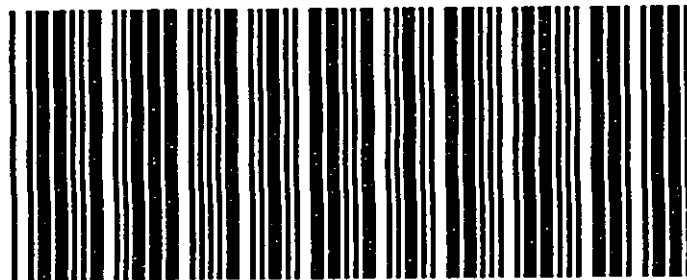


Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

13645 Private
Robert Allan Roberts

6th Field Ambulance



2320207G

A.I.F. 8th Fld. Amb.

ROBERTS
R.A. 13645

"D/Wds 7--4-38"

Adm. 13th Fld. Amb. - died of wounds 7-4-18
Cert by Hpl Index

London
30-4-18

B

A.I.P. 5th Field Ambulance.

ROBERTS
N.A. 13045

Recd at Rouen 7/4/18

Refer to Major Ross 5th Field Ambulance now in France. He was with him when he was killed near Albert. He was hit by shell and had one arm and one leg blown off. He was taken to Major Ross for about 2 years.

Witness:- 3008 Cpl. Atkinson,
5th Field Amb.,
Re. S. A. A. H. Hartford.

W. Owen

London
10/6/18.

Major Ross already written to.

Bayre

29th May 1918.

A.A.M.C., 6 Field Amb.

Roberts R.A. No.13645.

D/W 7th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew Pte Robert Roberts batman to Major Hutchinson who died wounds at the dressing station 2 days after he was hit in the legs, at Henincourt in April 1918. He was buried in a military cemetery close at hand and a cross was made for his grave. The Major is still with the unit.

Inf:- Pte A. Longshaw No.17822.
A.A.M.C. 6. Field Amb.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

B

Written Major Hutchinson 5.6.18

6th Flđ.Amb.
A.A.H.C. A.I.F.

ROBERTS
R.A# 13645

"Died of Wounds 7-4-18"

Refer to Major Ross, 6th Flđ.Amb., who is now in France,
he saw him killed, and can give full details.

Informant. Kirkbridge Pte.S.O. 18259
6th Flđ.Amb.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

Note:-
Written Major Ross 28-5-18

W.Oman
London
29-5-18

B.

Havre

4th June 1918.

Aust. M.C. 6th Field Amb.

Roberts R.A. No. 13645.

D/W 7th April 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him fairly well, he was Major Ross' batman. On the 7th April we were at H.Q. at Warloy in front of Melincourt. He was not doing anything in particular and was hit by a shell at the Chateau at Hennencourt, and died the same evening. He was buried in the Cemetery at Warloy, and a cross was subsequently put there.

Inf:- Pte A.G. Bunker No. 14355.
6th Aust. Field Amb.
Australian Camp.
Ronelles.

CWEG.

B

4
A I F. 6 Fd.Amb.

Roberts, R A. 13645.

D/M April.7/18. Det.DZB.

I knew this man well. He was wounded at Henincourt Chateau, near Albert. I was there at the time, but they took him straight away and I had not a chance of seeing him. He had one leg blown off by a shell which came right into the Chateau while he was looking round, sight-seeing more than anything else. I think he died at Warloy and was buried there. We made a big cross for his grave and I know it is marked all right.

He was a man of medium height, dark, clean shaven and he came from Queensland.

Inf:- Waller, L/Cpl. D. 9032.

6 Fd.Amb.

A T 'Prss. Elizabeth'

Calais. 3 6 18

GGP

Bca
Sug

A.I.F. 6th Fld. Amb.

ROBERTS
R.A. 13345

"Died of Wounds 7/4/18"

Re 13345 Pte. Roberts R.A., 6th Fld Amb., I think I can supply almost any details. For 13 months he had been my batman - we became great friends and I feel a great personal loss in his death. He was wounded near me 80 yards away on 7/4/18, at Menencourt just by Menencourt Chateau and I personally dressed and attended him a few minutes later. One leg was shattered beyond any possibility of recovery and he had several wounds in the other. He was evacuated immediately from dressing and his leg amputated at the main dressing station, Vadencourt, but he died soon afterwards. Everything possible was done for I went down from the line and enquired personally and I attribute his death to the fact that he had been a little out of sorts for about a fortnight. When he left the advance Dressing Station his condition though bad led me to hope for his recovery but the shock was too great. He showed the greatest courage after his wound and was quite cheerful when he left the Advance Dressing Station. Indeed his courage was always of a high order. He was buried in the Military Cemetery at Warloy and the grave as I believe been registered. Map Reference U.248.6.0. Sheet 57 D. I had a cross made and personally with my section Sergt. erected it also we dug

A.I.F. 6th Fld. Amb.

ROBERTS
R.A. 13645.

