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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

2360 Private
Kenneth McRae

33rd Battalion



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33rd Battn.
A.I.F.

McK
Kenneth 2360

Still reported Missing 7-12.6.17. No further report.

M.A. Searcher at H.Qrs. 11.1.18.

Boulogne.
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London.
17.1.18.

A.I.F. 33rd Btn

McRAE
K. 2360

"Unoff. M. 7-6-17"

Taken on strength 33rd Btn from 4th Rfts 33rd Btn 18-4-17
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 27-7-17

Missing
Cert. by Rouen letter 31-7-17.

Le Trepoint

London
14-8-17

33rd Battalion. 4th Rfts.

No. 2360. McRAE, K. Pte

"Missing 7-12.6.1917"

I knew a McRae who was among the Reinforcements to the 33rd Battalion. His number was about the same as this one. He was a little nuggetty fellow, dark. He was the only McRae I knew in the Battalion. I did not see him hit, but I saw him carried out. He had been hit by a shell. He was in the trenches at Hooplines, near Armentieres at the time. It was sometime about January or February 1917. He was buried at Cite Boujean, and I erected a cross over his grave."

Informant;- Corporal Burkett, A. No. 1082,
33rd Battalion.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

J.V.M.
2/10/1917

Sydney Bureau.

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X probably refers to another soldier. Lo.

AUSTRALIANS 33. McRAE, K. 2360.

K. June 7th 1917. Dets.

We were at Messines on June 7th. I was there and saw him killed outright by a shell on the morning of the 7th. Our 33rd Battn S/Bs took him out and buried him in Ploegsteert Cemetery and a cross was erected. I was not at the burial but was told of the place by Pte R.A.Nicholson of the 33rd Batt who was in the burial party. He was about 5ft 6 or 7, medium colour, 23 years, came from Rockvale, N.S.W.

Inf: C.Q.M.S. A.J.Archer. 1. 33 Btn.
On Leave.
BOULOGNE. 26.11.17.

written Nicholson 7.2.18.
letter reference 9.4.18
marked "not on strength of 53 Btn"

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Havre.

15th January 1918.

33rd A.I.F.

McRae K. No. 2360.

K. 7th June 1917. Det D/B.

I know Private McRae . He came from Armidale, near where I live. He was a labourer. I found his dead body at Messines lying on the right hand side of a crater about the 18th June. We recognized him by his disc. I remember the name McRae and the 33rd Battn but not the initial. The body was left there. An Engineer who was with me took off his paybook.

Inf:- Pte B.Hagan No.448.
3rd Pioneers Aust. B.Co.
Australian Camp.
Ronelles.

GLT.

ORIGI[illegible]EST ECHELON. 2372/9/30

C O P Y

Statement made by No.1926 Pte TONKINS H.G. 33rd Btn

re No.2360 Pte McRAE K. 33rd Btn.
Missing 7/12.6.17

I can only confirm the statement, that Private K. McRae was missing on the 7th of June 1917.

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Dated at Shrewsbury this 7th day of January 1918

(Sgd) H.G. Tonkin.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) A. Grigden
Secretary.

C O P Y

Statement made by No.2523 L/Cpl Brown T.A. 33rd Btn.

re No.2360 Pte McRae K. 33rd Btn.
Missing 7/12.6.17

No.2359 Private McRae A. was with me on the night of the 11th of October 1917. I was wounded myself on the following evening. and do not know what became of Private McRae.
I do not know anything about No.2360 Private McRae K.
No.1254 Corporal G.E. See was in charge of the platoon on 7.6.17 andwould be likely to know about 2360 Private McRae K.

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Dated at Woolwich this 9th day of January.1918.

(Sgd) T.A. Brown.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) C.W. Spencer
Lt-Col.

1254 Cpl See G.E. B.E.F.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON 2372/9/30

C O P Y

Statement made by No.2417 Pte Scott T.J. 33rd Btn

re No.2360 Pte McRae K. 33rd Btn.
Missing 7/12.6.17

I know nothing about No.2360 Private McRae.K. 33rd Battalion.

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Dated at Hurdcott this 31st day of January 1918.

(Sgd) T.J. Scott

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) F.G. Sanders.
Lieutenant.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHELON 2372/9/30

C O P Y

Statement made by No.2165 Pte Thorogood O..33rd Btn

re No.2360 Pte McRae K. 33rd Btn
Missing 7/12.6.17

I know nothing of the circumstances under which No.2360 Private McRae K. 33rd Battalion was reported missing. I knew him in the Battalion, but was not particularly intimate with him. For more than an month before 9th of June 1917, when I was sent back ill, I had been with a Lewis Gun team, and he I believe, was with the Battalion. I did not even know he was missing until now. I do not know anyone who would be likely to know what happened to him.

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Sgt.

Dated at Bhurtpore Barracks this 25th day of January 1918.

(Sgd) O. Thorogood

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) T. Humphrey.
2/Lt. Adjt.
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A. I. F.

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McRae. K. 2360.
Battn 33rd. L. Coy.
M
(E. June 7th-12th 1917 Det D/B).

