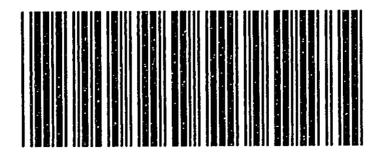
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6053 Lance Corporal Arthur Henry McSpadden

4th Battalion



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A.I.F. 4th Btn .

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London 20-8-17

K. 14.4.18.

He was in C.Co. - a tall, very fair-headed man, and was a I/Opl. He was the only man of the name in the Co. I saw him killed on about 14th.April, in front of Strassele, at about 10 a.m. by a shell which killed him and 3 others instantaneously. I was in the next boy and saw their remains. They were buried just behind the trench (our front line trench) that night. The graves would afterwards have been duly marked.

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Reference: Sgt.J.S. Jenkinson. 772. C.XII. L.G. School.

Etaples. 5.9.18.

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K.April 14/18. Det. D/B.

McSpadden was in C Co., a man of about 30 and had been two years out. He was killed during an attack on a ridge to the left of Strazelle, about April 15. Only C Co. took part in this attack, and I myself was about 200 yards away at the time. The casualties were heavy, but I did not actually see him fall, though I was told afterwards that he was killed outright by M.G. Fire. Three days afterwards I saw his grave, with that of two other men, his being in the centre. A cross with his name and number had been erected. This ground has remained in our possession.

Reference: Pte. Sherry, 7058.
No.8 General, Rouen. 10.9 18.

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McSPADDEN A.H. 6053

4th Battn. A.I.F.

"Killed 14-4-18"

McSpadden and three others, Mick Murphy, Jack Stanton, and L/Cpl.Newhouse, all of C.Coy., were blown to pieces, killed outright, up near Meteren towards Merris. I saw this and they were buried straight away in one grave just near the line, we had just taken and were holding the line. There is one Cross erected bearing the 4 names.

Informant. Riley. E.J. 6786 4th Battn. C.Coy., Hut 9, WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand London 13-9-18 H3G.

M. & S.

4th Battn.
A.I.F.

McSPADDEN A.H. 6053

"Killed 14-4-18"

He was of C.Coy. 11th Pltn. I front of Merris on 14th April at 1 o'clock in afternoon, holding the line, was killed outright by shell. L/Cpl.F.Newhouse, Ptc.J.Stanton, and Ptc. M.Murphy, all of C.Coy., killed by same shell. All 4 men buried in one grave about 800 yds. in front of Merris, on a rise to right of a wood. I was in burial party. Little deal Cross put up, permanent Cross would be erected later. Christian name Arthur.

Informant. Hall. Pte.R. 6997
4th Battn. C.Coy. 11th Pltn.
HAREFIELD. .

A.D.G. London 13-9-18 H.G.

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14th. september. 1918.

4th. Australians.

MoSpadden, A. H. 6053.

K. April. 14/1918. Dets. D/B.

I saw him killed bybe shall at Strazeele & buried him between Herris and Strazeele. He was a L/Corporal in the same Plateen.

Inf:- Private. N. Hall. 6998.
4th. Australians. 0. 11.
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20th. September. 1918.

4th. Australians.

McSpaddon, A. H. 6053.

K. April. 14/1918. Dets. D/B.

I saw him killed in the trench at Herris by a shell; it killed three others at the same time. He was buried that same night just behind where he was killed and four Cross were erected with their names and numbers on them. He came from Mudgee, N.S.W. He was a farmer.

Inf:- Private. J. B. Davies. 5997.
4th. Australians. D. 16.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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4th Battn. A.I.

Mc.SPADDEN. A H 5058 L/Cpl.

"Killed 14.4.18."

I saw L/Cpl. Mo. Spadden with two other men (J Stanton and Q.J. Mirphy) killed at a listening post by a shell at Passchendale about middle of April, am not sure of actual date. A p.2.8. shell lobbed right into their post, when we went to look there was nothing left. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness. Yes. Description: - Rather tell, very fair, called "Mac."

Home address. Lemon Grove. Pienrith, N.S.W.

Informant: - Corpl. F Ne Coman, 3189

4th Australian Infantry, C Company, 11 Platcon. A.I.F. Forer Plyminuth.

F.A. West L. Edon. 27.9.18.

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7th Octr 1918.

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McSpadden A.H. 6053.

K. 14th April 1918. Det D/B.

C.Coy. from H.S.Wales. He was killed by a shell in our transhes at Strazegle in the early morning. He was buried in "the open the same day behind the line, and the grave is marked."

Inf:- Pte F.E. Snowden Et. 6628.
A.I.F. 4. K.
Hospital Ship.

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