

Corporal William (Bill) Byron (c.18551919)

<https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/people/bill-byron.html>

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Biography

Bill Byron was a 44^[2] (or 64^[3]) year-old drover from Roebourne who enlisted in the 1st AIF (service number 2167) on 13 December 1915.^[2] He was a friend of Aubrey Hall¹, and godfather to Aubrey's daughter Margaret². In February 1916 he was stationed at Blackboy Hill in Perth.^[1] He died in Cairo on 2 June 1919, after being shot while "endeavouring to arrest a Turkish prisoner of war".

References

- [1] *1916-02-23 Rosenstamm to Aubrey Hall* (Item 273, 1916 February 23 Wednesday)
- [2] 10th Australian Light Horse Regiment, Embarkation Roll, 15th Reinforcements³ (archive link⁴):
2167, Private William BYRON, a 44 year old Drover from Roebourne, Western Australia. He enlisted on 13 December 1915; and at the conclusion of the war Died of Wounds, 2 June 1919.
- [3] Roll of Honour: William Byron⁵, Australian War Memorial:
Service number: 2167. Rank: Trooper. Unit: 10th Australian Light Horse Regiment. Service: Australian Imperial Force. Date of Death: 02 June 1919. Place of Death: 14th Australian General Hospital, Abbassia, Cairo, Egypt. Cause of Death: Accidental. Age at Death: 64. Place of Association: Brewarrina, New South Wales, Australia. Cemetery or Memorial Details: Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Cairo, Egypt. Trooper Byron died of gun shot wounds accidentally inflicted while he was

¹<https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/people/harold-aubrey-hall.html>

²<https://hmwilson.archives.org.au/people/helen-margaret-hall.html>

³http://alh-research.tripod.com/Light_Horse/index.blog/1976663/10th-australian-light-horse-regiment-embarkation-roll-15th-reinforcements/

⁴https://web.archive.org/web/20211003052726/https://alh-research.tripod.com/Light_Horse/index.blog/1976663/10th-australian-light-horse-regiment-embarkation-roll-15th-reinforcements/

⁵<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1676239/>

endeavouring to arrest a Turkish prisoner of war.

Related items (8)

Collection of photos and notes about Bill Byron

IDENTIFIER: 85
TYPE: ArchiveComponent
DATE: c. 1900
DESCRIPTION: A group of four photos, a note and, a document.
SUB-ITEMS: 163 (p.1), 210 (p.1), 209 (p.1), 73 (p.1), 84 (p.2), 86 (p.2).

Thought to be Bill Byron at his camp

IDENTIFIER: 73
TYPE: Photograph
DATE: c. 1910
DESCRIPTION: "From Gwyn Hutchinson thought to be Bill Byron's camp." From a group of four photos, a note and, a document.

Bill Byron

IDENTIFIER: 163
TYPE: Photograph
DATE: c. 1910
DESCRIPTION: Bill Byron, possibly in Cossack.

Bill Byron in Roebourne or Cossack

IDENTIFIER: 210
TYPE: Photograph
DATE: c. 1910
DESCRIPTION: William Byron in Roebourne or Cossack, Western Australia.

Poems sent to Aubrey Hall from William Byron

IDENTIFIER: 209
TYPE: Article
DATE: c. 1910
DESCRIPTION: Letter from Bill Byron to Aubrey Hall, containing two poems and a short message. The po-

ems are *The Man with the Hoe* by Edwin Markham (1852-1940) and *My Madonna* by Robert W. Service (1874-1958). Possibly written around the time of Aubrey's marriage, when Aubrey was in Busselton and presumably Bill was still in Cossack. Certainly written after the end of 1909, as the poems were all taken from the 24 December 1909 issue of the London newspaper *T.P.'s Weekly*. Written on the back of *Roebourne Road Board* paper.

TYPE: ArchiveComponent

DATE: c. 1920

DESCRIPTION:

1916-02-23 Rosenstamm to Aubrey Hall

IDENTIFIER: 273

TYPE: collection

DATE: 1916 February 23 Wednesday

DESCRIPTION: Letter from B. Rosenstamm, a Perth saddlery, to Aubrey Hall with an enclosed booklet entitled 'Treatment and Care of the Feet', by William M. Scholl of London. Sent at the request of Bill Byron, Aubrey's friend from Roebourne, who was at Black-boy Hill awaiting departure for Egypt (where he died in 1919).

Military portrait of Bill Byron

IDENTIFIER: 84

TYPE: ArchiveComponent

DATE: 1917

DESCRIPTION: A photographic portrait and postcard of Bill Byron, sent to Ernest and Winifred Hall in 1917.

Transcription

"It was merry in the glowing morn
Among the gleaming grass
To wander as we wandered many a mile.
And watch the cool tobacco smoke in white wreaths as
it passed
Sitting loosely in the saddle all the while.
T'was merry in the blackwoods
When we spied the station roofs
To wheel the wild scrub cattle at the yard.
With a running fire of stockwhips
And a firey run of hoofs
The hardest day was never then too hard."

"Gordon"

To E. & W. Hall,

With best wishes & kindest memories from

W. Byron.

Sinai Peninsula

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Given to H.M. Wilson by Gwyn Hutchison. Wm. Byron was my godfather & was killed in the 1914-18 war. 1979.

Handwritten note about Bill Byron

IDENTIFIER: 86