

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2369 Gunner
Robert William Jarvis
Mason

11th Field Artillery Brigade



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11th How.Bty.

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MASON
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"WOUNDED"

D/Wounds 23-9-17 17th C.C.Stn
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 25-10-17.

London
25-10-17

P.I

A. Fla. Art.
A. I. F.

Mason;
Gnr. R. W. J. 12369

"Died of Wounds"

He was admitted to this Hospital on the 23.9.17 suffering from severe shell wounds in Abdomen and Elbow, and died at 10.55.p.m. the same evening as a result of these wounds. He was buried the following day in the Soldier's Cemetery near this Hospital and his grave was duly marked and registered.

Letter from:-

The G.C.

No.17 C. C. Station.

9.11.17.

London.

28.11.17.

P.I.

111th How.Bty.
A.F.A.

Mason
R.W.J. 2369

"Died of Wounds" 23.9.17

I saw him wounded by an aerial bomb at Menin Road. He was badly hit about the head and body. He was taken away to the dressing station in Ypres. I was wounded by the same bomb, and I saw him again at the C.C.S. at Poperinghe. He was fully conscious then but was suffering great pain. That is the last I saw of him. I knew him very well, his people live in England somewhere but he enlisted in S.A. I do not know place of burial, and I cannot refer to anyone for details.

Witness:-

Gnr.R.Wortley 2088
111th How.Bty.
3rd A.A.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
3.1.18.

P.I.

Havr

22nd January 1918.

11th Aust. Howitzer Batty.

R.
Garrison No. 2369.

D/J 23rd September 1917. Det D/B.

He was English and had been 9 years in Australia.

A little stout nuggetty fellow, very red complexion.

I saw him wounded by a bomb at Buzz Cross Roads on the Menin Road Ypres at the Batty position. This was in September. He had a piece of the bomb ~~which~~ went through his kidney and was also wounded in the elbow.

I helped to put ~~in~~ him on a stretcher. He was not in much pain and went away quite jolly - He was taken to the D/ Station close by but afterwards went to Hospital and we heard he D/ Wounds three days later. I don't know where he is buried.

Inf:- Gunner F.J. Smith No. 2075.
11th Bde 11th How. Bty Aust.
Australian Camp
Bouelles.

G.F.

111 Howitzer Battery.
Australian Imperial Force
(Field Artillery)

R
Mason, S.W.J. 2369

(D/W Sept. 23, 1917.
Dets D & B).

" I have heard from reliable authority that Mason was wounded by a bomb in the abdomen and leg. Taken to Birr Croix Rd Dressing station near Ypres, and was buried near there. Exact locality of grave could be obtained from Director of Graves Registration- War Office, London. "

Eye witness -

Description

Informant :- Capt. S.S. Shaw, Chaplain,
11th Aus Field Artillery Bde.
1, Horston Gardens Hospital,
London, S. W.

Home address :-
C/o Capt. McGillivray,
11 Hoddle Street,
North Richmond, Melbourne.

25.2.18.

H. Burford-Hancock.

P/4 Ca 3/11

11th How. Btty.
A.I.F.

MASON
R. W. J. 2369

"Died of Wounds 23-9-17"

I think Mason's correct initials were R. W. J. We knew him as "Bob". I knew him very well. He was wounded on 22nd Sep., by aerial bomb at the cookhouse while getting his dinner at the 1st post, Burr Cross Road, not far from Hell Fire Corner (Menin Road), the day after Polygon Wood stunt. He died at Dressing Station and is buried at Meningate Cemetery. I was there and a grave registration cross put up. Dvr. M. Taylor, 11th How. Batty., his chum, was with him for about an hour before he died.

Informant. Innes Sig. W. W. 1939
11th How. Batty.,
Hut 28,
WESTHAL.

W. A. Rand
London
6-3-18

Note:-
Written Dvr. Taylor 11-2-18

A. & P. I.

Note:-

We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

111. How. Battery.
A. I. F. 11 T. A. B

MASON.
R. W. J. 2369.

EDIED OF WOUNDS " 23. 9. 17"

Concerning the late Pte. R. W. J. Mason 2369. 111 & 1/4 Howitzer Btty. 11th A. F. A. Bgde. A. I. F. While he was in the battery. I knew him well. He was about 5ft 8th, in height, fresh complexion, blue eyes, dark hair, and thick set. He was wounded by a bomb at Ypres on or about 22nd of September 1917. From there he was taken to the C. C. S. where he died of wounds. Which C. C. S. I cannot say. He would be buried in a soldiers cemetery, where the grave would be registered. I dont think, I can give you any more information, but he was a good soldier, and was well liked by everybody.,

Letter from:- H. Taylor.,
France.
21. 2. 18.

Note:- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.,

London. 20. 3. 18.

A
P. I.

Roberts.

Whitcomb

1726.

52nd Pst.

Cpl W.E.E.

Letter returned without
vacated to Base

His general correspondence under

Inquiries for 2369 Pst R. L. J. Mason III. How:
BE
A.F.A.

