

Reuben, commonly referred to as Dick, was born in Surry Hills in 1893, the son of Martin Gullofsen and Ellen Mary, nee Myers. Not long after Reuben's birth, Martin deserted the family and in 1902, Ellen successfully gained a divorce. In 1905 she remarried James Martin Corry.

On 11th August 1914, Reuben joined the AN&MEF, stating that he was a Horse Driver by trade, single, and that his next of kin was his sister, Mrs Wescott, 2 Norton St, Surry Hills.

Reuben returned to Australia and was discharged on 4th March 1915, time expired, after 206 days with the AN&MEF in Rabaul.

Four days after returning to Sydney, Reuben joined A Coy, 18th Battalion (service number 282) and embarked on the CERAMIC on 25th June 1915 for the Middle East. On 16th August he arrived on Gallipoli and 11 days later, on 27th August he went missing, presumed killed.

There is some confusion in the reports of his time in Gallipoli. A report by Corporal Simpson (Service Number 318) says;

"Gullofsen was in A Coy. I saw him on August 24th/25th wandering in the area; he had got sunstroke and was out of his mind. I helped to bring him into rest gully. He was from there taken to the Dressing Station and then sent off the Peninsular"

A statement from Pte Elliott 280 says;

"I knew him personally. He was killed about 27th August 1915. He was alongside of Lieut. Blackett when killed. He was orderly to Lieut. Blackett."

Reuben has no known grave and is remembered at the Lone Pine Memorial and on Panel 85 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.