"2."

up turfs of daisies from a neighbouring field and covered the grave. There is no question of his identity and I will search for the above. I have written to his Father and hope when an opportunity arises to visit the grave once more and write again. If there is anything else I can let you know please command me. I would do anything in my power to help in anyway. Please note my changed address.

Letter from:- Chisholm Ross Major,

R.M.O.,

Hq. Gps 2nd. Division Amm. Coln.

A.I.F.,

France.

4/6/18.

London
14/6/18.

B

6th Fld.Amb.
A.I.F.

ROBERTS
R.A. 13645

"Died of Wounds 7-4-18"

Refer to Pte.H.King, 6th Fld.Amb., now in France, for he
can give full particulars of his wounds, death and probably burial.

Informant. Redcliffe. Pte.H.N. 28
6th Fld.Amb.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
13-6-18

B.

6th Field Ambulance.
Army Medical Corps.
A.I.F.

Roberts. Pte. R.A. 13645
B.Section.

Died of wounds. April 7/1918

"One April 7/1918 at Henencourt Chateau, Pte. Roberts was hit by a shell which blew his leg off. He died next day and I helped to bury him. He was buried at Warloy, and a cross was made for his grave by the men of the unit (6th Field Ambulance) The cross bears his name. Henencourt Chateau is in the Somme district."

— Eye-witness:- Yes.

Description:- He was dark, and abt. 5'7", abt. 21 years of age, his nickname was Rabbie.

Informant- Driver Tyler, 3225
6th Field Amb. A.M.C. A.I.F.
B.Section,
Kitchener's Hospital.
Brighton.

Home address:- Ballarat, Victoria, Australia.

June 9/1918
E.Bodley.

Bd
6d
soft

6th Fl'd Amb.
A.I.F.

ROBERTS.
R.A. 13645.

"Died of Wounds" 7-4-18.

Re 13645 Pte Robert Allan Roberts died of wounds on 7-4-18 at 6.30 p.m. at the main dressing station at Vadencourt. Buried at Warloy - Baillon cemetery. Personal effects taken over by 13th Aust Fl'd Amb. He was wounded by a bursting shell at the A.D.S. His right leg and jaw were injured. The shock accompanying the wounds was so severe that he practically suffered no pain till he died some hours later after being hit. When wounded he was walking in the courtyard of the chateau where the dressing station is situated performing some duty. Roberts was always popular amongst his comrades and always did his work well and cheerfully, and his death cast quite a gloom over the unit, at the time. He was employed in the transport section. *Height 5 ft 8 in (approx) Weight 105 lb.*

Medium build, no identity marks known. His next of kin is his father Robert Roberts Blackall Terrace, Nambour, North Coast Line, Queensland. The Graves Registration Committee should have the map reference of his grave. A suitable cross was erected over his grave.

Major Hutchinson
Letter from O.C. D.S.O.
6th Aust Fl'd Amb.
FRANCE.

London.
24-6-18.

B.

13th. Australian Field Ambulance:

Secretary,
Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau.,
Australian Red Cross Society,
36 Grosvenor Place, LONDON, S.W.1.

No. 13645 Pte. R.A. ROBERTS, 6th. Aust. Field Ambulance:

Abovementioned soldier died in Main Dressing Station administered by this Unit on 7-4-18 from Shell wounds face and fracture of right leg. He was buried the same day in Military Cemetery, WARLOY-BAILLON, SOMME.

1st. June 1918.


Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.

O.C. Draft.

1.5.18.

The O.C.

13th Aust. Fld. Amb. B.E.F.

13645. ~~Capt~~ P. A. Roberts, 6th
Field Ambulance A.I.
B.E.F.

D. & W. 7.4.18.

13645

(28 5 18)

Major Ross

6 ^{to} 7 Ambulances

A.A. H.C. G.17.

Abroad

abt

13645

Pt R A Roberts

6 ^{to} 7 Ambulances

A.A. H.C. G.17.

D/W 7.4.18.

29.5.18
A.I.B.

15-6-18

Major Hutchinson

C. A. L. C.

6th 7. Amb.

Abroad Q. 1. 7.

abt.

13645

Pte R. A. Roberts

6th 7. Amb. C. A. L. C.

Q. 1. 7.

D/W 7. 4. 18

5. 6. 18.
amb.

Copy of letter
dated 13.1.18
13.1.18

13645

(Cd)

R. A Roberts

France.

6th Fld Ambulance 4. 6. 18.

Secretary.

D of W 7.4.18

wounded & missing inquiry Bureau.

6th Fld Amb.

Re your inquiry regarding 13645 Pte ROBERTS RA.
I think I can supply almost any
details. For 18 months he had been my
batman we became great friends &
I feel a great personal loss in his death.
He was wounded near me, on 7.4.18
at Hemencourt. First by Hemencourt Chateau
and I personally nursed & attended him
a few minutes later. The leg was
shattered beyond any possibility of recovery
and he had several wounds in the other
He was evacuated immediately on
dressing and his leg amputated
at the main dressing station
Haden Court but he died soon
afterwards. Everything possible was done
for him down from the line &
inquired personally & I attribute his
death to the fact that he had
been a little out of work for about
a fortnight. When he left the Advance
Dressing Station his condition though
bad led me to hope for his
recovery but the shock was too great

He showed the greatest courage after
his wound and was quite cheerful
when he left the A.D.C.

