him ^{so} as we thought it would be best if you
would break the news to him that his brother has been reported
"Missing on September 2nd, 1917.

We are making further enquiries and should we hear any-
thing more we will let him know immediately.

Yours faithfully,

W.S.
SECRETARY.

October 22nd, 1917.

No 7301 Pte. W. Robinson,
11th Battalion, A.I.F.,
Ward 30, No 1 London General Hospital,
Camberwell.

Dear Sir,

We have received your inquiry of 15.10.17, through the
High Commissioner's Offices, for news of your brother

No 5188 Pte. M. C. Robinson,
11th Battalion,
A.I.F.

We are very sorry to tell you that he is officially
reported to have been missing since 21.9.17, but we are making
every possible inquiry about him, and whatever news we hear we
will send on to you at once.

Hoping you are recovering your health and assuring you
of our sincere sympathy in your great anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Winder.
SECRETARY.

October 22nd, 1917.

The High Commissioner,
Australian House.
Strand.

Dear Sir,

We have received your inquiry of 15.10.17, on behalf
of No 7301 Pte. W. Robinson,
11th Battalion,
A.I.F.

now in No 1 London General Hospital, Camberwell, about his brother
No 5188 Pte. M.C. Robinson.
11th Battalion,
A.I.F.

We have written to No 7301 Pte. W. Robinson, telling him
that his brother is officially reported Missing since 21.9.17,
but that we are making all possible inquiries. The result of
these inquiries we will continue to send direct to him.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. W. W. W.
SECRETARY.

North Dandalup
Nov 2nd 1917

To The Red Cross Society

My Dear Friends

excuse me troubling you
but I know you will do
me this favour - My son
has been reported missing
since the 21st of September 1917
he was in the Battle on the
Western front & so far I
cannot find any trace of
him - Now what I would
ask of you is to try & find
out if he is prisoner of War
& if so will you please send
him some food until I
can get to know & then I
shall forward you a remittance
every mail to keep him supplied
in food & clothes for the winter
I earnestly entreat you to do your
best to locate his whereabouts
if alive I see that he will have

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Food & clothes & such comforts
as is necessary in that lonely
prison life. His name &
No is here under

No. 5188

Pvt M. C. Robinson

11th Battalion

Australian Imperial Forces

if you get in touch with
him tell him I am making
all inquiries & will do all
I can to help him in his
dire need I have cabled
to the military to find out
but it will no doubt be some
time before I receive an answer
trusting you will do your best
for me & I may be able to
show my gratitude in some
small way for your kindness

I remain yours faithfully

M. C. Robinson

his Mother

28th. January 1918.

Mrs. M.C. Robinson
North Dandalup
West Australia.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your enquiry about -

5188 Pte M.C. Robinson, 11th Btn, A.I.F.

who is reported Missing since 21-9-17, we would suggest that the quickest method for you to obtain news concerning him would be to keep in touch with our office in Perth with which we are in constant communication both by letter and cable.

It is an unnecessary delay to communicate with this office when the news for which you are applying may be already at our local branch. Should his name appear on the list of prisoners in Germany, parcels of food are at once sent by our Prisoners of War Department without delay, so you need have no anxiety that your son will be in need of parcels. We fear we cannot raise your hopes for his safety as so many months have passed already since the casualty occurred. Any information we get will be at once sent on to our Perth office.

Assuring you of our deepest sympathy in your
great anxiety,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Baker

Secretary.

14th Aug. 1918.

The Secretary,
High Commissioners Offices,
Australia House,
Strand W.C.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for 5188 Pte. M.C. Robinson, 11th Battn. A.I.F. we regret to inform you of an unofficial report about him which we have received from one of the men in his unit.

6081a I/Cpl. C.H. Parker interviewed recently at 35th Gen. Hospital B.E.F. stated that at Glencorse Wood Ypres on Sept. 20th they were waiting to advance, where the enemy anticipated our barrage and started shelling first. Pte. Robinson with several others took shelter under a pile of timber, when unfortunately a shell exploded which buried them under the timber killing them instantly and precluded any possibility of extricating the bodies. Our Inf. tried to do so, but found it quite impossible.

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you as soon as we receive any further reports and we trust the above information may be of some assistance to -to. Robinson's brother, and we regret the distressing character.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss-

Secretary.

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