

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

**Major  
James Moffat Reid**

**1st Light Horse**



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R. S. D.

1st Squad  
A.L.H.

M. Aug. 7.1915.

Major J.M.Reid

Probably of C.Squad. A friend, now killed, told the informant he had seen Major Reid killed by a bomb which hit him in the body on the morning of the 6th or 7th of August, at Pope's Post, which is opposite to Courtney's Post above Shraguel Gully. He was killed in some Turkish trenches which were not held, so that his body fell into the hands of the enemy.

R.S.Light 791  
R.S. 1st A.L.H.

MALTA

St. George's

12.10.15.

R.S.D.

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M.E.D.

I A.L.H.

M.AUG 7

Major J.M.Reid

Reid was leading a charge to take trenches on Aug.7 on Pope's Hill at the top of Sarapnel Gully. The Inf. was a stretcher bearer and he saw Reid continuing to lead the charge with his hand badly wounded. This was about 6-50 in the morning, and he did not see him again.

G.C.Cooper 475 A co. I A.L.H.

Malta.

St.Patrick's

29.9.15

R.M.D.

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M S D

1 A.L.H.

M. Aug. 7.15.

Major J.M.Reid.

On 6? Aug. (a Saturday) in the morning a charge was made at Pope's Hill. Informant saw Major Reid with one hand nearly blown off by a bomb. They had to retire and they he was not with them. They went out that night but could not find his body. Informant thinks the Turks may have been over that part of the ground later. That place had not been taken up to a month ago when informant left the peninsula.

Trooper F.T.Sammel 31  
A Squad B Troop  
A.L.H.

MALTA.

All Saints

15.10.15.

E.M.O'R.D.

A.I.F.  
1st A.L.H.

REID.  
Major J.M.

1915  
M. Aug. 7. Bel. Killed  
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Buried Gallipoli.  
Cert. by Hqrs list 4.7.19.

London.  
16.7.19.

S. Off. M

Med.

1st. Australian Light Horse, A. I. F.  
A. Squadron.  
Reid, Major, J.M.

M. Aug: 7th.,

Informant states that on August 7th 1915, at Pope's Hill, Dardanelles, Major J. M. Reid, was wounded in the hand first and then killed by a bomb as he was leaving his trench. Informant was by his side. There was no opportunity for burial. Major Reid was in command of Squadron owing to Major Vernon being away on sick leave. Informant was an eye-witness.

Reference:-- Trooper, C.M. Farrell,  
1st. Australian Light Horse. A.Squad.  
5th Southern General Hospital,  
Fawcett Road,  
Southsea.

LONDON,  
October 22nd. Home address:--  
Townsend. C/O Australian War Contingent Association  
London.

M E D

A.L.H.  
1 ? Squad.

M. Aug.7.

Major J.M.Reid

Of A Squad. He was killed in front of Quinn's Post in a charge on Aug.10th. The informant was not an eyewitness of his death, but two days afterwards his body was recognised through a periscope but could not be recovered.

G.Barnes 343  
1 A.L.H.

MALTA

Hamrun

1.11.15

R.M.D.

M H D

I A.L.H.

W and H.

Major Reid.

A charge across the chessboard in front of Pope's Hill. 300 men went out, but as the attack on both flanks failed they had to meet about 7000 Turks, being at the same time short of bombs. Three lines of trenches were taken but could not be held. The Turks re-occupied them but bombed them severely beforehand, so that it is doubtful if anyone could have been left alive. When things were going badly Major Reid came out by himself, not even being armed, and was last seen in one of the captured trenches. The court of enquiry got evidence to that effect and decided that he was almost certainly dead, though there is just the bare possibility of prisoner. The attack was made at dawn, and it was quite light by the time Major Reid came out.

Sgt. Major Davidson 391  
C Squad. I A.L.H.

MALTA

Valletta

25.10.15

J.H.G.



