

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**1995 Sergeant
James Joseph
McKeough**

35th Battalion



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3rd Sept 1918.

Australians. 35.

McKeough J.J. 1995.

K. 6th May 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well. We were in the same platoon. He was a chum of mine. He was tall dark, thickset, and clean shaven. Major Connell of the 35th Battn had selected him to ~~xxx~~ accompany him on a bombing party at Morlancourt, and having bombed the Germans, while he was coming back he was sniped through the head and died instantly. The S/Bs carried him back a day or so afterwards and he was buried near Morlancourt. I saw nothing of this myself but Pte Parkes of the 35th Battn B. V. was present and saw everything and told me about it.

Inf:- Pte D. J. Smith 3381.
A.I.F. 35. B. V.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

LAHI.

Letter returned marked "not with unit" *J. J.*

Written Parkes
12.9.18 EP.

A.I.F. 35.

McKEOUGH, J.J. 1995.

K. May 6th 1918.

I saw Sgt. J.J. McKeough of B. Co. VII killed instantly about 5 or 6 yards from me about 10 a.m. by a sniper bullet in Albert Sector. I forget the name of the nearest place but it was between Albert and Morlancourt. We had gone over that morning and had reached Fritz' front line and McKeough (Sgt) was standing where the trench was shallow directing our fire when he got hit right in the forehead and he fell back dead.

S/B Porter, B. Co. VIII and I buried him that night when it got dark about a mile from where he fell and back near our support lines. We got a board and put his name on for the Battalion to put the regimental cross on.

Sgt. McKeough was a big chap over 6 ft, an original man in the Battalion - he came from N.S.W. where he was a bullock driver, dark complexioned. He was going on leave in a few days. He was a well liked man and a good soldier. After he died I heard Sgt. Avery of B. Co. VIII say that he was one of the best men in the line. He Sgt Nash, and Sgt

Nicholls all of B. Coy. saw the body.

Inf. S/B. B. Wallace 2568. 35 Batt. B. VIII.

Sgt. Nicholls's letter returned marked No 2 Stat. Hosp. ~~Written Sgt. Avery, Nash, Nicholls & "undeliverable"~~ H Q reports. Kind. 20.7.18 ABBEVILLE. 2.9.18. Pte Porter 12.9.18 HEH.

Pte Porter's letter returned marked "not with unit" Sgt. Nash's letter returned marked "not with unit"

35th Batt n late
55th Battn.
A.I.F.

MC KEOUGH. Sgt.
J.J. 1995.

"Killed in Action 6-5-18"

Re No 1995. Sgt. J.J. Mc Keough. I wish to state that he was a personal friend of mine and he was killed by my side on the 6-5-18 by a sniper's bullet penetrating his head, death was instantaneous. I can also certify his burial, he was buried in the field and not in a soldiers cemetery. The above named soldier was very tall, and of rather dark complexion, and of a very jolly nature. His religion was Roman Catholic. He was a Sergeant at the time of his death and not a Pte as stated in your enquiry,

Letter from: - H. Avery. C/S/M.
35th Battn. B.Co.
France 19-9-18.

London.
4-10-18.
D.W.B.

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35th Battn.
A.I.F.

MC KEOUGH.
J.J. 1995.

"Killed in Action 6-5-18"

Mc Keough was Sergeant in B.Co. He was killed at Morlancourt ^{2nd} 30mme early in May. I saw his body the next morning but I do not know where he was buried. He came from N.S.W. - was single. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness: - Yes.

Description: - About 30, single.

Home address: -

Informant: - Father. W.I. Sgt.

35th Battn. A.I.F. B. 7.

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SOUTHAMPTON.

G.R.B.
London.
4-10-18.
J.E.A.

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A.I.F. 35.

McKEOUGH J.J. 1995.

K. May 6th 1918.

I saw McKeough of B.V. killed instantly by a sniper's bullet through the back in a shallow trench at Morlancourt early in the morning, 150 to 200 yards in front of me just after we got our objective. Four of our lads were told off to bury him, and they buried him just where he was killed (about 800 yards in front of Morlancourt Ridge) but I didn't see the grave. Sgt. McKeough was in Goulburn Camp. He came over with the Reinforcements for 53rd or 56th Batt..

He was tall, slim, fully 6 ft., very cheerful, always had a smile, about 24 years old.

Inf. Pte Herb. Bull. 380 B. VIII
No 1 S. African Hosp.

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A.I.F. 35

McKEOUGH, J.J. 1995.

K. May 6/18. Det. D/B.

On May 6 we were in the front line at Morlancourt when McKeough was hit in the head by a M.G. Bullet and killed instantly. He was buried behind and near the lines. I did not see him hit but I saw him buried. A cross was placed on the grave. He was a tall, dark, clean shaven man about 30 years of age, a good step dancer.

