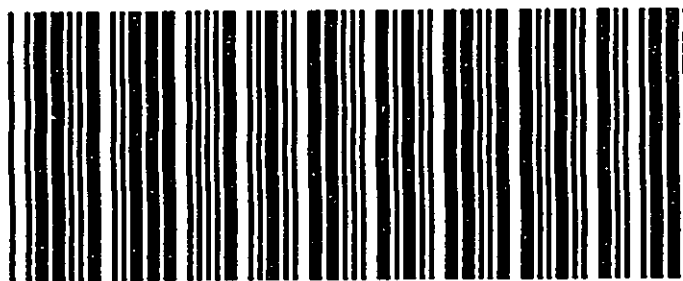


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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980 Sergeant
Alexander Robertson

20th Battalion



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A.I.F.
2nd th. Battalion.

ROBERTSON. 980.
Cpl. Alexander.

"Killed in Action 30.7.16".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
19.10.19.

S. A.

France.

A. I. F. 20.

ROBERTSON, A. 980.

M/1916.

I knew a Sgt. Robertson - that would be about his No. I saw him in a German trench at Pozieres. We were in it for 2 hours, and then had to retire. He got caught by a bullet coming out. I saw him drop. I could not tell how badly he was wounded. He was left lying there. Only six of us got away.

Reference: Robinson, 252, C.Co.,
No. 18 General.

Staples.
11.11.16.
HBA.

copy above

20th. Batt
A.I.F.

ROBERTSON
Sgt. A. 980

"Missing July 1916."

He was shot in German first line on the morning of the 27th. July
I passed word along for this Sgt. and word was passed back that he
was dead.

Cert. by letter from:- S.H. SPARROW Sgt.
No. 4 Command
Worgret Camp
Wareham
Dorset.

London
29-12-16

S.
Alex

M. 26-30.7.16.

20th Batt.
A.E.F.,

C.X.	ALEXANDER W.H.	2329	BRENNIS W.	2358	C.X.
C.XI	BERRY H W	2332	DOWNIE R.P.	1506	"
C.X.	KELLY L	906	KELSEY A	907	"
"	LAVERS G	916	QUAINTON H	2208	"
C.XI	ROBERTSON, Cpl. A	980	SPINKS F.K.J.	2273	IX
C.XI	WAMELEY C.C.	1017	WOOLLETT E.H.	2246	X

These men all went over in the charge at Pozieres on 26th July with me. We got across into the German 1st line at about 3 a.m. on the morning of 27th July. About $\frac{1}{2}$ hour later we had to retire on account of want of supports and lack of bombs. At mid-day we had roll-call and they were all missing. They must either be killed or prisoners and there is little hope of their being prisoners. The majority of the casualties were caused on the way across by M.G. fire since we had to go about 150 yards

under intense M.G. fire in a dawning light. I know them all well. They were in platoons as marked. I saw most of them on the way across. Berry was a signaller. Quinton was a L/C. Robertson was a Sgt. Woollett should be Willett.

Reference:- Pte A.M.Roberts 979 C.X.8
2 A.D.B.D.
Etaples
10.3.17.

SA.

One slip sent to G. + cfiled for group
17-3-17.

Statement made by WO.202 L/SGT ROBINSON A.J. 20th Btn

re No.880 Cpl Robertson A. 20th Btn
Reported Missing 30.7.16

I was in a charging party with Cpl Robertson about July 1916. After the word to retire was given we returned to our original trench and Cpl Robertson failed to return.

Dated at Perham Downs this 30th day of July 1917.

(Sgd) A.J. Robinson,

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) H. Hanson Lt.

*S
H. Hanson
Lt. 3*

20th Batt,
5th Bgde,
A.I.F.

Robertson
Cpl. Alexander, 980.

"Missing"

Killed in Action 30.7.16 - Previously reported Missing

Cert, by A.I.F. Headquarters dated 22.9 17

London 26.9.17

S & Alex.

Robertson, Sgt. A. 980. 20th Batt

See under

W/ep. A. Q. Douglas 848. 20th Batt

S. R. 16.

Robertson Sgt. A. 980. 20th Batt

See under

Pl Y. O Jenkins 1606 20th Batt