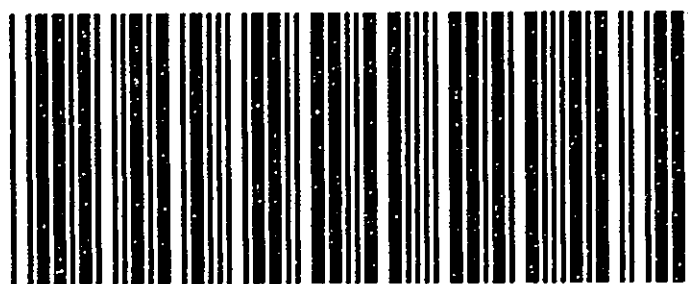


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**28439 Bombardier
Gordon Andrew
McRae**

4th Field Artillery Brigade



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A.P.A.
4th Bgde.

MORAE.
G.A. 28439

Killed 1.9.18.

I saw Bombr. George Morae's (10th Bty) body on a stretcher after he had been killed by shell (head and body) at Clery sur Somme abt 10 a.m. He was a good deal knocked about and I think he must have been killed instantly. I saw his body about 20 mins after he had been hit - he was in my sub. section. Lt. Postle was wounded by the same shell. Morae was buried at the gun position near where he died - a cross was erected.

George Morae:- from Vic, was in business with his brother as a master builder, stout, well made, dark, abt. 27 yrs. He was a very fine fellow, a gentleman and very capable fellow.

Informant:- Sgt. H. Watson. 29377
4th Bgde. 10th Bty.
A.I.F. Le Havre 10.4.19.

H.M.H.
London.
28.4.19.
J.E.A.

H.
NOTE:- Written Lt. Postle 24.4.19. (HJG)

A.F.A.
4th F.A.B.

McRAE. Pte.
G.A. 28439.

Killed in Action 1.9.18.

re Pte. C.A. McRae - On Sept. 1st the 10th Battery, 4th A.F.A. Bgde was in action at the foot of Mt. St Quentin near Peronne and was under heavy/shell fire. A man named McRae, holding the rank of bombardier (enemy) whose initials and number I do not know, was struck in the head by a shell splinter and died within a few minutes. He was a short, thick set man, of a dark, almost swarthy complexion, and slightly inclined to be bow-legged.

I was myself severely wounded a few minutes later and have been in hospital ever since and am therefore unable to give any information as to grave or burial.

Letter from:- Lt. F.C. Postle.
A.F.A.,
Wandsworth 254.19.

London.
30.4.19.
HJC.

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4th F.A.B.

McRAE, G. A.
Gnr. 28439.

K. in act. 1/9/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a well built man, about 5 ft. 7 ins. dark complexion, about 30 years of age. Casualty was in the advance at Cleary near Mont St. Quentin and was in forward gun position. He was working a gun when Fritz opened a barrage on our battery. One H.E. shell landed in the position, a piece of it entering Casualty's head killing him instantly. I was near by at the time and saw him go down. He was buried just in the rear of the gun position and a cross was erected over his grave."

Informant:- Pte. R. J. Bowman
No. 7668, 4th F.A.B.

Private address:-
131 Amess Street,
North Carlton.

H.A.T.
30/5/19.

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M. Swift

4th F.A.B.

McRAE, G. A.
Gnr. 28439.

K. in act. 1/9/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a well built man, about 5 ft. 6 ins. dark complexion, about 24 years of age, known as "Mac". Casualty was in a forward battery position at Mont St. Quentin. I was working in the same battery at the time of his death. He was gun laying when an H.E. shell landed near the gun a piece of shell entering his left temple killing him instantly. I was about 20 yds. away at the time when the shell exploded. I saw his body lying near the gun. He was buried at battery position, Cleary, and I helped to bury him."

Informant:- Pte. J. M. Granter
No. 6348, 4th F.A.B.

Private address:-
220 Maglan Parade,
Warrnambool.

H.A.T.
27/6/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

M. Swift

A.I.F. 10th Batty.

MORAE
G.A. 28439.

"Killed 1.9.18."

Of the 4th Brigade on the 1st September at Battery Position this side of Mont St. Quentin, was killed outright by shell, hit in head. I was there at the time. Was buried near where he was killed, in an open field, cross erected. I put his cross up myself. Position of grave would be about 1 mile this side of Mont St. Quentin, back towards river Somme. Was Acting Bombardier knew him as Mac.

Informant:- Sgt. P.C. Herbert, 6355,
10th Battery, 4th Bde.
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.G.
London
14.12.18.
H.G.

M.

Visit Postcard
7. P. Present
Address please
4th Bay. E. A.
4th 7-A-B.

3rd Division Gen. 15. 4. 19. Camp. part.
H. Q. 23. 4. 19

File under.

McRae C. A.
28439.
4th Bay. E. 19. 8.

Reports Section
22. 4. 19.

Written to. Lieut. F. Postle
3rd London Gen Hosp.
Wandsworth.

C. Abart 28439
Lt. G. A. McRae
4th Bde
A. I. F
K. I. G. 18.

Written
24.4.19.
H.S.

(16b)

Wandsworth 15. 4. 19

Secretary
ARC Socy.
London

28439.

Pt G. A. McRae.

4th F.A.B.

Madam,

can. suff.

K/A 1.4.18.

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J. C. Postler Lieut
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