Reference: A.J. McCready, 2364.
No. 11 Con. Camp Buchy Nr. Rouen. 28.8.18.

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VIII Platoon B. Co
35 Batt
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1995 Pt. J. H. C. Keough
~~35th Batt~~
A. I. 7

K May 6. / 18

Written 12. 9. 18
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1995 Pt J. McKeough
35th Ballu
a. 1.7

K May 6/18

Written 12.9.18
Mrs

HOEBLYT W. [illegible]

TO
Sgt-Nash
B. Co 35th Battery
A. I. F.

about
1995 Pt J. J. McKeough
35th Battery
A. I. F.

K May 6/18

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35th Battalion
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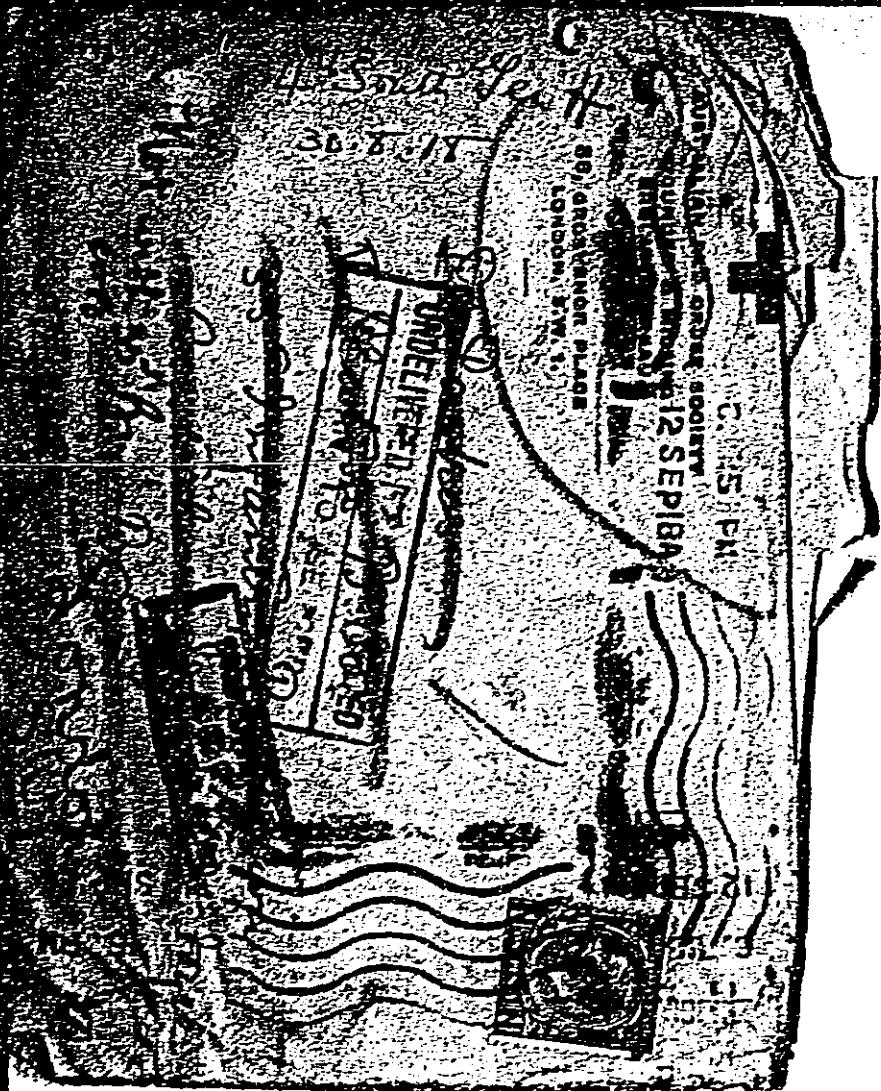


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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO

"THE SECRETARY,"

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

WOUNDED AND MISSING

— ENQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

12.9.18

*Rt Parbres
V Platoon - B. Co
35th Battalion - A.I.F.*

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1995 Pte J. J. McKeough 35th Battalion - A.I.F.
Who is reported killed May 6. 18

and have been told that you may be able to help us by
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Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

Per Mrs

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35th Batt
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1995
J.G. McKeough Sgt France
35th Bn late 55th Bn
K in A 6.5.18
Miss Deakin S 
14.4.18

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of the 12-4-18 re No 1995 Sgt J.G. McKeough
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soldiers cemetery;

The above named soldier was very tall
& of rather dark complexion, & of a very jolly
nature; his religion was Roman Catholic.

He was a "Sergeant" at the time of
his death, & not a pte as stated in
your inquiry.

Trusting the above information shall be
of some benefit to you, I remain

D.H.B.

Yours Faithfully
Every 6.5.18
Boy 35th Bn