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Dear Mr Gibson,

**THIS LETTER IS ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION FOR
COMMEMORATION BENEFITS**

DECISION

For the purposes of commemoration, the death of
Robert Thomas Gibson is determined to be war-caused.

I refer to your application for the provision of a War Graves commemoration for your late grandfather, Robert Thomas Gibson.

Lance Corporal Robert Gibson rendered operational service during World War I, with the 53rd Battalion. He enlisted on 2 May 1917 and was discharged on 23 May 1919. He left Australia on the *Miltiades* on 2 August 1917 and returned on the *Ulysses* on 4 March 1919. Robert Gibson served in England and France and was wounded in action on 2 September 1918 in France, sustaining a gunshot wound to the chest.

Robert Gibson died on 28 July at the age of 29, the underlying causes of death being haemorrhage from a gastric ulcer and influenza and pneumonia.

Having considered the available evidence, I cannot be reasonably satisfied that there is **not** a causal relationship between Mr Gibson's service and his death. Accordingly, I must determine the death of Robert Gibson to be war-caused for the purposes of commemoration.

The Office of Australian War Graves has been advised of my decision. They will contact you shortly to make the necessary arrangements.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9213 7391.

Yours sincerely,


Philippa Hook

Delegate of the Repatriation Commission

"Serving the men and women who served in defence of the nation"