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W. Robertson
11/7/15
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Transit to 53rd BATT BR38

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *2218 396* Name *Robertson W.H.*
Unit *4.2.20 BATT*
Joined on *27/6/15*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? *William Hugh Robertson*
2. In the Parish of *Howra* in or near the Town of *Howra* in the County of *Cambden NSW*
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) *British Subject Natural Born*
4. What is your age? *21 1/2*
5. What is your trade or calling? *grocer*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? *No*
7. Are you married? *No*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) *(Father) John Robertson Wilson St Woolongong N.S.W.*
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? *No*
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurrible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? *No*
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge *No*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? *Yes*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? *No*
14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with Pay would reach eight shillings per day. *Yes*
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? *Yes*

I, *William Hugh Robertson* do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

* And I further agree to allot not less than *two-fifths* of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife *three-fifths* wife and children

Date *12/7/15* *W. Robertson*
Signature of person enlisted.

*This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers, and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects)

Date... 12/4/15

Sgt V.W. Roberts Lt.
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, William Hugh Robertson, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 11/7/15 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

Sgt W.H. Robertson
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Liverpool in the State of NSW this 20th day of July 1915, before me—

Sgt V.W. Roberts Lt.
Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

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Description of William Hugh Robertson on Enlistment.

Age <u>21</u> years <u>10</u> months	DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
Height <u>5'</u> feet <u>7 1/2</u> inches	
Weight <u>123</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>33 3/4</u> inches	
Complexion <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes <u>grey</u> <u>good</u>	
Hair <u>Brown</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>C.E.</u>	

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:-

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 24/6/15
Place Sydney
Agd W. Alfred Tucker
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to

4th Reinforce^{ment} Battalion 9th New Zealand
Date 1. 8. 15 (Agd) G. Hanson lieut
Place Liverpool Commanding 4th Reinforce^{ment} B^{att}

29th ...

Statement of Service of No. 2218 Name William Hugh Robertson

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
4/20 Bn	Private	27-6-15	5-9-15	
9/1st Bn	Private	6-9-15	12/2/16	
1-Bn. 9-R	Pte			
53 rd Battln.	Transferred from 9th Batt 13.2.16 12.16 15th Batt Music to 53rd BATT BR38			B.L. List 38
53 rd Battln	Taken on strength from 1st Batt	14/2/16		B.L. 44

I have examined the above details and find them correct in every respect.

W. Barlow

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2218 3944 Name ROBERTSON
Unit 9 REIN-1. BATT
Joined on 27/6/25

9th Rein forcem'ts.
1st, Bn. 1st, Bn.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? William Hugh Robertson
2. In the Parish of Naura in or near the Town of Naura in the County of Camden NSW
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown) British Subject Nat. Born
4. What is your age? 21 1/2
5. What is your trade or calling? Green
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? so, where, to whom, and for what period? No
7. Are you married? No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) (Father) John Robertson Wilson St. Wollongong NSW
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with Pay would reach eight shillings per day. Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? Yes

I, William Hugh Robertson do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

* And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children three-fifths

Date 12th July Signature of person enlisted. William Hugh Robertson

* This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been entered as replied to by him.

~~I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.~~

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date 12th July

V.W. Roberts
Signature of Attesting Officer

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, William Hugh Robertson, swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 11th July 1915 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's arms to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

W.H. Robertson
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Liverpool in the State of New South Wales this Twelfth day of July 1915, before me—

V.W. Roberts
Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Army Form E

Rank Private

Religion.....

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Date of promo.....

Extended {.....

Occupation.....

Date.....

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(b) Signaller, Shoemaker

Army Form B, 103

53rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

Regimental Number 2944

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Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 9th Reinforcements to 1st Bn. A.I.F.

Rank Private Surname ROBERTSON Christian Name W.H.

