

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

2255 Private  
Neil McRae

13th Battalion



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A.I.F. 6/13th Btn

McRAE  
Pte. Neil .2255(HQ)

"M. 27-8-15"

Killed in Action 27-8-15  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 26-8-19.

London  
16-10-19

S & P.I.

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13 A.I.F. 6 wks.

H. Aug. 27/15

Hoil MacRae

2255

Only one of the name in C Coy and he went back sick when they marched round to the left at Suvla. Has not seen him since. Witness left the Peninsula about a week later. About 5 ft 9, fair, clean shaven, called Mac. He was very thin. Did not know any other MacRae in the battalion. He had previously been wounded but had returned to the Peninsula. Witness thinks the MacRae in C Coy to whom he refers is Hoil MacRae No. 2255. He was very fond of sketching and always doing so when he could.

Pte J. Bishop 235

C Coy.

13 A.I.F.

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13 A.I.F. ✓

to left. Kin. A 27-8-15

McRae, Pte.  
Heil, 2255.

H. 23/8/15  
(Not ~~25~~8/1915 as formerly)

About 22nd August No. 5 Platoon of B. Coy, 13th Battalion was going out to a charge in the vicinity of Hill 971. A big shell came over and fell amongst men, many of whom were killed, while others were wounded. The shell set fire to some high grass in the vicinity. The men had bombs in their pockets and these were heard to explode during the course of the fire. The ground on which the men fell was behind the Australian lines since the Turkish trenches were held. Stretcher-bearers tried to get to the men, but this was impossible owing to the enemy's fire and the flames. Only 4 men of the 5th Platoon came out of the charge and McRae was amongst the men who ~~went out~~ <sup>fell out</sup>. ~~All~~ <sup>most</sup> of them have either been killed by the shell or burnt to death or blown to pieces by the bombs they were carrying.

Witness - Pte. A. Hickey, 176, B. Coy.  
also, Pte. E. Davenport, 1937, B. Coy.  
Tel-el-Kebir

S.S.A.  
23/2/16

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Australian Infantry

*13th Bde 6 regt  
white*

McRae, 2255 or ~~2355~~

*Pte Neil*

(M. Aug. 27th 1918)

*Kiv A 27-8-18*

Informant states that "If it is the same man he is now a Corporal, "a tall thin chap" about 6 feet, going grey, aged about 30 years. He is alive and in the battalion now".

Reference: Pte Taylor, 3936,  
13th Australian Infantry,  
1st London General Hospital,  
Camberwell.

Home address:  
Australia.

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Sept. 1916.  
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*P.I.  
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A.I.F. 13th Bn. 6<sup>th</sup> Coy. McRAE, Neil 2255.  
Kia A 27-8-15 ✓

No. 2255 Pte. Neil McKae was reported killed in  
action on 27th Aug., 1915.

Letter 19/9/16 from D. G. Marks,  
Capt. & Adjutant  
13th Battn. A.I.F.

Note. 294 Cpl. R.D. McKae, 13th Battn. is officially  
wounded France, no date, and believed to be wounded  
and missing 13-14 Aug., 1916.

P.I.

London  
28.9.16.

A.I.F. 13th Bn. 6<sup>th</sup> Coy. 2255 Pte. Neil McKae.  
Reported killed in A. 27.8.15. ✓

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action on 27.8.1915.

D.G. Marks, Capt. & Adjutant  
13th Bn. A.I.F.

London  
29.9.16.

S.P.I.

A.I.F.  
13th Btn.

6 aft

H.

MORAN. Pte.  
2255

Reil ✓

K/A 27.8.15.

I never saw Moran killed but know of him being posted as Missing after a stunt on 27.8.15. at Australia Gully, Gallipoli. His number would most probably be 2255 as my own number is 2191 in the Mors. These numbers did not run to 2355. Christian name Norman. Seafaring man on Australian coast. He was a big man about 6'1 or 2", weighing about 15 st. Spoke with a Scotch accent. He belonged to 6th Reinforcements 13th Btn. Left Australia June 14 1915 on Troopship A 62. (Wandilla)

Informant:- F.R. McGargill. Cpl. 2191  
6th Refts. 13th Btn. A.I.F.

