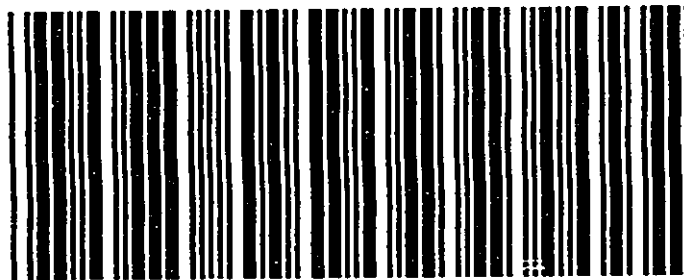


Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5500 Private
Charles Edward
Robson**

7th Battalion



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A.I.F. 7th Btn A.Coy.

ROBSON
C.E. 5500

"D/W in France 23-12-16"

Died of Wounds 22-12-16 - Buried at Bernafay Wood Cemetery
 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N..E. of Maricourt $6\frac{1}{4}$ miles E. of Albert
Cert by A.I.F. Headquarters 3-3-17.

London
12-4-17

M.

7th Battn.
A. I. F.

Robson.
C. E. 5500.

"Died of Wounds 22.12.16."

From my burials book I find that this man was buried at Bernafay Military Cemetery on Dec. 23rd 1916. I have no information as to his death. I read the service at the grave and the usual cross with inscription was erected. Sheep Map No. is 57C S.22 D.central. His military No(5500) is from Battn. Records. His body was taken for burial from Hospital. He came from Bendigo, Victoria.

Witness:-

Capt. G. W. Carter.

Ch.of Eng. Chaplain.

5th Battn.

Perham Downs Camp.

A. R. McPhee.

London.
18.5.17.

M.

7th Battn.
A. I. F.

Robson. 5500.
C. E.

"Died of Wounds 22.12.16."

I carried him from "supports" to the Dressing Station near Bill Run. He was unconcious only just alive - from a bad shell wound in the forehead. We heard that he died shortly after and I think his grave would be near Bgde H.Q. I was a Stretcher Bearer and shared the same dug-out with him just before he was wounded. I was attached to his Pl.4 of A Coy. L/Cpls. Frank Peel and W. Hamilton of same Pl. can confirm.

Witness:-

M. David. 2835.
7th Battn.
Dartford.

L.P.J.

London.
29.5.17.

Note Written L/Cpls. Peel and Hamilton.
28.5.17.

M.

7th Australians

Robson, Pte. C. E. 5500
A Coy. 4th Pltn.

(D/W. Dec. 22/16. Dets)

" Robson left the dug-out at 3 15. to go out from the support trenches. He would have been relieved altogether at 3. 30. A whizzbang caught him right in the centre of the forehead. We carried him to the dressing station, but he was very low. He was buried at Fleurs."

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description ---- ? medium height and a good singer.

Informant :- Pte. R. Vallenge, 2153,
7th Australians, A Company.

Home address:- 1st London General Hospt,
Saturn Rd, Camberwell, S. E.
Corfield,
Melbourne.

2. 6. 17.
A Reynolds.

M

7th Batt. A.I.F.

ROBSON C. E. 5500
"A" Coy.

"D/W. Dec 22nd., '16. Det D & B".

"The 7th Batt., was taking over in front of Fleurs, and while walking along the road, a shell exploded, killing Robson instantly. He was buried next morning by two of the Company cooks, and I was present ~~there~~ at the time. It was impossible to hold a service, and no cross or identification mark was erected over the grave. I knew Robson quite well, and he came from Bendigo, Victoria".

Description. About 5ft5. Dark complexion.

Witness. Richards J.T. 5468.
1st Anzac Cyclist Corp.

M
Swift
d
b

June 6th., '17.
June S. W. Weymouth.

Worgret Camp,
WAREHAM.

7th Battn.
A. I. F.

Robson.
C. E. 5500.

"Died of Wounds 22.12.16."

re C.H. Robson, 7th Battn. Cpl. Hamilton and I assisted in carrying him to the dressing station. He passed through the station alive, but very near dead. We afterwards heard he died at the Brigade Station about half an hour later, we have no idea where he is buried.

Letter from:-

L/Cpl. Peel.

France. 16.6.17.

P.S.

Since writing I have found out that Robson was buried in a Military Cemetery near the Horse Ambulance Bernafay Wood. One of our L/Cpls saw his grave it will be registered by the authorities.

London.
28.6.17.

M.

Lcpls FRANK. PEEL A Co
+ W. HAMILTON

7 Batt AIF

B E F

for

5500 C. E. ROBSON

7 Batt AIF

C

DW 22. 12. 16

6.6.17
~~28.5.17~~

F. M. S.

HOSPITAL 3rd London General.

Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No?

Exactly as in Enquiry List.

33rd Battalion
Company

Regiment
Man's full Name

Nature of

Any other man same name in Battalion, Battery or Company?

No

Informant states that :—On

at Armentières, Pettiford was
the German trenches. Buried

NOTE.—Get details & grounds on which statement is given, as far as is reasonably practicable.

N.B.—IF INFORMANT mentions another man, give No. & ac

DESCRIPTION OF MAN, Scars, Nickname, &c.

Was the ground afterward

Short thickset dark.
Belonged to 17th or 18th Regiment

Ground no

Date of Report and
Visitor's signature.

VISITOR'S OPINION OF INFORMANT,
intelligent, reliable, unswayed, &c.?

W. J. G. J. J.
23.5.17

all K.G.
M.C.S.
25.6.17

France

16-6-17

To the Secretary,
Inquiry Bureau,

your letter to
hand re C. E. Robson Seventh Battalion -
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Yours faithfully
T. Peel 1/Epl.

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T. Peel.

5500

C. E. ROBSON

7 BATT A.I.F

DW. 22.12.16

M. 12

(cd)

June 26th. 1917.

L/Cpl. F. Peel,
7th. Bn. A.I.F.,
B. E. F.

Dear Cpl. Peel,

Many thanks for your letter of 16th.

June in reply to our enquiry concerning :-

5500 J. E. ROBSON, 7th. Bn. A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance and we shall now be able to apply to the Graves Registration Units for a photograph of the grave, to be sent to his next-of-kin.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D.
Secretary *M.A.*