Religion Age on Enlistment years months

Enlisted (a) Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a)

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b) or Corps Trade and Rate

Occupation Signature of Officer

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked...		D.O. 7/694.	
1/16.	C.O. 1st Bn. AFB213.	Taken on Strength	Tel-el-Kebir	6/1/16.	A.P. 2489.
2/16.	do	Tf1 to 53rd Battalion at	do	13/2/16.	A.P. 4653. D.O. 28/2614.
do	C.O. 53rd Bn. AFB 213.	Taken on Strength of 53rd Battalion at	do	14/2/16.	A.P. 4155. D.O. 1/304.
	O.C. "Royal George"	Embarked to join B.M.F.	Alexandria	19/6/16.	A.P. 9106.
		Disembarked at	Marseilles	28/6/16.	
1/16.	C.O. 53rd Bn AFB213.	Wounded in action	France	19/7/16.	A.P. 1806. D.O. 38/4151.
1/16.	A.A.G. Anzac Sec. 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.	Reported Wounded & Missing	do	19/7/16.	55/566/5. V.L. 150 of 26/11/16. D.O. 58/6820.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) Signaller, Showing-Smith, &c.

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Captain,
B.

Enlisted.

Signature of Examining Medical Officer

Capl. A. Amis

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to

4th Lieut 20th Battalion 9th Rein. 1st Bn.

Date 1-8-15

Place Liverpool

Commanding *4th Lieut 20th Bn.*

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Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
2/9/17.	C.O. 53rd Bn Court of Enquiry	KILLED IN ACTION	France	19/7/16.	19/566/11. D.O. 73/5399. V.L. 464 of 9/9/17.
ANZAC SECTION 3rd BOMBELON G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force.					(SGD) H. L. FERNS Captain. O. i/c Records....

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Liverpool* in
the State of *New South Wales*
this *Twelfth* day of *July* 191*8*, before me—

W. Roberts
Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

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FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } 53rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F. } ---
OR CORPS } on Troop, }
Battery or Company }

Regimental No. 2944 Rank Private.

Surname ROBERTSON, Christian Names W.H.

Died { Date 19th July, 1916. Place In the Field, FRANCE.

Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION.

Nature and Date of Report (Court of Enquiry convened by C.O., 53rd Bn.A.I.F.
(held "In the Field" on 2nd September, 1917.

By whom made _____

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will (b) in Small Book (if at Base) ---
Not received.
(c) as a separate document ---

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book after withdrawal of any will from the latter. If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Station and Date } ANZAC SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. } W.H. Jones Captain,
} British Expeditionary Force } Adjutant-General's Office at the Base }
29th September, 1917. } O i/c Records.

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Place Ldney

Signature of Examining Medical Officer
W.H. Jones
Capt. A. Lamb

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to

4th Rein 20th Battalion 9th Div, 1st Bde

Date 1-8-15

Place Liverpool

Commanding W.H. Jones
4th Rein 20th Bn.

W. H. Robertson on Enlistment.

years 10 months

feet 7 1/2 inches

lbs. 37 3/4 inches

hair Brown

eyes Blue

complexion Fair

marks B.E.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions:

... syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; ... varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; ... disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked ... B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or ... related to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

... required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of ... ; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

... fit for active service.

Place Sydney

Signature of Examining Medical Officer

Capt. A. Lamb

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required ... have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to ...

4th New Zealand Battalion 9th Regt, 1st Div

Date 1-8-15

Place Liverpool

Commanding 4th New Zealand Battalion

Entitled to 1914/15 Star

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Statement of Service of No. 2216 Name William Hugh Robertson

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
	TAKEN ON STRENGTH FROM at Tel el Kebir	9/1/16	2/1/16	Pr. 694
	TRANSFERRED TO WOUNDED in action France	13/7/16	19/7/16	Pr. 2614 Pr. 4151
MISSING	Wrote Sakpica 4151 of W.O. 38. Indian Hereof read wounded and missing			Pr. 6820
	Preo rep. Wounded or Missing 19.7.16. how rep. KILLED IN ACTION, Authy. France 19.7.16 Court of Enquiry held in the field 2.9.17			Pr. 73 5399 LBB 1809 17.9.17 Cof 6. 25238 Subject Missing

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have examined the above details and find them correct in every respect.

Army Form B. 103

53rd INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

Regimental Number, 2944.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps, ~~9th Reinforcements to 1st Bn. A.I.F.~~

Rank, Private Surname, ROBERTSON, Christian Name, W.H.

