

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5301 Private
Norman McCowan**

22nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 22nd Btn

McCOWAN
N. 5301

"Wded & Missing"

Killed in action 3-5-18⁷ - - previously reported Wded & Missing
ert. by A.I.F. Hqs 21-5-18.

London
24-5-18

OFF.M. &P.I.

15-3-18.

Ans 19/3/18 of. Wm W Edwards -
7, HERBERT CRESCENT,
S.W.

From Captain Hume Robertson

To Secretary Enquiry Branch
Anti-Red F.

5301 Pte Norman McCowan
22nd Batt. D Coy.

Reported missing on May 3rd or 5th 1917

Have you any information about
this man. if so I would be
much obliged for the same

Hume Robertson
Captain A.I.F.

Missing Draft

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28.8.17

Mr Hugh B. Philpott
6 Highbury Hill
N.6


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6301 Pte. H. Mc Cowan
22nd Batt. A.I.F

Officially Wounded Missing

3.5.17

RECEIVED

per 

37th Bu. A. I. F. No. 1055
Hosking P. E. E.
Casualty as in list. H. M. 23/17
Hosking is buried at Bloubaert
RECEIVED
17 AUG 1917
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

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6 Highbury Hill
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Capt. Hume Robertson
Chaplain A. J. F.

Cw Hon. W^m Edwards

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28-8-17

6 Highbury Hill N.S.

20th Aug. 1917

Dear Sir,

I shall be grateful
if you will kindly let me
know whether you have any
news of my cousin

Corpl. R. Mc. Cowan 5301

14th Reinforcement 22nd Batta.
A. I. F.

who was reported "wounded
and missing" since May 3.

Yours faithfully
Hugh R. Philpott

The Enquiry Bureau
Australian Red Cross.

Capt. Chap. Hume Robertson,
7, Herbert Crescent,
S.E.

20th March, 1918.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry of 15th inst., for

5501 Pte. N. McCOWAN, 22nd Battalion, A.I.F.

who is officially reported Wounded & Missing since 3-5-17, we much regret to inform you that in spite of our continuous efforts to do so, we have ^{never} been able to obtain any information concerning his fate. There has never been any trace of him as a prisoner of War in Germany.

It happens unfortunately in only too many cases of men reported Missing after a big engagement that no definite news of their fate is ever obtained.

It can only be assumed that they fell unnoticed in the turmoil and confusion of the attack and that their bodies were buried either by the earth thrown up through subsequent shelling, or later by the enemy.

Should we ever receive any information concerning Pte. McCowan we shall at once advise you, - we fear however, there is little hope of news of him coming to light now, so many months after the engagement in which he was posted missing.

We sincerely regret our inability to send you more satisfactory news.

Yours faithfully,

M. Ryan
SECRETARY.

Hugh B. Philpott Esq.
6, Highbury Hill,
N. 5.

Capt Anne Robertson C.F.

Easton. Mrs Edwards.

*Herbert Crescent.
S.W.*

Hugh B. Philpott, Esq.,
6, Highbury Hill,
N. 5.

May 27th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We deeply regret to inform you that -

5301 Pte. H. MacCOWAN, 22nd Battalion, A.I.F.

is now reported officially as killed in action on 3-5-17, having been reported previously as missing on that date. As his casualty happened over a year ago we fear that there is no longer any hope of obtaining details of his death and we are forced to remove his name from our enquiry lists although we shall immediately advise you should further particulars be received.

With our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

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SECRETARY.

FROM

Capt. HUME ROBERTSON,

Chaplain A.I.F.

N2. A.G.H.

FRANCE.

10/6, 1918.

12.6.18

Dear Miss Deakin

Thank you for your letter re
5301 Ste N 2nd Avenue 22nd Dist. I have written
his wife

Slips

Information wanted re Gunner Jack
* Leahy 103rd How: Battery reported
killed in action on 5th Nov.

A Gunner Bates has written that Jack
Leahy did not die immediately after
being hit.

Have you any record?

Yours with kindest regards
& congratulations on your home

Sincerely
Hume Robertson

Miss Deakin

Home Row +

Grosvenor Place

London.