

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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5021 Corporal
William Irvine Glasgow

21st Battalion



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Australians. 21.

28th November 1918.

Glasgow W.I. No. 5021.

K. 1st September 1918. Det D/B.

- I knew him well. He was a Corporal. - He came from Victoria. He was about 22, a thickset chap, with no particular traits. About the 1st September we were behind Mont St Quentin in reserve. Glasgow was with H.Q., which were in a quarry. When he was hit by a shell and killed right out. I saw the occurrence. The pioneers buried the body, but I don't know where.

Inf:- Pte T.J. Carregh 56. 6037. " "
A.I. No. 21 A.C. H.Q. "
Anstra. Conv. Depot.

CWSG.

PP.

A.I.F. 21st Battn.
D.Ccy 16, Platoon.

GLASGOW
W.I. 5021.

"Killed 1.9.18."

I didn't see Corporal Bill Glasgow killed instantly at
Mont St. Quentin, about 10 or 11 a.m. by a piece of shell
which penetrated his heart whilst he was sitting up against the
bank in the cutting. I buried him at the British Military
Cemetery near Mont St. Quentin. A cross was erected. Cpl. Glasgow
was from Cuttrim, Gippsland.

Informant: - Pte. A.B. Anthecnsen, 5539,
(was) 21st Battn. D. Ccy,
Frame.

H.C.H.
London
9.12.18.
J.E.A.

P.I.

A.I.F. 21st Battn.

GLASGOW
W.S. 5021.

"Killed 1/9/18."

Glasgow was killed at Battalion Headquarters at Mont St. Quentin. It was early morning and he was killed instantly by a shell. He is buried quite near by the Railway Cutting. I was an eye-witness. Ground was held. Death was instantaneous.

Informant:- 2755, Pte. R. McIntosh, (Reliable.)
21st (24) Battn. A.I.F.
Duston War Hospital,
Northampton.

Gertrude MacKinnell..
London
2.12.18.
H.G.

P.I.

A.I.F. 21st Battr.

GLASGOW
50217.J.

"Killed 1.9.18."

Glasgow was killed by a shell at Headquarters Mont St. Quentin, on the Somme front on the 1st September 1918. Informant was just passing by when he was killed. Death was instantaneous. Glasgow was buried between St. Quentin and the chalk pits; his grave is marked. Glasgow was in Informant's Platoon before he went to Headquarters. Ground was held. Description: - 5ft. 6ins. fair complexion, clean shaven, age about 25. Christian name William.

Informant: - 6316, Pte. Merlyn Walter Reynolds,
21st Battr.,
Section 3,
Exeter War Hospitals.

Home address: -
Jupton Street,
Bellarat, Victoria,
Australia.

G. Benson.
London
23.12.18.
H.G.

P.I.

A.I.F. 21st Battn.

GLASGOW

W.I. 5021.

"Killed 1.9.18."

I saw Cpl. Bill Glasgow of Headquarters killed instantly by 5.9 shell (back burst) at Mont St. Quentin in a railway cutting with Sgt. McMahon (wounded by same shell), Sgt. Trewhella and myself about 2 p.m. The body was taken back next day and buried at Clery Cemetery. Lieut. Holt's and Pte. Sweet's bodies were taken back at same time. A cross was erected over each. I handed in the papers and books and have his disc. Glasgow. Fair, medium height, 21/24 years.

Informant:- Sgt. E. Everett, 149,
was 21st Battn. D. Coy,
France.

E.C.H.
London
24.12.18.
E.G.

P.I.

Australian War Contingent Association.

HOSPITAL VISITING COMMITTEE.

Date 17. 10 1918

Names in full of person enquired for

W Irvine Glasgow

Rank

Cpl

Regl. No.

5021

Battn

21

Details known up to date

K. A. 1.9.18 del 20.10.18

Name of Enquirer

7336 Glasgow J. P.

Address

8 Br. A. I. F.

7336 Pte. J. Glasgow.
8th Infantry Bn.
Aust. Imp. Force.
B.F.F.

December 5th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for 5021 Cpl. W.I. GL-8607. 21st Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you of the following unofficial reports which we have received about him from men in his unit.

6037 Pte. T.J. Carreau stated that on about Sept. 1st they were in reserve behind Mont St. Quentin. Cpl. Glasgow was with the Battalion Headquarters which were in a quarry, when he was killed instantly by a shell. He was buried by the pioneers.

This report is confirmed by 2755 Pte. R. McIntosh when interviewed at Duston War Hospital, Northampton, who added that the casualty occurred in the early morning, and that he was buried close by at a Railway Cutting.

We are pursuing our enquiries and will advise you as soon as any further particulars reach us.

Trusting the above reports may be of some assistance to you and with our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) - *Miss*

Secretary.

December 11th, 1918.

7336 Pte. J. Glasgow.
8th Bn. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

In further reply to your enquiry re 5021 Cpl. W. IRVINE GLASGOW. 21st Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have had the following unofficial information from Pte. A.B. Anthonsen 5539. 21st Bn, who states that Cpl. Glasgow was killed instantaneously at Mont. St. Quentin about 10 or 11 a.m. by a piece of shrapnel which penetrated his heart while he was sitting up against a bank in the cutting. He did not see him killed but helped to bury him at the British Cemetery near Mont St. Quentin. A cross was erected.

Assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) V.D.,

Secretary,

K.M.

January 2nd, 1919.

7336 Pte. J. Glasgow.
8th Batta. A.I.F.
B. I. F.

Dear Sir,

In further answer to your enquiry concerning 5021 Cpl.
W. IRVINE GLASGOW, 21st Battalion, A.I.F. We beg to send further
unofficial reports.

149 S. t. P. Everett, 21st Batta. D. Coy, states that he
saw Cpl. Glasgow killed instantaneously by shell in a railway
cutting about 2 p.m. at Mont St. Quentin. The body was taken
the next day and buried at Clergy Cemetery. A cross was erected
over the grave. "I handed in the papers and books and have his
disc."

6376 Pte. H.W. Reynolds also states that he was an
eyewitness of his death.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *A. M.*

SECRETARY.