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4824 Lance Corporal Robert Francis McArdle

53rd Battalion



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53rd Batn.,
A.I.F.

McARDLE,
L/Cpl. R.F. 4824.

"Killed September 1st 1918."

"I knew him well. We came away from Sydney together, in Star of England, 8th March, 1916. I saw him dead, killed by shell fire. He was hit on 31st August 1918 about 11 at night. He was laid on a stretcher. Could not say where buried. About 6'3" high, thin, about 23 years. Held "MM", married man.

Informant:- Higgins, J.T., 4794,
53rd Batn.,
A.I.F.

R.P.B.,
London,
19-12-18.
J.E.A.

S.

53rd Batn.,
A.I.F.

McARDLE, L/Cpl. R.F. 4824.
Mathers, T. 3502.
Rose, W.J. 3170.
Sowter, P.E. 3499.
Styles, W.J. 1745.
Bradley, E.W. 4694.
Ismay, J. 3511A.
Johnson, A.C.D. 2688.
Littleton, J.B. 2437.
Lyons, T.B. 3346.

"Killed 1st September 1918."

"I am a Painter attached to Batn. Headquarters and I painted all these names on a large Memorial Cross which is erected in the French Cemetery at Peronne. They were all killed in the vicinity on September 1st 1918 but are not necessarily buried in the Peronne French Cemetery. I made small Crosses for most of them as well. There is a record of locality of Graves with Batn. Headquarters.

Informant:- L/Cpl. A.V.Fisher, 2280,
53rd Aust. H.G. Sig. (Painter by Trade.)

London,
7-1-19.

S.

J.E.A.

A.I.F 53rd Battn.

McARDLE (M.M.)
R.F. 4824.

"Killed 1.9.18"

At night, August 31st about 10 p.m., LanceCorporal McArdle, and L.C. Nichols, went up a gully looking for a safer dugout, and got caught by a shell. McArdle was killed instantly. I saw his dead body. The Battalion left next morning and I knew nothing of death and burial. Tall, thin, about 25, dark.

Informant:- V.G. Connell, 1636,
53rd Battn.

H.W.
London
9.1.19.
J.E.A.

S.

A.I.F. 53rd Battn.

McArdle (M.M.).
R.F. 4824.

"Killed 1.9.18"

Confirms Connells report of January 2nd 1918 and adds. "I knew the body was put on a stretcher to be taken away. Two hours after we moved forward to attack - went a mile forward that morning.

Informant:- Sgt. P.J. Chyncwett, 2392.

T.St.J.P.
London
10.1.19.
H.G.

S.

53rd BATTALION, A.I.F.

McARDLE - L/Cpl. H.P.
No. 4824.

"Killed 1.9.18."

Informant described McArdle as about 5 ft 10 to 6 ft. high, medium build, dark complexion, aged about 32. Thought to have been a boiler maker in civil life.

Informant states that they both belonged to B. Company, 7th Platoon. On 31.8.18 the Battalion were on the left of Peronne going up to attack that town. They halted in order to camp at that spot for the night in a big ravine. At about 6 p.m., just as it was getting dark, McArdle was hit in the head by a piece of shell and killed outright, another soldier named Thomas being hit by the same shell. Although Informant was not far away he did not see McArdle hit, but saw him lying on a stretcher about half an hour later. He also saw him taken away to be buried, but could not tell me the place of burial. He had been speaking to McArdle about 10 minutes before he was killed.

According to Informant McArdle was a decent chap, well thought of throughout the Company.

Informant: Private P. Jamieson, No. 3239.
B. Company, 53rd Battalion.
Home address: 61 Brown Street, Newtown.

W.E.C.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.
26.2.19.

SYDNEY BURRAU.

McARDIE

53rd Battn. A.I.F.

Cpl. E.F. 3824

Killed 1/9/18

Buried Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, 1.15E.

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

19/12/19

53rd Bttn.
A.I.F.

McARDLE.
L/Cpl.R.F. 4824.

"Killed 1-9-18."

It was about midnight of 31st Aug, and about 2 miles down the canal from Peronne. We were waiting to move to hopping off post. I saw him killed by a piece of shell which went right through his forehead. He died almost at once, never conscious. He was L/Cpl. in B.Coy, 53rd Bttn, tall, very thin, about 24 years old, inclined to be dark. He had been awarded the "MM" a short time before. I was close to him and went over to look at him, he was a mate of mine. I saw a cross made for him, but don't know where buried, probably on the spot.

Informant:- Cpl.R.J.Crane,402.
A.Coy. 53rd Bttn,
Dartford.

Home address:-
Gundegai,
N.S.W.

H.T.Cowan.
London.
15-11-18.
H.G.

S

A.I.F. 53rd Btn

McARDLE
L/Cpl.R.F. 4824

"Injured"

Adm. No.6 Cpn: Dep: Etaples 12-3-18 - G.S.W.Contusion lft arm
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 30-4-18.

P.I.

London
30-4-18

A.I.F. 53rd Battn.

McArdle L/Cpl.
R.F. 4824.

"Killed 1/9/18."

I knew McArdle well. He was L/Cpl in B. Coy, No.1. on Machine Gun. I saw him wounded severely in the left arm and side by a piece of shell near Mont St. Quentin, just at dusk on the 31st August. He was carried off by Stretcher bearers, but we went on and I don't know any more of what happened to him. He was very tall and dark about 25 years of age.

Informant:- Pte. J.H. Goodman, 1664,
D. Coy, 53rd Battn.
Dartford.

Home address:-
c/c G.H. Goodman,
Mudgee P.O.
N.S.W.

H.S.-Cowan.
London
2.12.18.
J.E.A.

S.

53rd BATTALION, A.I.F.

McARDLE, R.F. Lance-Cpl.
No. 4824.

"KILLED 1.9.18"

I was in the same platoon as McArdle and knew him well. He was about 28., tall and dark with black hair. He was very well liked and had been awarded the Military Medal about a month before he was killed.

The night before we moved off to attack Peronne McArdle was hit by a high explosive shell. I brought him to the dressing station immediately. He was unconscious when I picked him up and he died about 5 minutes after we reached the dressing station. He died in my presence. I could not say where he was buried.

Informant: Private W. J. Greenhalgh, 2171.
53rd Battalion.

Private address:-
Leicester Street,
LISMORE.

N. NC. T.
The Garrison Hospital, Victoria Barracks, SYDNEY.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

5.4.19.

S. 1.19

4824

Lt R.J. McArdle

53 Bltn

See under

4694

E. W. Bradley

53 Bltn

Mr. Andle

Lcpl R. J.

53 Bn

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Mrs Williams

Hosp. Room

26. 4. 18.

The Australian Red Cross Society
(B.R.C.S.)
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No. 6341

Date Feb 5th 1918

Regimental Details of Soldier enquired about. No. 3261
Pte. R. L. Barnett
51st Battalion

Details of Casualty. Killed in Action 12-10-17

Information wanted. Details of Death & Burial

Information obtained locally (if any) or from letters.

Enquiry included in W.S.M. Cable No. of

Enquiry included in Deferred Cable No. of

Name and Address of Enquirer Mrs John Neil
21 Altona St
West Perth

Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree. ~~Brother~~ Aunt

State if Next-of-Kin. Registered Next of Kin

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Henry Greig *Secretary.*
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