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1722 Private
Robert William Resso

54th Battalion



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A.I.F. 54th Battn. RESSO R.W.1722

"DIED 25.9.18"

Adm. 12th Gen. Hpl. 2.9.18 Gun shot wound right leg

Trans: V.A.D,Hpl. Cheltenham12.9.18

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Letter from: County Director, Glos. V.A.
Red Cross Office,
1, Ormond Chambers,
Cheltenham.

London
30.11.18.

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54th Battalion, A.I.F. REGSO R.V. Pte. No.1722.

"Died of Wounds, 25/9/18."

Reggo I was in "B" Co., 5th platoon, under me, and his initials were "R.W." and his number 1722. He was a Lewis Gunner, and the first man in our platoon to be wounded on 2/9/18 in the attack on Peronne. I saw him hit, he was struck by a machine gun bullet, well down in the right leg, near the ankle, and I had no idea, till I saw the book, that he had died, as he only seemed to have a "slighty". There was practically no shelling, and we drove the Germans back, and advanced almost directly after Reggo was hit, so I do not think he could have been again wounded. I was told within a couple of days of his being wounded, that he had been picked up, and passed through the Regimental Aid Post. I never heard of his having been wounded a second time.

Informant - Sergeant J.A.Hutchison, No.858,
54th Battalion, "B" Co., 5th pltn.
Home Address - Daniel St., Granville.

H.S.O.
Anzac Furlough
Rawson Chambers.
23/12/18.

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SYDNEY BUREAU.

SILWOOD,
THE PARK,
CHELTENHAM.

REC...
27 SEP 1918

Sept 26. 18

Dear Madame

I regret to inform you that Pte Robert Reed No. 1722 54 A.I.F. B Company died yesterday at the Prince Hospital.

The funeral will probably take place tomorrow. The band Coach of the Victoria League is sending a wreath to be placed on the coffin.

Yours Faithfully
L. R. Clarke.

O.C's Draft. Nov. 22.

The Matron.
V.A.D. Hospital.
Cheltenham.

1722. Pte R.W. RESSO.
54th Bn. A.I.F.

D. of W. 25-9-18.

Mrs A. M. Watts.
The Parade.
Millbrook.
W. Plymouth.

Nov. 21.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your enquiry dated 14.11.18. regarding 32511. Pte G.C. Walken. 7th Fld Art. Bde. A.I.F. we beg to inform you that there is no report of any casualty for him, & according to the latest record he is well & with his unit. Trusting you will hear from him soon -

CHELTENHAM VOLUNTARY AID HOSPITALS' AREA.

Auxiliary to the 2nd Southern General Hospital, Bristol

Telegrams: "Nightingale, Cheltenham."

Telephone No. 920.

November 26th, 1918.

REF. No. 11212/JW.

RED CROSS OFFICE,
1, ORMOND CHAMBERS,
CHELTENHAM.

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society,
36, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

1722.
R.W. Resso.
54 Bn
D.D.L.O. 25.9.18

Dear Madam,

1722. Pte. R.W. RESSO., 54th A.I.F.

In reply to your letter of November 22nd. with reference to the above: I am sending you particulars as requested.

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Yours truly,

ASSISTANT COUNTY DIRECTOR
FOR COUNTY DIRECTOR GLOS: V.A.