M E D

1 A.L.H.

M. Aug. 7.

Major J.H.Reid

Informant says that the attack in which Reid was missing was only a dummy attack to engage the attention of the Turks from other operations. The Turks held five tiers of trenches rising up the hill. When we attacked they abandoned the first two. We naturally did not press the attack, but occupied these two trenches for a time, afterwards abandoning them. The Turks, informant thinks, did not reoccupy, which destroys chance of prisoner, even if Major Reid was the man to have been taken, which informant says most emphatically he was not unless badly wounded first. Numbers of our men, distinguished by the white artillery patch on their backs, could be seen lying out dead, but it was not possible to get them in. Between each line of trenches there was a gully, so that though not very far from trench to trench as the crow flies, it was in reality a good way. Informant says many men on Peninsula should know more about the matter than he does.

A.D.Davidson 403 C Squad 1 A.L.H.

HALFA

St. Elmo.

2.11.15

J.H.G.

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M. S. D.

A.L.H.  
1 ?

2. Aug. 7.

Major J.E. Reid

Witness states that Lieut. Col. Glasgow - Officer Commanding  
2nd L.H. Regt. (Australian) could give full information as he  
went out with Major Reid and his regiment from Pope's Hill about  
6-7 August as also could Major Bristley 3 A.L.H.

Major J.E. Barrett  
3 A.L.H.

2nd in Command

MALTA

Hamrun

22.11.15.

H.S.G.

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M. E. D.

I A.L.H.

M. AUG 7

Major J.M.Reid

Inf., who knew Reid was very much attached to him and he describes the Major as "one of the best". In an advance from Pope's Hill to take a position in front on Aug. 7 Reid's head was blown half away. A. Wilson in same Squadron was beside him when he was killed.

G.R.Hobbs 659 A.L.H.

MALTA :

ALL SAINTS.

29.9.15

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M E P

1ST Australian Light Horse,  
Reid, Major J.M.  
? Squad.

(K. 7.8.15)

Informant states that on 6th Aug. at Anzac Cove, Major J.M. Reid went out of the trenches from Pope's Post in the morning early, and never came back. Informant and he both went out in the same Bayonet charge together with the 1st Light Horse. There was a Lieut Reid in the same Regiment who was killed.

Lieut Colonel Glasgow, D.S.O., 2nd Light Horse, (Aus) could probably also give information. He was all right when Informant left on the 23rd October.

(Another Australian told me that Pte Frank Swift, 3rd Bde, A. Squad, Australian Light Horse, was a very great friend of Major Reid and of his father, and could give information. Informant said he had written several times to ask him, but has had no reply yet.

Reference: Sgt. B. McGlinchey, 227, 3rd L.Horse Regt.,  
3rd Southern Gen. Hospital, Comerville Bch.

Home address: Chapple St., Broken Hill, N.S.W. *Oxford*  
London, 7th December, 1915.

Hilda M. Pickerd.

Med.  
1st. Australian Light Horse. C.Squad.

Reid, Major. J.M.  
M. 7.8.15.

Informant states that on August 7/15 at Popes Hill, Major Reid was killed whilst leading a charge in the morning. On the retreat of the Battalion the informant saw the Major's dead body; he also states that he knew the Major personally although he was not in the same squadron as the Officer; he said he was fairly tall and very popular with his men.

Reference:-- Arthur Edward Phillips,  
1st. Australian Light Horse.  
Harefield Australian Aux: Hospital,  
Middlesex.

Home address:--  
Wallemaben,  
N. S. Wales.

LONDON,  
February 1st.,  
F. C. Pearce.

*Cancelled.*

1 L.H., A.I.F.

REID,  
Major J.K.

(Killed in action).

On 7th August at Pope's Hill, in the second trench from the firing line, Reid and Lt. Nettleton were both killed by the one bomb. Informant was alongside at the time. Death was instantaneous.

Ref.:- BURN,  
Pte.B. 524,  
1st Light Horse,  
No.4 Aust. General Hospital,  
BANDWICK.

D.W.  
10.3.16.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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C-

Med.

1st A.L.H. Regt.

REID  
Major J.H.

K/A 7/8/15.

On 7th August Reid was in a newly captured trench near informant at Pope's Hill. He was struck - but whether with a bomb or bullet informant could not say - and died immediately.

Ref:- Pte J. Brotherston, 240,  
1st A.L.H.  
4 A.G.H. RANDWICK.

D.W.  
11/4/16.

SYDNEY.

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