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Captain
Gregor Gordon
Robertson

31st Battalion



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A.I.F. 31st Btn
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ROBERTSON
Capt. Gregor Gordon

"M. 20-7-16"

Killed in action 20-7-16
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 15-8-17

London
17-8-17

31st. Australians.

Robertson, Capt. G. G.

(Off: M. July 20/16.)

Informant states that on the evening of July 19th at Fleurbaix I saw Capt. Robertson fall killed by a bullet in No man's Land. I then got wounded.

References-- E. Johnson, 324,
31st. Australians, A Coy.
Wharfedale War Hospital,
Sheffield.

Home address:-- Victoria Hotel,
Warwick, Queensland,
Australia.

August 18th
Bellhouse.

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A.I.F. 31st Btn A.Coy.

ROBERTSON
Capt. Gregor Gordon

"K/A. 20-7-16"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Hills 10-10-19.

London
20-10-19

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31st A.I.F.

Robertson Capt.

Informant states that on July 19th Capt. Robertson was killed at about 6 p.m. Pte. Sandeland who told him this, saw it happen.

Reference: J.R. Leslie S14,
31st A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hospt.

Wardsworth

London,
July 24th 1916,
R. Garrard.

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31st Australians

French Casualty

Robertson Capt. G.G.

(Off. M. July 20/16 France)

Informant states that on July 20th "Capt. Robertson was shot in the head and killed during the counter attack that morning". Informant was told this by other men in his Company about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, but he could give me no definite names.

Reference: Cpl. Robert Carew 43,
31st Australians, Headquarters,
3rd Southern General Hospt.,
Home address: The Base, Oxford.
Klondyke,
Kingarry, Queensland.

London,
Aug. 2nd 1916,
Hilda M. Pickard-Cambridge.

31st Battn.
A.I.F.

Robertson,
Capt. G.G.

Missing 20/7/16:

Capt. Robertson was in the charge at Fleurbaix. I saw him hit with shrapnel, he dropped and never moved, when I came back other men told me he was killed.

Cert. by - Hodges, No. 225, 31st Battalion, A.I.F.
4/8/16.

D.P. Dickson
London,
7/8/16.

(Off.M.)

A.I.F. 31st Batt.

FRANCE

ROBERTSON Capt. G.C.

M. 20.7.16.

Pte. "Benny" Austin, A Coy, 31st Batt, told me he saw Capt. Robertson fall as if killed before he got to the German barbed wire in front of their front line trenches at Fleurbaix on the night of July 19th. Austin was wounded. He is in hospital somewhere in France or England with paralysis.

Reference: Pte. S.D. Livermore, 1056, A Coy
5th A.D.B.D. Etaples. 4.8.16.

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A.I.F. 31st Batt

FRANCE

ROBERTSON Capt. G.C.

M. 20.7.16.

I crossed No man's land on the night of July 19th while the advance was on with a box of ammunition. I delivered it and went back for another. On the way back someone drew my attention to Capt. Robertson's body lying near. I was about 12 yards away when first I saw it. This was about 11.30 p.m. I went up to the body and looked at it. I am sure he was dead - apparently killed by machine gun fire. He was lying sideways on with his head towards the enemy. He was a most popular man, greatly liked by his Company. He was in charge of A Coy.

Ref: Pte. F.W. Shilt, 492, L.B.G.S.
5th A.D.B.D. Etaples. 4.8.16.

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French Casualty

31st Australian Imperial Forces

Robertson, Capt. G.G.

(Off. M. July 20th 1916)

Informant states that on 19th July 1916 Capt. Robertson was killed just by the German lines. I saw him killed. He was hit by a bullet and just said "Oh" and dropped dead. He was my company officer.

reference: H.B. Austin, 125,
31st Australian Imperial Forces,
4th London General Hospital,
Denmark Hill, S.E.

Home address:
Belambil Valley,
Tweed River,
New South Wales.

London,
5th August, 1916.
H. Lennox.

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French Casualty

31st Australian Imperial Force

Robertson Capt. G.G.
A. Company.

(Off. M. July 20th 1916)

Informant states that on July 20th 1916 near Leventie, he was told by an eye-witness whose name he now forgets, that Capt. Robertson had been killed at 5 p.m. in a bayonet charge. The eye-witness brought back the Captain's leggings.

Reference: Pte. E. Fisher 1834,
31st Australian Imperial Force,
County of London War Hospt.,

Home address: Epsom.
Howard,

Queensland.
London,
Aug. 5th 1916,
A.W. Arnould.

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French Casualty

31st Australian Imperial Forces

Robertson, Capt. G.G.

(Off. M. July 20th 1916,
France)

Informant states that on 20th July 1916 at about 8.30 a.m. Capt. Robertson rallied his men together in a final desperate effort to bomb the German trenches and was killed. Informant declares that he went out of his mind, as his conduct was most peculiar. He is said to have started bombing his own men instead of the Germans. He had previously been badly wounded in the head."

Reference: Compton, 176,
31st Australians, A. Coy,
Leigh V.A.D. Hospital, Kent 44.

Home address:
Rocky Creek,
via Milmanan,
Queensland.

London,
8th August, 1916.
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31st Battn
A.I.F.,

FRANCE.

ROBERTSON,
Capt.G.G.

M. July 20th 1916.

He was O.C. of A. Company, and I saw him fall in "No Man's Land" on July 19th 1916 at Fleurbaix, just in front of the German wire. He fell straight into a shell hole and doubled up as if dead. I was right next to him at the time whilst we were advancing. I shook him to see if he was alive, but could get no answer so went on. He was the only Capt. Robertson in the regiment and am quite sure it was he. The Germans never advanced to the place where I left him.

H.S.O.

Reference;- Pte. E.A.W.Brown, 2274, A. IV.
5th. A.D.B.D., ETABLES.

17th.August 1916.

Off. M.

FRANCE

31st Batta
A.I.F.

ROBERTSON
Capt. G.G.

M. July 20th 1916

Capt. Robertson was my Company Commander and after we had gone about 50 yards from our trenches in the right wing at Fleurbaix about 6 p.m. he was hit and I think killed. He was a very good officer and was very much liked by his men.

Reference:-

Byers, 1591.

31st Batta

Ward, 35.

Marfield Hospital.

12/8/16

London
18/8/16
D.P. Dickson.

Off. M.