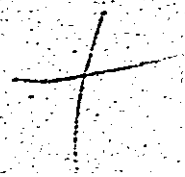
5 Regt. Camp. 25.3.8 H.C.L.
3.6.8

Legs.

Elliot
L/C. H. J.

1531

18 Bath
E. Coy.



1726 Cpl. W. E. E. Roberts

orig²/52 Btly. A.I.F.
now 49th Btly.

Whereabouts?

R.T.A. Barbara 22-12-18.

M/M Harriet Roberts.

Warba. Springvale. O'land.

File under

2369 Pte. R. W. J. Mason.

H.O.L. 8.7.19

III. How Btly. A.F.A.

11-2-18

Wro M Taylor

111 How BT A 7 a

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2369 pt R. W. J. Mason

111 How BT A 7 a

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D/W 23-9-17

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W. E. E. Roberts
C. Coy
52nd Btn
A.I.F.
2/1/18

Dear Miss Deakin

in answer to
your letter of the 5/12/17 I thank
you very much for the trouble you
have taken over my comrade
you mason of the 111th How Battery.
Please do not forget me if I
can help you at any time as
I shall be only to pleased once
again thanking you very much
I remain

your sincerely
Edward Roberts

Ms 2369
Quartermaster W. E. Roberts
111 How Battery
A. I. F.

30/10/17

C's Draft

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Cas. Cl. Station

about

2369 James R. H. J. Mason
11th Aust. Field Artillery
Horitzer Battery
Brigade

W 3.9.17

ABON

F.I.

15th Batta.
A. I. P.

Swift.
H. D. 7306

"Killed 28.8.17"

Stretcher Bearer A. B. Houd C. Coy. now wounded carried him out told me he was badly wounded by shell. Can probably give details of death and burial. Swift was also C. Coy.

Witness:-

J. A. Carter VEIAC
15th Batta.

L. P. J.

London.
18.10.17.

Note. Written S. B. Houd 19.10.17.

B.
P. I.

1726. Corp! W. G. Roberts - C Coy. 52nd Battr. A. J. F. France.
9. 2. 18.

Dear Corp! Roberts

We have received an unofficial report about
2369. Pte R. W. J. Mason. 111th Aust. Howitzer Batts, ^{KFA. 2075} from Gp.
F. J. Smith of the same Batts. He saw Mason ~~wounded~~ ^{struck} by a
bomb at Burr Cross Roads in Sept. 1917: he was wounded in the
abdomen & elbow, and Smith helped to place him on a stretcher.
He was not in much pain, and "went away quite jolly." He was
taken to a dressing station close by, and afterwards to hospital,
but Smith heard he died of wounds 3 days later, and does not
know where he is buried. He was English, but had been
9 years in Australia: Smith describes him as "a little stout
-setty fellow, with very red complexion."

Should we obtain further details
of your Mason's death we shall immediately
forward them to you.
With good wishes,
F. L. G.

DISPATCHED RED CROSS LOANHEADQUARTERS LIST.

November 6th, 1917

W. 3.10.17. No news for some time. Inf. wanted.

Inf. wanted.

Inf. wanted.

Inf. wanted.

CAMERON T. 4568

CARNEY James 5533

COUSTLEY A 572

COUSTLEY R 6300

Handwritten notes and signatures covering the page, including names like 'COUSTLEY' and 'CAMERON'.

P.C.
20-10-17

Copy 1

1226

Cpl. W. E. Roberts

C Coy

5th Battn

S. I. I.

13/10/17

To the Secretary

could you give me a little information about ²³⁶⁹ Mr R. W. J. Mason IIIrd How Batt 11 Brigade S. I. I. he was wounded in the side about a month ago but as to where he has gone if dead or alive I cannot find out and should be glad if you could help me

I have not found out much more about 4647 C A Barker except that he was killed at Hagincourt on the Somme about the end of March. This I got off his mate who was standing along side him when he was killed by a shell.

I remain

yours sincerely

W. E. Roberts

No.1726 Cpl.W.E.E.Roberts,
C.Coy.52nd Batin.A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Oct.27th, 1917.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your inquiry for -

No.2369 Gnr.R.W.J.MASON - 11th Howitzer Battery.A.F.A. - we
very much regret to inform you that he died of wounds on 23.9.17 in the
17th Casualty Clearing Station B.E.F. and we have at present no further
details. We have written to the O.C. for any information that he can
supply and as soon as we obtain further news we shall let you know.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

VD
Secretary.
LAW



To.
Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
London.

Dear Madam, Mason

In reply to your enquiry regarding the death of no. 12369. Cor. W. J. Mason, Aust F.O.

He was admitted to this Hospital on the 23.9.17, suffering from severe shell wounds in Abdomen and Elbow, and died at 10.55pm the same evening as a result of these wounds.

He was buried the following day in the Soldiers' Cemetery near this Hospital and his grave was duly marked and registered.

9/11/17

W. J. Mason

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December 5th, 1917.