Religion, Age on Enlistment, years, months

Enlisted (a), Terms of Service (a), Service reckons from (a),

Date of promotion to present rank, Date of appointment to lance rank,

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b),

Occupation, or Corps Trade and Rate,

Signature of Officer,

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as recorded on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
8/1/16.	C.O. 1st Bn. AFB213.	Embarked ...			D.O. 7/694.
19/2/16.	do	Disembarked...	Tel-el-Kebir	6/1/16.	A.P. 2489.
do	C.O. 53rd Bn. AFB 213.	Tfd to 53rd Battalion at	do	13/2/16.	A.P. 4653.
	O.C. "Royal George"	Taken on Strength of 53rd Battalion at	do	14/2/16.	D.O. 1/304.
		Embarked to join B.E.F.	Alexandria	19/6/16.	A.P. 9106.
28/7/16.	C.O. 53rd Bn AFB213.	Disembarked at	Marseilles	28/6/16.	
		Wounded in action	France	19/7/16.	A.Q. 1806.
23/11/16.	A.A.G. Anzac Sec. 3rd Echelon	Reported Wounded & Missing	do	D.O. 38/4151.	
				19/7/16.	D.O. 58/6820.
				V.L. 150 of 26/11/16.	

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.
(6298) W. 13869/M147 2,400,000 1/17 MeA & W Led Form B.103/4 (E, 898)

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
2/9/17.	C.O. 53rd Bn Court of Enquiry	KILLED IN ACTION	France	19/7/16.	19/566/11. D.O. 73/5399. V.L. 464 of 9/9/17.
	ANZAC SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. British Expeditionary Force.				

W. Robertson
0. i/c Records....
Captain.

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT OR CORPS } **53rd INFANTRY BATTALION A. I. Iron, Troop,**
Battery or Company } **Private.**

Regimental No. **2944** Rank **Private.**

Surname **ROBERTSON,** Christian Names **W.H.**

Date **19th July, 1916.** Place **In the Field, FRANCE.**

Causes of Death **KILLED IN ACTION.**

Nature and Date of Report **(Court of Enquiry convened by C.O., 53rd En.A.I.F. (held "In the Field" on 2nd September, 1917.)**

By whom made _____

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) **Will** (b) in Small Book (if at Base) **Not received.** (c) as a separate document _____

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.
Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.C., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Station and Date } **ANZAC SECTION 3rd ECHELON G.H.Q.**
Signature of Officer in Charge of Section } **W.H. Robertson** **Captain,**
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } **29th September, 1917.** **0 i/c Records.**

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(E2/5) 02691

Dear Sir,

Estate of the late Ronald ROBERTSON.

Your letter RE.4.AK of 23rd February 1961 is acknowledged.

A/B

Enclosed please find Certificate of Death No. 2578 in respect of the death on service of 2944, Private William Hugh Robertson, 1914-18 War.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature] Colonel,
OIC Central Army Records Office.

The Public Trustee,
Box 7, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY N.S.W.

PP/PD
1961

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

ACTION SHEET

1. Wilfred Lighton HANN Being etc.

HEREBY CERTIFY that 2944, Private William Hugh ROBERTSON
53 Australian Infantry Battalion

Died on the nineteenth day of July

One thousand nine hundred and sixteen

Dated the _____ day of _____ 19____

.....
Name of applicant The Public Trustee

Address of applicant Box 7, G.P.O.,
Sydney

Particulars verified as above _____ 158

Certificate of Death No 2578 prepared _____ 126

Covering letter prepared _____ 126

Entered in Certificate Register _____ 126

Certificate of Death (presumption) No _____ prepared _____

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ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO
THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE,
BOX 7, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY.

FOR ORAL ENQUIRIES ASK FOR
MR. Evans

THE PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE



19 O'CONNELL STREET
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

TELEPHONE: 2 0523

OFFICE HOURS:
10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

In your reply quote the Estate
and the initials below.

RE. 4. AK.

23rd February, 1961.

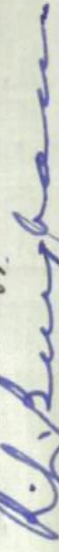
* The Officer-in-Charge,
Army Base Records,
Albert Park Barracks,
MELBOURNE, Victoria.

Dear Sir,

Estate of the late RONALD ROBERTSON.

Please forward a Certificate of Death in respect of William
Hugh Robertson, son of John Robertson and Jessie Johnson Wallace who
was killed on active service at Pozieres, France on 19th July, 1916.

Yours faithfully,


for the PUBLIC TRUSTEE.



E.T. P. 30.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, VICTORIA.

This message has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations.
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OFFICE DATE
30 OCT 1916
MELBOURNE
C.M.T.O.

