

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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719 Sergeant
Walton Robert
Grayson

22nd Light Horse



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REPORT

A.I.F. **WILLIAM GRAYSON**
22nd. Corps **WALTER ROBERT**
not 2nd. Aus. Mt. Regt. T/Sgt.
4 I.H. Regt.

Cause of Death	Place	Date	Remarks
<p>No trace Germany.</p> <p>Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.</p> <p>London. 22.10.19.</p>	<p>"Killed in Action 26.4.18".</p>		<p>H.</p>

2nd Ans. I.H.R.
late 4th L.H.

GRAYSON, E. R.
P.Sgt. 719.

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"I knew Casualty. He was a stout built man, about 5 ft. 8 ins. medium complexion 30 years of age. Casualty was at Bridge Wood near Kemmel in the front line. He went out to link up with a party on our right with a Corporal. He had just about got there when an H.E. shell landed near him a piece hitting him in the body killing him instantly. I was about 200 yds. away at the time of his death. We were relieved soon after and he was left on the field to be buried by the relieving party."

Informant:- Sgt. C. E. Bird,
No. 226, 2nd L.H.R.

Private address:-
25 West Street,
Brunswick.

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2nd Anz.L.H.Regt.
late 4th L.H.

GRAYSON, W. R.
T/Sgt. 719

Killed in Action 26/4/18

"I knew casualty. He was a stout built man about 5'7" fair complexion, about 30 years of age. Casualty was with the Battalion when in the front line at Veuvestrit near Ypres. He volunteered to go in a patrol to No Man's Land to seek information and while going out he was shot in the abdomen by a machine gun bullet which killed him instantly. I did not see him killed but Sgt. L. H. Murray from Terracknabeui was the only one who saw him. I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:- Pte. C. Davis,
No. 1709, 2nd A.L.H.

Private address:-
Maryborough;

H.A.T.
27/6/19;

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GRAYSON "D.O.M."
T/Sgt. W.R. 719

"KILLED 26-4-18"

About this date at Veerstraat (?) near Mt. Kemel. He was out on patrol with two other men at the time of enemy's push. The other two men Cpl. Murray and Pte. Johnstone of 22nd Corps L.H. said they got too near enemy line, half a dozen Machine Guns opened up and Grayson fell - killed outright shot through heart. They were all on feet, the other two men Murray & Johnstone got back, as they were almost surrounded and Grayson was left where he fell. His body was not recovered as far as we know.

Informant - Dunne, Sgt. V.P. 564
22nd Corps L.H.
Anzac Buffet.

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J.E.A.

Note:- Murray and Johnson^J written to.

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A.I.F. Light Horse Corps 22.

GRAYSON, DOM. T/Sgt. F.R. 719.

X. April 26/18. Det. D/B.

Grayson was a stiff jovial man of medium height, keen on sport, hair turning grey, age about 33. On April 26 we were in front of Diekbusch on the left of Kemmell Hill in the Ridge Wood Sector. The enemy shell fire was very heavy, one shell dropped close to Grayson and killed him instantly. He was not badly damaged. A Scottish unit buried him where he fell. I saw this being about 200 yards away at the time.

Reference: Sgt. Eric Buchanan, 1676.
No. 11 Con. Camp Bucky Nr. Rouen, 17.8.18.

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22nd Light Horse Corps.
A. I. F.

GRAYSON, ^{2nd Lt}
W. R. 719.

"killed 26.4.18."

I heard that he was killed by a sniper at Vierstraaffe (?)
Munt Kemmel, impossible to bury him owing to heavy fire. ^{Deed instant:}

Eye Witness:- No.

Home address.
40 Curran Street.
H. Melbourne. Victoria.

Informant:- Sgt. V. P. Dunne 564.
2nd Anzac Mounted Rgt.
B Co. A. I. F.
King George's Hpl.

P. C. Farry.
London.
25.9.18.
J. E. A.

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Grayson, D.C.M. T/Sgt, W.R. 719

K. An. 20/18.

Grayson was shot through the stomach in front of Hill 60, near Skrewsbury Forest. He was out on patrol with Sgt. Murray at the time, but it was impossible to get the body in so it had to be left where it lay.

Grayson was a very fine fellow indeed; always ready for anything, and held in the highest esteem by all of us.

Inf: Maidment, Corp. P. 1529, 22nd L.H. Corps.

G.F.G.

Westham Camp

3/10/18

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Written Sgt. Murray
24.10.18*

22nd L.H. Corps *A.M.D.*
A.I.F.

GRAYSON "D.C.M."
T/Sgt. W.R. 719

"Killed 26-4-18"

Refer to Cpl. A.R. Johnson, 284 B. Sqd., 22nd L.H. Corps,
for he saw him killed at Kemmel. Grayson was out on patrol
and was shot through the head and died instantly. He was
not buried at the time. Cpl. Johnson is a 1914 man and will
probably be going to Australia soon.

Informant. Gunn: Tpr. A.E. 265
22nd L.H. Corps,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

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London
1-10-18
J.E.A.

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Letter returned
Cpl Johnson gone to Australia
30.10.18

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Written Cpl Johnson,
24.10.18