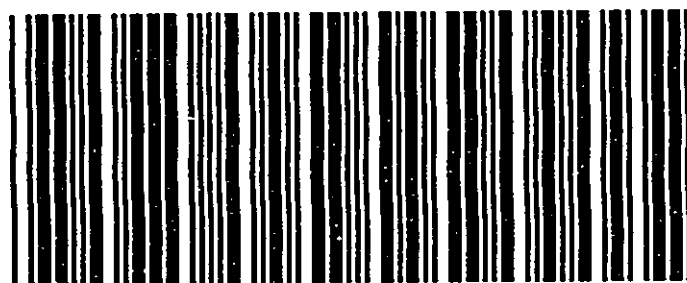


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6840 Private
William Gordon
Roberts

6th Battalion



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6th Bn.
A.I.F.

R. GIBBS
William Gordon 6840.

Killed in Action 20.9.17

No trace Germany

Cert. by Capt. Mills, 16.10.19.

London.
15.10.19.

H.

6th Battn.
D.Coy.
A.I.F.

ROBERTS,
W.G. 6840

"Killed 20.9.17."

I saw him wounded at Ypres. He was very badly hit about the stomach with pieces of shell. He only lived a short time after being hit, and was unconscious all the time. I knew him well, he came from Victoria and was the only man of this name in the Coy. I did not see his grave, but I believe he was buried at place of casualty. Refer to L/Sgt. Ginster 6th Battn, D.Coy, who is now in hospital in England, he can give full details of burial.

Informant:- Pte. G.W. Eldridge, 6998
6th Battn D.Coy, 14th Pltn,
3.A.A.H.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
4.3.18.

NOTE London Pte. Eldridge 4.3.18

M.

6th Battn.
A.I.F.

Roberts.
W.G. 6840

"Killed in Action 20.9.17"

6840 W.G. Roberts D.Coy. 6th Battn. was killed in action by an enemy shell on 20.9.17 at a spot known as Verbeck Ham N. of Glencorse Wood Belgium at 8.a.m. Later in the day the body was blown to pieces by another enemy shell. When we were relieved the remains had not been collected and buried. Any burials in this sector that may have been carried out and would be done much later by burial parties after the advance. There is no doubt of the man's identity. We were relieved on 21st, remains were not buried. If any effects - would be sent to base.

Letter from:- Major the Rev.G.W.Carter C.F.
6th Battn.

London.
1913.18.

M.

6th Batt. A.I.F.

Roberts.W.G. Pte. NO. 6240

D.Coy.

Killed Sept 20th 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw him killed instantly by a machine gun bullet in the head. We had reached our first objective at Glenross Wood when this happened. He was buried where he fell by a Cpl out of the coy, there was no mark placed over the grave. I knew him in the coy, he came from Victoria.

Description. Age. 25. Weight. 5-7. Complexion. Fair. Slight Build.

Witness. Pte. Meekoms. A. NO. 6319. D.Coy. 6th Batt.

Taken at
NO. 4. G.D. Hurdcott.
18-2-18.
F.G.H.

S. Whitmee.
NO. 4. Command Depot
Hurdcott.

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(26-2-18)

L/Sgt GINSER 9.C. B

D Coy

6th Battalion

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A. I. F.

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6840 W. G. ROBERTS

D. Coy

6th Battalion

A. I. F.

K. 20-9-17:

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4.3.18

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From Major The Rev. G. H. Carter, C.F. 6th Bn - A.I.F.
To Mrs Vera Dinkin W.T.M. 1. B. ~~W~~ in A

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G. H. Carter

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Dear Sir,
Telegraphic Address:

QUESTMAN, LONDON.

Lt. Quaker

J. Qu.

6 A. I. F.

Alward

4.3.18

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit

6840 W. G. Roberts J. Qu. 6 A. I. F.

reported killed in action 10.9.17.

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning *W. G. Roberts* but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We should also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help us to prove his identity.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Vera Watkins.

Secretary.

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identification of this soldier about whom you are writing.

PTD

6840 W. G. Roberts
6 Better
K/A 20.9-17
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Hills. Wind. then
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Pence.

Typical
in house