REMARKS.

259CN STATION FROM, No. OF WORDS AND CHECK.

Wollongong NSW 29 3/1 R P 10 40 a m 12 45pm

Base Records

Melbourne.

2944

If correct that private W H Robertson number twentynine fortyfour
fifty third battaion fourteenth infantry brigade is wounded
kindly give particulars reply paid.

Mrs J Robertson Wollongong.

J. Wollongong

RECEIVED
OCT 4 1916
CORRESPONDENCE SECTION
BASE B2455-061

NOTE.—The figures at the bottom represent the time lodged at
Sending Station and time received at this Office respectively.

National Archives of Australia

NAA: B2455, ROBERTSON WILLIAM HUGH

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Head-quarters,
one Memorial Plaque in connexion with the late

No2944 Pte. W.H. Robertson,

53rd Battalion.



Signature

J. Robertson

Date

September 21 - 1922

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria,
within seven (7) days.

D. 3008/1.32.-C.1004.-58.

Wollongong 21 September 21-1922

Sir

Please send a copy

of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~grave~~ ^{grave} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~me~~ ^{me}

1 Brook Pk Robertson
Wilson St

Wollongong

Father

Office
SEP 25 1922
RECEIVED

Stamp
Jm hb

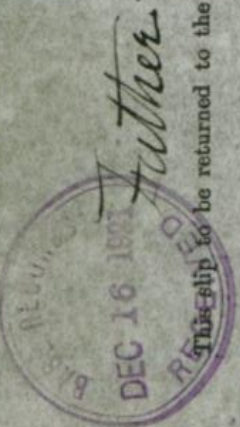
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RECEIPT SLIP.

RECEIVED from the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Department of
Defence, three copies of photograph of the grave of the late No. 2944

Pte W.A.H. ROBERTSON, 55/Btn.



(Signature)

J. Robertson

(Date)

Dec. 10th. 1951

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within seven (7) days.

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Ext. from folder of photo of grave

2944 Pte W.H. Robertson 53/Btn.

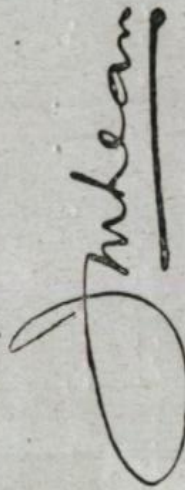
Buried Ration Farm New Mil. Cem. plot 6 row F.
44.

...at a certain hour. Beyond this no further information can be supplied. It is regretted that the movements or name of the transport on which he is arriving cannot be disclosed.

It is to be noted that, owing to possible mutilations in the cabled advice and other causes, this notification may not be correct pending verification from the roll on arrival of the troopship.

Yours faithfully,

It is to be understood that the name will only appear in the Press of the Military District in which the above mentioned enlisted.


Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.1178/1.18.—C.446.

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KP

RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion

with the late No. 2944, Private, W. H. Robertson,

53rd Battalion.

DECEASED SECTION

(Signature)

J. Robertson *Father*

Wilson. St. Helming. N.S.W. (Date) *7th October. 1921*

BASE RECORDS
OCT 10 1921

OCT 11 1921
RECEIVED

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- (a) FOUQUESCOURT BRITISH CEMETERY, 4½ miles NW
of FOYR.
- (b) RATION XXXX NEW MILITARY CEMETERY, 1½ miles
S. of ARMENTIERES.

GRAVES REGISTRATION UNITS.
(EXHUMATION)

46/Bn AIF	3171	LYDIATT	Pte. A	18.8.18
	(a)	(Report Fouquescourt 2.3E)		
8/Bn AIF	3014	BROWN	Cpl. A.C.	11.8.18
	(a)	(Report Fouquescourt 2.27E)		
5/Bn AIF	190	HODGE	Sgt. J	10.8.18
	(a)	(Report Fouquescourt 2.27E)		
53/Bn (Australian)	2944	ROBERTSON	Pte. W. H.	19.7.16
	(b)	(Report Bois Grenier 2.82E)		
54th Bn AIF	1864	WATKINS	Cpl. H.F.	19-20.7.16
	(b)	(Report Bois Grenier 2.91E)		
60/Bn	2644	WAYS	(Pte. W. H. J.)	19.7.16
	(b)	(Report Bois Grenier 2.94E)		

Original in the file of No. 3171 Pte A. LYDIATT.
46/Bn.