"He is buried just below Messines Ridge close to Dead Horse Corner. I have seen his grave in February. It has a board with his name and number on. I did not bury him, but knowing him well, I searched for his grave until I found it"

Eye-Witness:

Description:

Informant. King
Cpl. Philip Sidley. 4400
A. I. F. D. Coy.
Bath War Hospital. Bristol

Home Address: Bath War Hospital.

April 15th 1918.
George.

Le Imperial
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A. I. F. 33rd Bn. M McRAE, K. 2360.

~~Killed~~ June 7-12/17. Det.D/S.

I know that McRae was killed by a shell on the 7th June, but I did not see him killed. I know that a cross was put up to him at Dead Horse Corner, Plecgsteert Wood, because I saw it being made and taken out to put up.

Reference: Sergt. C. S. Byrne, 1077, D. XVI.

H. S. "St.Andrew", Rouen, 12.4.18.

RHS.

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for Infant-Lovely's brother

Gen. Corres.

2360.

McRAE
Kenneth

33 Battn

M 7/12.6.17
Nom rep #9 11.1.18.

Has Hauled.
Christian name?
If K. get N/K + burial

H.D. Syme - Cand in Brt. 10.1.18

Gen. Corres.

2360.

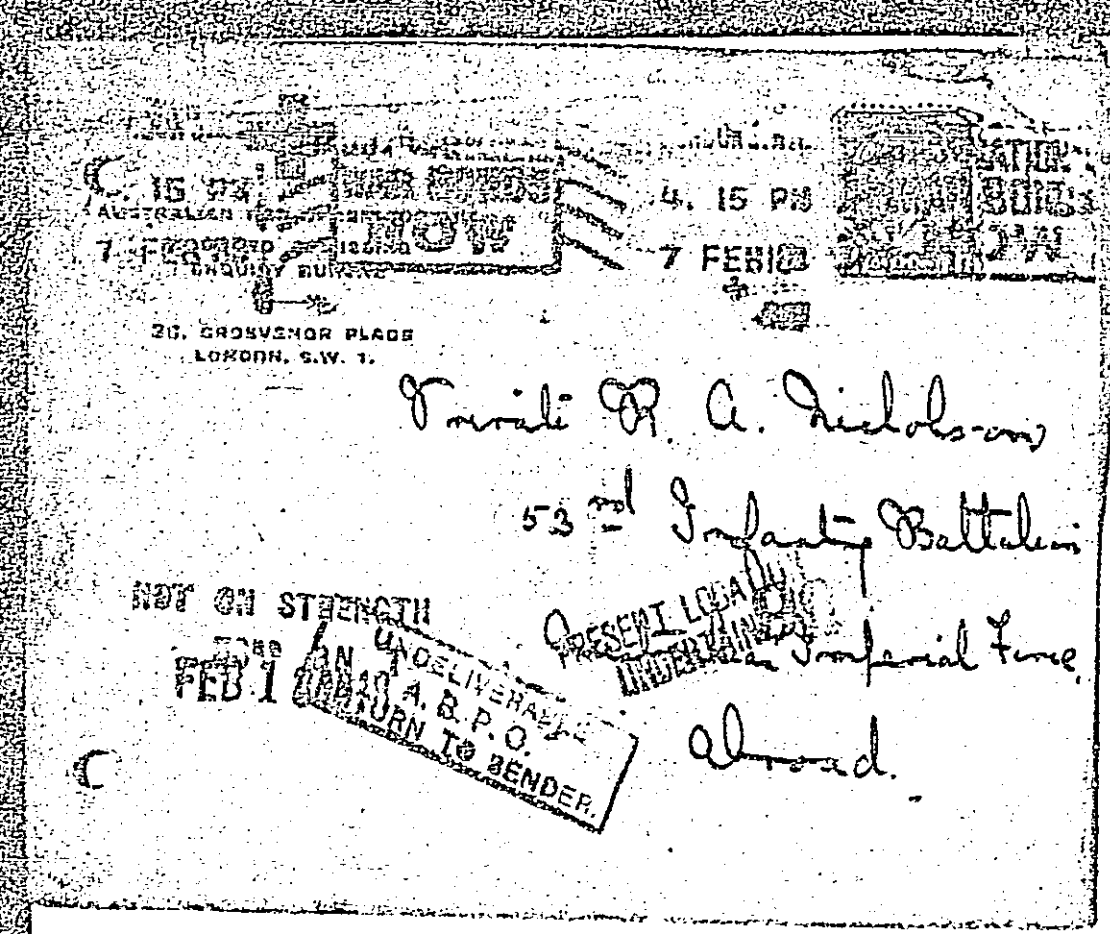
McRae
Kenneth

33 Battn.

Roneo refs. Missing. (7.6.17?) - Bel. Now
Hosp a. M. 7/12.6.17 nom rep #9 6.12.17

P.T.O.

M.L. Sayce



Private R. A. Nicholson

53rd Infantry Battalion

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Pte. R. A. Nicholson.
53. Inf. Batt.
A. I. F. abroad.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit 2360

K. Mc Ra[redacted] 53: Inf. Batt. A.I.F. M 4-6-17

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you could send us concerning Pte: K. Mc. Rae. and would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance, or any points that would help us to prove his identity.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY.

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identifying the soldier about whom you are writing.