1726 Cpl. W. E. E. Roberts,
C. Coy, 52nd Btn,
A. I. F., B. F. F.

Dear Cpl. Roberts,

Since writing to you on 27.10.17, with regard to
your friend

No 2269 Cnr. R. W. J. MASON,
11th Howitzer Battery,
I. I. F. S.

We have now received a letter from the C.O. of 17th Casualty
Clearing Station, certifying he was admitted to this hospital,
on 23.9.17, suffering from severe shell wounds in abdomen and
elbow and died at 10.55 pm, the same evening. He was buried
the following day in the soldiers Cemetery, near this hospital,
and his grave was duly marked and registered.

We have applied to the Graves Registration for a photograph
of the grave which will in due course be sent to the nearest of
kin. We much regret the delay in obtaining this information but
in some cases it is inevitable.

With our most sincere sympathy to you for the loss of your
friend.
Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

Miss Bader

1726 Cpl. F.E.L. Roberts,
C.Coy., 52nd Battn
A.I.F.
B.E.F.

16th Jan 1918

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for 2369 Gnr. R.W.J. Mason 11th How. Battery AFA who died of wounds on 23.9.17. We beg to inform you that we have not received an unofficial report of his death from one of his friends, who was in the same battery. Our informant 2088 Gnr. R. Worthy^{le} 11th How. Battery AFA 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital Dartford says that he saw Gunner Mason badly wounded in the head and body by an aerial bomb at Menin Road. Gunner Worthy^{le} who was wounded by the same bomb saw Gunner Mason later at the Casualty Clearing Station and found him conscious but unfortunately in great pain.

We are continuing our enquiries and if any further information reaches us we will immediately communicate with you again.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,



SECRETARY

Act. P. 6.
27.2.18

2564 R. W. J. MASON

111 Has. Bty 117 A B. 21-2-18

O/W 239-17

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P. 1. (cd)
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The Secretary

Received your letter asking for any information concerning the soldier Pte R. W. J. Mason.

No 2564 111th Howitzer Bty 117 A.F.A. Bde A.I.F.

While he was in the Battery I knew him well. He was about 5' 8" in height, fresh complexion, blue eyes, dark hair, & thick set. He was wounded by a bomb at Ypres on or about the 22nd of Sept, 1917. From there he was taken to the Casualty Clearing Station where he died from his wounds. Which C.O. I cannot say. He would be buried in a soldiers cemetery where the grave would be registered. I don't think I can give any more information but he was a good soldier (soldier) and well liked by everybody.

Yours faithfully
H. Taylor

1726 Cpl W.E. Roberts,
52nd Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force,
B. E. F.

9th March, 1918.

Dear Cpl. Roberts,

The following unofficial report concerning your friend -

2369 R.H.J. LINDSAY, 11th Howitzer Battery, A. E. F., A.I.F.
though it does not contain any further particulars beyond those

we have already sent you - is of such a personal nature we

feel you may be glad to have it. Our informant - 1989 ign. S.

Imes, states as follows :- "I think Mason's correct initials were R.H.J. We knew him as "Bob" I knew him very well. He was wounded on 22nd Sept. by aerial bomb at the cookhouse while getting his dinner at the 1st post, Barr Cross Road, not far from Hell Fire Corner (Henin Road) the day after Polygon Wood stunt. He died at a Dressing Station, and is buried at Meningate Cemetery. I was there and a grave registration cross put up. Dvr. M. Taylor, 11th How. Bty. his chain was with him for about an hour before he died."

With every good wish to you yourself.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. M. Council

SECRETARY.

26th March, 1918.

1726 Cpl. W. E. E. Roberts,
C. Coy, 52nd Infantry Battn,
A. I. F., B. M. F.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that we have received an unofficial report respecting - 2369 Gnr R. W. J. Mason, 11th Howitzer Battery, 11th F. A. B., A. I. F. - Gnr. Taylor of the ~~same~~ Battery reports that he had known Gnr. Mason well, he was wounded by a bomb at Ypres and taken down to a Casualty Clearing Station where he died later. Informant describes him as about 5'8" with fresh complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, and thickset. He adds that he was a good soldier and well liked by everybody.

We have now closed our enquiry, but will advise you if any more information should be received.

With good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

F. St. George
SECRETARY.

Tel.: VICTORIA ⁸⁵⁷⁸
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO

"THE SECRETARY."
WOUNDED AND MISSING
— ENQUIRY BUREAU —
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

26th March, 1918.

Type again to this address

1726 Cpl. W. E. H. Roberts,
C. Coy, 52nd Infantry Bataon,
A.I.F., S. F. F.

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With good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

SECRETARY.

F. H. G.

on 26.3.18.

This letter was sent to you at the above address when you were away in hospital & since been returned to us. We hope that it will now reach you.

LONDON

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
WOUNDED & MISSING 26 MAR 18
ENQUIRY BUREAU

26, GROSVENOR PL.
LONDON, S.W. 1

UNDELIVERABLE
RETURN TO
SENDER

1888 S.P.W.S.S. ROBERTS,

UNDELIVERABLE
GENERAL DELIVERY
RETURN TO SENDER

Base
2369 Mrs

Robert C. 30
LONDON SW 1 0/11