



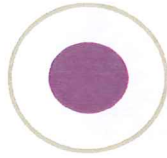
Headstone Rededication Ceremony



2383 Private Robert Oliver Bowness

**Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery Cemetery
France**

2.00pm Wednesday 4th July 2018



4th Pioneer Battalion, 1st AIF

2383 PTE Robert Oliver Bowness

Record of Service Extract

- 30 Mar 1916 Enlisted Australian Imperial Force
Allocated to 4th Reinforcements 4th Pioneer
Battalion
- 8 Aug 1916 Sailed from Brisbane
- 25 Feb 1917 Marched into 4th Pioneer Battalion, France
- 8 Jun 1917 Reported Missing in Action, later Wounded in
Action
- 15 Jun 1917 Rejoined unit from wounded
- 5 Jul 1918 Missing in Action believed Killed in Action
Later confirmed Killed in Action near Hamel,
France

Awards and Decorations



British War Medal

Victory Medal

Order of Service

Welcome

Background

Reading of Service Record

Unveiling of the Headstone

Prayer and Blessing of the Headstone

Reflective Verse

Official Wreath Laying

Ode

Last Post

One Minute's Silence

Closing Remarks

*...They are not dead: not even broken,
Only their dust has gone back home to the earth
For they, the essential they, shall have rebirth
Whenever a word of them is spoken.*

Dame Mary Gilmore