IWS

18th August, 1920.

Sir,

your

son the late No.2944 Private W.H. Robertson, 53rd Battalion, he is buried in the
I Ration New Military Cemetery, 1½ miles South of Armentieres.

Yours

Mr. J. Robertson,
Wilson St,
WOOLLOONGONG,
N.S.W.

TELEPHONE:
CENTRAL 4741.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental number,
rank, full name and unit of Soldier referred
to, are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,

Melbourne,

L.O'R.

AP

MRS J. ROBERTSON

WOLLONGONG (N.S.W.)

68

NO OFFICIAL REPORT CONCERNING PRIVATE W.H. ROBERTSON
ASSUME WITH UNIT

BASE RECORDS.

4/10/16.

W

COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES.
2ND MILITARY DISTRICT.

54139

TRANSFER FORM.

Liverpool.

Rank *Private* No. _____ Name *A Robertson*

IS TRANSFERRED FROM *4th Rein 20th Batts*

To *9th Rein 1st Batts*

To date from *1. 9. 15*

Amount of Allotment *nil*

Amount of Separation Allowance *nil*

Date of last pay *31. 8. 15* Fines *nil*

Innoculation *Three* Vaccination *once.*

2 Blank Hets

1 Ground Sheet Signatures of Transferring

1 set 2m ware Officers - - -



A. Parsons *4 of 20th*
Steeves *1st Batts*
G. M. C. McNeil *1st Batts*
G. M. C. McNeil *Colonel.*

Commandant A.I.F. Camp

Date _____

CRIME.

C.M. Form A. 4.

Australian



Military Forces.

CHARGE against No. 2944 Pk. Robertson 10th Squadron, Battery, or Company.
9th Rein 1st Bn Regiment or Corps

Place and Date of Offence.	Offence.	Name of Witness	Punishment Awarded	By whom Awarded and Date of Award
Troopship "A.S." at sea 6.45 p.m. 28. 10. 15	Smoking on Troop Deck.	1st Litter.	10d	S. G. [Signature]
				Lieut Col cc. Troops AS 29. 10. 15

Length of Service... 15 years. weeks

Number of Good-conduct Badges.....

Date of last entry in Conduct Book.....

General Character..... Good

Date of last entry for an act of, or an equivalent of an act of, drunkenness.....

Number of cases of drunkenness within the last twelve months.....

.. .. since enlistment.....

[Signature]
 Commanding Squadron, Battery, or Company

Award entered in Conduct Sheet..... (Initials of person making entry) NAA: B2455. ROBERTSON WILLIAM HUGH
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2ND MILITARY DISTRICT.

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3 Belts
1 Grommet Sheet
1 Ret Linen are

Signatures of Transferring Officers - - -

W. Robertson O.C. 4th Rein 20th Bn
W. McPherson Platoon Leader
O.C. 4th Rein 1st Bn

G. H. McKelvey Colonel.
Commandant A.I.F. Camp

Date _____



53rd INF-BATTALION AIF

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental No. 2964
 Enlisted (a) 8.1.16
 Date of promotion to present rank
 Extended
 Re-engaged
 Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case

Regiment or Corps *9th Heavy Bde*
 Rank *Pte*
 Name *Robertson W.A.*
 Service reckons from (a) *29th*
 Date of appointment to lance rank
 Date of re-engagement
 Qualification (b)
 Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
1	8.1.16 C.O. 1st Lt	Taken on strength	Tel-el-Kebir	6.1.16	B213 AT 2299 DO 7/694
2	19-2-16 C.O. 1st Lt B 213	Transferred to 53rd Battalion at	Tel-el-Kebir	13-2-16	A.P. 4653. DO 28/2614
3	19-2-16 C.O. 53rd Bn. 1213	Taken on strength of 53rd Battalion at	Tel-el-Kebir	14-2-16	A.P. 4455 DO 1/304
4	O.C. "Royal George"	Embarked to join	Alexandria.	19/6/16.	AP/9106.
5	"	Disembarked	"Marseilles	28/6/16.	
6	28.7.16 C.O. Bn B 213	Wounded			DO 38/151
7	25/11/16 A.A.G.	Reported Wounded & Missing	FRANCE	19/7/16	55/566/5 V.L. 150 D.O. 58/6820 26/11/16
		<i>Date of last pay</i>		6/7/16	19/40/94

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g. Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical corps duties.

