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1785 Squadron
Quartermaster
Sergeant
Robert Frederick Carl
Penny

13th Light Horse



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13th A.L.H.

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A.I.F. 3rd Light Horse

PENNY
S.Q.M.-P.F.1785

Died 26.12.18

5' 6" - Medium complexion, age 23/24 - from Brighton, Victoria.
I saw Penny on Xmas day 1918 at Hanteb-Waheries Belgium. On Xmas night he went to bed after a heavy meal - he suffered from Asthma and apparently choked in his sleep this being the Medical opinion. I attended his funeral on 27th December 1918 - I made a temporary cross for his grave which has since been replaced by a tombstone on the grave at Hantes - Waheries cemetery near Charleroi. The tombstone was supplied and erected by voluntary subscription from all ranks of the Regiment. He was a very popular chap with everybody. I have seen the tombstone.

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A.I.F. 9/13th Reg: L.H.

PENNY
A/Cpl. Robt. Fredk. Carl 1785

"D/illness 26-12-18 atls D/B by mail"

Died cause not stated 26-12-18 - M.F.R.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 24-2-19

C.of B. held in field 15-2-19 - finding died acute heart failure
brought on by an overdose of alcohol 26-12-18.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 5-3-19.

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London
6-3-19

13th. Light Horse.

PENNY^e
S.Q.M. Sgt. ~~1785~~ 1785

D. 15.2.19.

I was sharing the same room with Penny on the night of Dec. 26th. 1918., and first thing in the morning called him and passed the usual early morning talk, but getting no reply and noticing that he was very quiet and still, went to look at him. He had apparently died in his sleep as there was nothing to show that he had moved at all after first turning in. The Dr. Major Lade examined him and decided that his death was due to heart failure. This occurred at Hantes Wiheries, Belgium, and he is buried in the Civil Cemetery there. A stone was erected by his comrades and the balance of the money collected for same, was handed to the Caretaker of the Cemetery who is to keep the grave in good order. I was working under him at the time. He was very popular and well-liked by all ranks. He was of slight build, fair complexion and a very active man. I was an eye-witness.

F.E. Slater,
No. 6899,

Private address;
Mortlake, Victoria.

C.B. Sweeney,
H.M.A.T.
Chemitz. 5.9.19.

13th A.L.Horse.
A.I.F.

PENNY
1785. S.O.M. Sgt. P.F.

"Died 26th. 12. 18."

He was found in bed at 3 A.M. on the morning of Dec 26th 1918. He was billeted at HAUNTES WHEIRIES close to HAUGEUGE. Major Lade M.O. on Headqrs 13th L.H. was of the opinion that death was due to heart failure. I saw him buried following ds in the civilian cemetery of HAUNTES WHEIRIES. Lt.-col. Green Padre of the 13th L.H. officiating. A tombstone was erected by his comrades and suitably inscribed. Description About 5'7 in height, fair complexion, medium build about 25 years of age. Had a very sociable disposition.

R.R.Bishop
H.M.A.T. "ZEALANDIC"

INFORMANT:- 1239 Cpl. Hastings A.
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