

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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3429 Sergeant  
Sydney Oswald  
McPherson

5th Pioneer Battalion



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5th.Pioneers.

Mc.Pherson  
Sergt.S. 3429.

"Died of Wounds Oct.25th"

I knew him personally. He was killed at Flers. He was hit by High Explosive Shell. Was hit in the stomach, a very severe wound, but he lived for a couple of hours. He was in the 11th Battalion, before joining the Pioneers, and he was buried by the lads of that Battalion(11)

He was buried at Longveille. I saw him hit, but I did not see his grave.

Reference:- Thomas.W.H. 3130.5th Pioneers.  
Dartford.24.1.17.

C.W.G.J.  
London.30.1.17.

Off.M.

France.

A. I. F. 5 Pioneers. B. Coy.

McHERSON, Sgt. S. 3429.

D/W. October 25th, 1915.

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I have seen his grave in Turk Lane, near  
Flers. There are four men buried in the same shell  
hole. A cross marks his grave with his name on it.

Reference: Pts. H. Bellas, 3004, C. Coy.,  
No. 4 A.D.B.D.

Staples.  
31.1.17.  
SA.

M

5th Australian Pioneers.

McPherson, Sergt. <sup>S</sup> N. 3429.

(D/W Oct. 25th 1916)

Informant states "I knew McPherson well, he was my platoon sergeant. He was wounded near "Flers supports" on October 25th, and died that night. At the time we were advancing to the front line. He was liked by us all and he always thought of the men before himself. He was a well-made man of about 12 to 13 stone. Had light hair. He was buried near "Flers supports." I don't know anything about his disc."

Eye witness: Was in same battalion.

Informant: Pte. S.J.C. Williams, 1955,  
5th Australian Pioneers, B. V  
Brondesbury Military Hospital.

Home address: Yongala, South Australia.

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5th Australian Pioneers.

McPherson, Sgt. S 3429  
B Coy. 8th Pltn.

( D.of W. Oct. 25/16  
(Dets D & B ).

On the 24th or 25th of October, 1916, 5th Australian Pioneers were on the way to the trenches, and were 2 or 3 miles away when McPherson was hit in the back by piece of shell. He was carried by some of his men to a dressing station, and there he died.

Refer for death and burial to  
Head Quarters, B Co. 5th Aus. Pioneers,  
France.

Eye Witness - Yes.

Informant :- Pte. E Sharpe, 2374,  
5th Aus. Pioneers, B Co. 7th Pltn.  
3rd London General Hospital,  
Wandsworth, London, S. E.

Home address :-  
Pine View,  
Via Dubbo,  
N. S. W.

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