Report		Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			
12/9/17 8	CO 52 FN COURT OF ENQUIRY	FRANCE	19/7/16	18073/2399 VLH64 of 9/9/17 19/566/11
ORIGINAL	COPIES TO DEFENCE MELB HQDS A.P. & CHIEF PAYMASTER WITH A.F.B. 2090 A		29/9/17 11	CAPTAIN VC RECORDS

E. G.

M. 54/921

XXXX 4780

19 SEP 1924

DESPATCH

Dear Sir,

At the request of the Imperial War Graves Commission I am forwarding herewith a circular order form relative to the purchase of copies of the register of the RATION FARM MILITARY CEMETERY, FRANCE, wherein the remains of your son, the late No. 2944 Pte. W. H. Robertson, 53rd Battalion, are interred.

Should you desire to obtain one or more copies of this register, kindly complete the enclosed application form and return same direct to -

The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne,

accompanied by remittance (Postal Note) to the value of 3/- per copy required.

Prompt attention will be given to orders received in this connection, and the registers will be forwarded post free to applicants without delay.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. J. Robertson,
Wilson St.,
WOOLLOONGONG. N.S.W.

Captain,

Officer i/c Base Records.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
Victoria Barracks, Melbourne,

DEAR SIR OR MADAM,

I am directed to say that there are still in stock a few hundred Pamphlets entitled "**Graves of the Fallen**," a free issue of which was sent to the nominated next of kin some two years ago.

These have nothing to do with the actual photographs of the existing graves or cemeteries, but depict the military cemeteries as they will generally appear when completed, as well as the type of headstone, &c., being provided by the Imperial War Graves Commission.

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Postage stamps will be accepted in payment.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN, Major.

W Mackintosh

Captain

Please send copy to J. Robertson

Wilson Street

D. 2004/S 22 - G. 11146 - 2A

Base Records

W. B. 2455 ROBERTSON

WILLIAM HUGH

RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, one Victory Medal in connexion with the late

No. 2944 Pte. W.H. Robertson,

53rd Battn.



Signature *J Robertson Father*

Date *26 January 1923*

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J. M. LEAN, Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

D.3064/8.22.—C.11146.—5M.
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BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

NAA: B2455, ROBERTSON WILLIAM HUGH

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

DEFENCE
B.D.
35524

No. 2944




Rank Pte Name ROBERTSON, W. H.

Unit 53rd Battalion.

²⁵⁵ Casualty Reported Wounded and Missing 19.7.16

C.I.B. L 793/7722 B D^{td} dmd 6/12/16 ah

³⁴⁰ * Previously reported... Wounded & Missing now reported... Killed in Action 19.7.16
C.I.B. L 21507 9840K dated London 12.9.17.

DATE.	PURPORT.	BURIAL REPORT RECEIVED	REF. NO.
10.12.16	A.F. B. 103 Received	A. F. B. 2090A Received,	
21-12-16	M.O. 2 ADVISED, WOUNDED & MISSING. 19/7/16 COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS		
SEP 15 1917	M.O. 2 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION 19.7.16		
15.11.17	C.I.B. Pensions advised re Casualty vide Statement 70 104		
* 28.3.17	NO PERSONAL EFFECTS IN KIT - B.R.M. No. 17/898		
	Court of Inquiry proceedings received - B. R. M. 40/470		
26.3.20	1914/15 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229/667 mnd	To Comdt. 2 M.D. B.R.M. 48/1155	
	Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched 12/12/19	46.20	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pamphlet sent to Mr J. Robertson 2/12/20 A.H.S.</p> </div>		
9/9/21	BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 2nd. M.D.B.R.M. 53/1175 1211.		
	  	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 150px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">MEMORIAL SCROLL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To Father Mr. J. Robertson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">330246.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23/9/21 A.H.S.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">54/31 14</p> </div>	
6/12.21	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE 2		

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LIST

19 JAN 1923

VICTORY MEDAL to *Father*..... B. R. P. F. 42.
Registered Post No. *4502*..... G. P. O. Melbourne.

MEMORIAL
PLAQUE
To
Father (Direct)
Mr J. Robertson
330246
11/9/22 J.R.S.
@ 12/11/22

4 - OCT 1924
1 Century Register
F82 despatched