Indeed his courage was always of a high order.
He was buried in the military cemetery

at WARLOY, and the grave has

been registered ^{SHEET 670} map reference U24660.

I had a cross made and personally
with my Section Sgt erected it also.

(We dug up bits of debris from a
neighboring field and covered the
grave.

There is no question of his identity.

I can vouch for the above.

I have written to his father &
hope when an opportunity arises
to visit the grave once more and
write again.

If there is anything else I can
let you know please command.
me I would do anything in

my power to help in any way.
Please note my changed address.

Yours faithfully

Christopher Ross Major

R.M.O.

No. 1st Division Ammunition Column

A.F.

France.

4. 6. 18

66

Major E. I. Hutchinson, D.S.O.,
6th Field Ambulance,
Australian Imperial Forces,
B&E.F.

24th June 1918

Dear Sir,

We thank you very much for your reply to our enquiry about
13645 Pte. R. A. Roberts, 6th Field Ambulance, Australian Imperial
Forces. The clear and detailed account you have given will be of
much assistance to us and of value to our enquirers who will greatly
appreciate your kind reference to Pte. Roberts' good qualities.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

13645-

R. A. Roberts

6th Field Ambulance

11.7.15

13645- Pte ROBERT ALLAN ROBERTS died of wounds received on 7.4.15 at 6.30 P.M. at the main dressing station at VADENCOURT. Buried at WARLOY-BAILLON cemetery. Personal effects taken over by 13th Aust H. Ambulance. He was wounded by a bursting shell at the advanced dressing station. His right leg & face were injured. The shock accompanying the wounds was so severe that he practically suffered no pain till he died some hours or more after being hit. When wounded he was walking in the courtyard of the chateau. That when the dressing station was situated, performing some duty.

Roberts was always popular amongst his comrades & always did his work well & cheerfully, & his death cast quite a gloom over the unit at the time. He was employed in the Transport section.

Identity Height 5 ft 6 in (approx). Weight 10 st 6 lb (approx). Medium build. No identifying marks known.

His next of kin is his father Robert Roberts, Bleachall Terrace, Harbours, North Coast Line, Queensland.

The Graves Registration Committee should have the map reference of his grave.

A suitable cross has been erected over his grave.

6 Aust H. Amb 22.8.15. 22.8.15. Major.

14.6.15

0
5
2

Bulford
June 24th

To The Secretary
Australian Branch
British Red Cross Society

25-0-18

Dear Sir or Madam

A great friend of mine No
13645 P.O. S. A. Roberts 6th Field Ambulance
Australian Imperial Force, died of wounds on or
about 4th April 1918. His parents will be very
grateful to you for any information you can give
them or anything as to where he is buried if
such information comes to your hands. This is
his Father's address - Mr. R. A. Roberts, S.O.
Blackball Venace Harbour, Vanuatu, New
Guinea.

Thanking you for past favours

I am

Yours faithfully

4641 Lt Col J. Adsett

A. A. M. C.

Military Hospital

A. I. H.

Bulford

Wilt.

25th June, 1918.

4671 W/Opl. J. Adsett,
A.A.M.C. Military Hospital,
Bulford, Wilts.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry of 24th inst.
for 15325 Pte. R. A. Roberts, 5th Australian Field Ambulance
we beg to forward the following extract received in
a letter from Major Chisholm Ross R.M.O. Headquarters
2nd Div. Am. Column. A.I.F. "For 18 months Pte. R.A. Ross
had been my batman, we became great friends and I feel
a great personal loss in his death. He was wounded
20 yds from me on 7.1.18. at Henencourt just by Henencourt
Chateau and I personally dressed and attended to him a
few minutes later. One leg was shattered beyond any
possibility of recovery, and he had several wounds in
the other. He was evacuated immediately and his leg
amputated at the main dressing station Vadencourt, but
he died soon afterwards. Everything possible was done for
him and I went down from the line and enquired personally.

When he left the dressing station his condition
though bad, led me to hope for his recovery, but the

2.

shock was too great. He showed the greatest courage after his wound. Indeed, his courage was always of a high order. He was buried in the Military Cemetery at Warloy and map reference U 24b 6.0 sheet 57d. I had a cross made and personally with my section Sgt. erected it. Also we dug up turfs of daisies from a neighbouring field and covered the grave".

We have already received an enquiry for Pte. Roberts through our Brisbane office and all available information has already been sent out there. Will

you advise M. R. A. Roberts to apply to the Australian Red Cross Society, Spencer Block, Queen St., for it, if he has not already done so.

Hoping the above information may be of some value to you, and assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) 10.

Secretary.

Miss Ryan.