

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
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2171 Private  
Ashleigh Robert  
Verdon

34th Battalion



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34th Battn.  
A.I.F.

VERDON,  
A.R. 2171

"DIED OF WOUNDS"

Died 17th Casualty Clearing Station 1.10.17.- G.S.W Arm, Eye and  
leg.  
Cert. by Hpl. Index.

London.  
9.4.18.

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34th Battn.  
A.I.F.

VERDON  
Pte. A.R. 2171

"Died of Wounds"

Re Pte. A.R. Verdon. He was admitted to this Hpl. suffering from severe shell wounds of the eye, arm and leg, and in a critical condition. His condition did not improve and it is with regret I have to inform you of his death, which occurred at 1-15p.m. on the 1-10-17, as a result of these wounds. He was buried two days later in the soldiers' Cemetery near to this Hpl., his grave being duly marked and registered.

Letter from: G.W. Hughes, O.C.,  
17th C.C. Stn. 19-4-18

London  
23-4-18

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34th A.I.F.

Verdon. A.R. 2171.

(D/W. Oct. 1.17.)

Det. D/B.

"I knew Verdon, he was a very good stretcher bearer. He was hit at Zonnebecke and died about 18 hours after, he was buried near Bavaria House, near Zonnebecke."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Lt. J. Monfries.  
34th A.I.F.  
3rd London General Hospital,  
Wandsworth.

28.6.18.  
A.E. Long.

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34th A.I.F.

Verdon, Pte. A.R. 2171 A I.

D/W Oct. 1st 1917. Dets. D/B

"I saw Verdon lying very badly wounded and dying, he was hit in several places. He was with about half a dozen other wounded men, but he would not allow anyone to attend to him until all the others had been taken away because he knew he was dying.

Verdon was "in supports" and was a stretcher bearer, he was recommended for the V.C. We were just holding the line at Zonnebeke at the time."

Eye witness: Yes.

Description: About 5 ft. 5½ ins. in height, age about 25, medium colouring, clean-shaven.

Informant: Sgt. Wm. J. Erwin, 63, A.I.F. A Coy.  
(transferred to D.) IX Pltn.  
Fulham Mil. Hospital.

Home address: Parramatta,  
New South Wales.

15.7.18.  
M.L. Macmorran.

S. J. W.  
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34th Battalion

VERDON A.R. Private, No. 2171

*P/W*  
"Killed 1.10.17"

Verdon was with me in A. Company. On the 6th October we were in the trenches at Zonnebeke. I was in the trench about 158 yards away from Verdon when a shell burst and wounded him very severely. He was taken to the dressing station, but I was told that he died before reaching the dressing station. He was a short thick set man, dark complexion, about 28 years old. I knew him well, he was a stretcher bearer.

INFORMANT :- L. Glen, No. 76  
34th Battalion

B.M.  
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,  
R A N D W I C K.

14.10.18

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34th Battalion.

VERDON A.R. Private  
No. 2171.

"DIED OF WOUNDS 1/10/17."

I knew Verdon, his name was Ashleigh Robert and he left Australia under me as 3rd Reinforcement to 34th Battalion. He was a stretcher bearer at Zonnebeke. He was severely wounded by a shell early in October, 1917 at Zonnebeke and died the same day, this was reported to me the day it happened. I had recommended him for the M.M. (Military Medal) for his work that day as he was doing excellent work and was most popular. He was buried just near Zonnebeke and a cross was erected.

Informant: Licut: J. MONRIES.  
34th Battalion A Company.

Home address: Glenis, Ban Ean via GOULBURN.

H.S.O.  
No. 4 Australian General Hospital RANDEWICK.  
14/10/18

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To

Secretary

Australian Red Cross Society

London

D/W

In reply to your enquiries regarding the late Pte A.R. Verdon AIF.

He was admitted to this hospital suffering from severe shell wounds of the Eye, Arm and leg and in a critical condition.

His condition did not improve and it is with regret I have to inform you of his death which occurred at 1.15pm on the 1.10.17 as a result of these wounds.

He was buried two days later in the Soldiers' Cemetery near to this hospital his grave being duly marked and registered.

F. W. Hughes

19/11/18

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"THE SECRETARY"

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— ENQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

2171. Private A.R. Verdon. 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>th</sup> Batt. A.I.F. 7.4.18.

The Officer Commanding

17<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station. B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 1.10.17. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

F.J.G.