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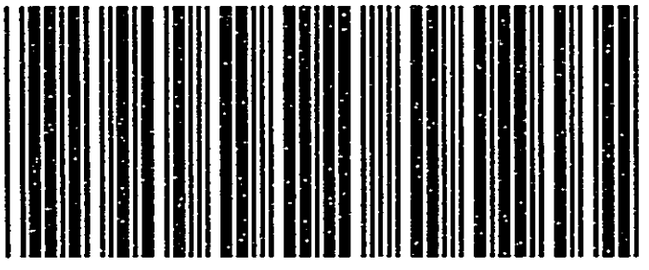
167 Sergeant Colin Douglas McCowan

42nd Battalion



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42nd Battn.
A.I.F.

McCowan.
S/Sgt. C.D. 167

"Unoff.Wounded"

This N.C.O. has not rejoined this Battalion nor can any details be obtained as to his present whereabouts as no Hospital Reports have been received here regarding him.

Letter from:-
Lieut.F.J.Needham.
42nd Battn.A.I.F.
26.10.17.

London.
22.11.17.

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42nd Battn
AIF

McCowan
Q.D. 167

"Wded and Missing June 25th 1917"

He was a Sgtn and he got blown to pieces by the same shell which got me. We were quite close together in a sub back trench fixing sandbags at Messines. Seven of us where hit by the same shell and only two of us were found. Norris was killed, McCowan was Cpl. then Sergt. About 5'11" to 6' Nice Sgt. Stout fellow.

Witness:-

J. Stone 1980
42nd Battn
Harefield
Ward 43

W.Alison
London.
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Havre. 8th. May. 1918.

42nd. Australians. McCowan, C. D. 167.

W. & M. June. 25/1917.

He was in D. Coy, 14th. Pltn. He was a Sergeant. Private Page 42nd. Battalion, D. 15, told me a few days ago that he had seen a shell burst in a shell hole where McCowan was on June 25th during an attack. They went to look for him soon after but could find no trace. McCowan was a light haired chap, about 5 feet 8, very sunburnt face, very quiet chap.

Inf:- Private. J. O'Reilly. 981.
42nd. Australians. D. 15.
H. S. "Essequibo".

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).
54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Pte. Pasc
D Coy. XV Pltn.
42nd Battn. C.1.7.
Abroad

Dear Sir,

167 We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit
1 Pte. P.D. McGowan D Coy. XIV Pltn.
42nd Battn. C.1.7. W/M. 26.6.17.
and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you could send us concerning Pte. P.D. McGowan and would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance, or any points that would help us to prove his identity.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

SECRETARY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SECRETARY," WOUNDED AND MISSING — ENQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "QUESTMAN, LONDON."

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Oct.16th. 1917.

The O.C,
42nd Battn.A.I.F.,
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have received a cable through our Brisbane Bureau about - 167 S/Sgt.Colin Douglas McCOWAN of your unit, who was officially reported wounded on 25.6.17 and has never been admitted to any hospital. Will you kindly let us know if he has rejoined, as we should very much like to get in touch with him and cable back to his people.

Awaiting your reply, and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

Secretary.

167 S/Sgt C. D. McCowan
42 Bat'n A.I.F
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42nd Battalion A.I.F.,
Headquarters,
26th Oct. 1917.

The Secretary,
Australian Red Crodd Society,
LONDON.

re No 167, Sgt C.D.McCOWAN.

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For ~~O.C.~~ 42nd Battalion A.I.F.