



Captain Henry William Albert COBB

[1915 – 1940]



Name: Henry William Albert **COBB**

Rank: Captain

Service Number: QX6313

Unit: 2/7 Cavalry Regiment

Service: Australian Army

Born: 2 April 1915; Kandanga, Qld

Enlisted: 11 July 1940; Caboolture, Qld

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Date of Death: 19 December 1942 (aged 27 years)

Place of Death: Sanananda, Papua

Cause of Death: Killed in Action

Buried / Commemorated: Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery, [grave A7.C.12]
 Australian War Memorial [panel 12]
 Roll of Honour – Caboolture, Qld

Next of Kin: Son of William and Isabella Cobb
 Husband of Thelma Rose Cobb of Caboolture, Qld

In Civilian Life:

On enlistment, lived at Caboolture, Qld with his wife.
 He was employed as a saddler and cycle mechanic.

Military Service:

November 1935 Lieutenant, 2/14 Light Horse (CMF);
 March 1940 Temporary Captain
 June 1940 2/14 LH called up for duty; appointed Lieutenant, 7 Division Cavalry
 Regiment
 December 1940 –
 March 1942 Overseas service (Middle East)
 August 1941 Captain
 April 1942 –
 September 1942 1 Aust Armoured Training Regiment
 September 1942 2/7 Div Cavalry Regiment, New Guinea. Detached to No.7 Long
 Range Recce Patrol
 19 December 1942 Killed in Action; Sanananda, New Guinea

Circumstances of Death:

Captain Cobb was commanding D Squadron 2/7 Cavalry Regiment under command of 30 Brigade. The Brigade was advancing toward Sanananda Point and was delayed by Japanese road blocks. Cobb led a part of his squadron to re-join forward positions at "Huggins", but was pinned down by Japanese fire for over a day. Cobb evacuated his wounded and remained alone at the forward point. He was not seen alive again. In these actions 2/7 Cavalry Regiment lost 7 officers and 33 other ranks killed.

Sources included:

Australian War Memorial

- National Archives of Australia
- Sundry web pages
- *United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992* by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports and sundry documents

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