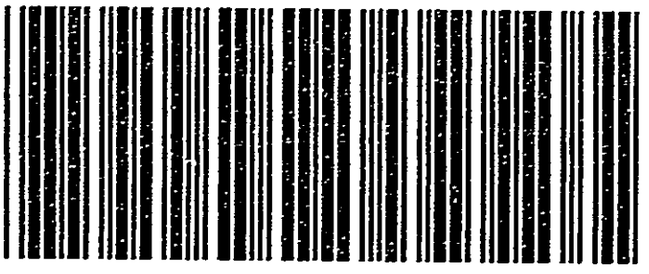
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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4146 Private
John Neil McCracken

57th Battalion



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[redacted] A.T.S.		Mr. CRACKEN John Neil 4146.	
"Killed in Action 27.9.17"			
No trace Germany	Cert. by Capt. Hills. 10.10.19.		
Name.	Unit.	Casualty.	Cause of Casualty.

(C) London. 23.10.19.

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A.I.F. 5'.h Btn

McCRACKEN
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J.M. 4146

"MISSING"

Killed in action 27-9-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 8-5-18.

London
10-5-18

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A.I.F. 57th Battn

McCRACKEN
J.H. 4146

Wounded-Nov-Dec-Jan

No casualty reported
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 25-1-17

Admitted 38th Casualty Clearing Station France 24-11-16
Cert by Hospital Index

Rejoined from Hospital 7-12-16 - Gun shot wound thigh
Cert. by letter from Rouen 2-2-17

London
5-2-17

M.

A.I.F. 58th Battn

McCRACKEN
(McCRACKEN)
J.H. 4146

"Wounded-Jan-Feb"

Admitted 5th General Hospital 27-1-17 - Gun shot wound arm - sh. W. eye

Trans - 2nd Birmingham War Hospital 7-3-17

Trans - 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital 10-3-17
Cert. by Hospital Index

Suffering from Gun shot wound right thigh and arm only - fair - farm from convalescent
Cert. by 'phone 17-3-17.

London
19-3-17

H.

A.I.F. 57th Btn

McCRACKEN
(McCRACYEN)
J.N. 4146

"W. Jan-Feb"

Wounds are healing well - Is being treated for deafness and progress is satisfactory
Cert. by 'phone 26-4-17.

M.

London
27-4-17.

B.L.H.

A.I.F. 57. McCracken J.N. 4146.

K. 27
~~M.~~ Sept. ~~29~~th 1917.

I knew Pace hart and McCracken. We were in action together at Polygon Wood. Things were getting warm and they took cover in a shell hole. I can swear that a shell dropped and blew the shell hole to smithereens.

Inf. Sgt. Howard.
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57th Btn.

McCRACKEN. J. H.
Pte. 4146.

K. in act. 27/9/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, about 5 ft. 3 in. medium build, medium complexion, about 28 years of age. Casualty was in a shell hole at Polygon Wood on the 16th September, 1918. An H.E. shell exploded in the shell hole killing him instantly and Pte. J. Hart and H. T. Pace. I was in another shell hole alongside and I saw Casualty's body immediately afterwards. He was most severely wounded all over. I do not know if Casualty was ever buried."

Informant:- Sgt. W. Bennett,
No. 1511, 57th Btn.

Private address:-
31 Hunter Street,
Abbotsford.

Mod Staff.

T.C.H.
31/1/19.

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57th. Btn.

McCracken. J.E. Pte.
No. 4x 4146.

Killed in action 27.9.17.

I knew Casualty, he was fair, of slim build, 5'6" in height, 21 yeers of age, known as "Mac".
Casualty was attacking with me and two others, Privates Pace, and Hart, when Casualty said we are getting relieved at seven oclock this morning, and just at that moment the enemy put over a very heavy barrage, which buried me, and killed Casualty, and Pte. Pace, and Pte. Hart. I do not know what happened to their bodies.

HART
Sc 15 6 2
J. 57 B.G.

Informant:-
Pte. W. Stokes, No. 4603,
Private address:-
Ashley. Street,
Ironbark.
Bendigo.

S.V.P.
23.II.19.

Australian Red Cross Information Bureau, Melbourne.

57th A.I. F. McCracken Pte. J.N. 4146,

(M. Sept. 26/17)

I was on a Court of Enquiry on him and we had conclusive evidence that McCracken was dead.

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Lt. A.B. Wadsworth,
57th A.I.F.,
3rd London General Hospt.,
Wandsworth.

M

Dec. 5/17,
C.W. Lowe.

57th Battn.
H.Qrs.
A.I.F.

McCracken.
J.N. 4146

"Missing 27.9.17"

Refer to Pte.W.Gundry 57th Battn. H.Qrs. who is now in France and who saw him killed Passchendaele by a shell, and can give full particulars

Informant:-
Pte.E.J.Armstrong 4430
57th Battn. H.Qrs.
3rd A.A.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
7.1.18.

M.

Note Written Pte.Gundry 28.12.17.

(15.12.17)

Pte. W. Lyndsey
6-1st Batt. H.Qs.
A.J.F.
abroad.

alt
4146 J. A. Mc Cracken
5-7th Batt. H.Qs.
A.J.F.
In. 27-9-17.

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31-12-17