WITNESS:- 727 H.L. Pleydell Cpl. Red Cross Searcher taken at A.I.F. Kit Stores. This man's effects were marked 2255. The card in A.I.F. Kit Store for registration of his kit is marked 2255. The card also shows that this man is officially reported K.I.A. on 27.8.15 from Headquarters A.I.F. London.

727 H.L. Pleydell. Cpl.  
Searcher Aust. Red Cross  
London.

London.  
24.6.19.

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Rev. H. McLean

Oct 20<sup>th</sup>

The House  
Broadford  
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Dear Sir

We beg to inform you that, as a result of  
a letter written by us to the Adjutant of the  
13<sup>th</sup> Bn A.I.F., asking for particulars of No  
2255 or 2355 Pte Neil McRae, 13<sup>th</sup> Bn  
A.I.F. we have received the following reply  
that he was reported killed in action on  
August 27<sup>th</sup> 1915. and we further we shall  
be unable to obtain further information for you.

As time goes by it becomes more and more difficult to  
trace Gallipoli casualties and the information

we do get is not always reliable. unless you especially  
wish us to continue our efforts we shall close this in-  
quiry.

Yours faithfully,  
J. J. Kelly.





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88, VICTORIA STREET  
LONDON, E.C. 1

*James Campbell*  
*Private*  
**WISCONSIN**  
*Corp*

No. 2288 of 2328

Private McRae

135th Australian Infantry Battalion

D. E. F.,

FRANCE.



AUSTRALIAN BRANCH. BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO  
"THE SECRETARY,"  
WOUNDED AND MISSING  
— INQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH B.R.C.S.

54, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

12th September, 1916.

No. 2255 or ~~2355~~,  
Pte. McRae,  
13th Aust. Infantry Btn.,  
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

We have some reports that a Pte. Neil McRae, 13th Btn., A.I.F., is missing since August 27th, 1915, and others that contradict those statements.

Will you please let us know whether you are the Neil McRae referred to, and whether, if so, you can explain these reports that you are missing? If you are not that Neil McRae you may be some relation to him. Any information that you send us about yourself, or Pte. Neil McRae, which will help you or his relatives at home to identify you, will be valuable to us in clearing up the difficulty.

We hope you are safe and well. Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours truly,

*Vera Drake*  
per F.J.H.  
Secretary

8858

13th September, 1916.

The Adjutant,  
13th Aust. Inf. Battn.,  
B. E. F.,  
FRANCE.

Dear Sir,

Can you tell us whether there is a No. 2255 <sup>J.A</sup> or  
2355, Pte. Heil Moran in your Battalion? We have been  
told by one informant that he was killed in August 1916,  
and by another that he is still with his Battalion in  
France. We have had an inquiry for him, and would, there-  
fore, be grateful if you can give us some definite informa-  
tion concerning him.

Apologising for troubling you and thanking you  
in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

D. L. F. W.



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AUSTRALIAN BRANCH, BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 2858

ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO  
"THE SECRETARY,"  
WOUNDED AND MISSING  
— INQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH B.R.C.S.

54, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

13th September, 1916.

The Adjutant,  
13th Aust. Inf. Batta.,  
B. E. F.,  
FRANCE.

Dear Sir,

Can you tell us whether there is a No. 2255 or  
~~8255~~, Pte. Neil McRae in your Battalion? We have been  
told by one informant that he was killed in August 1915,  
and by another that he is still with his Battalion in  
France. We have had an inquiry for him, and would, there-  
fore, be grateful if you can give us some definite informa-  
tion concerning him.

Apologising for troubling you and thanking you  
in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

V. Deakin  
Secretary  
for A.I.S.

*Reported killed in action  
24/9/15*

*Secretary,  
Australian Branch British Red Cross Society.*

*Action on 27th Aug. 1915  
No 2255 Pte Neil McRae was reported killed in  
19/9/16*

*[Signature]*