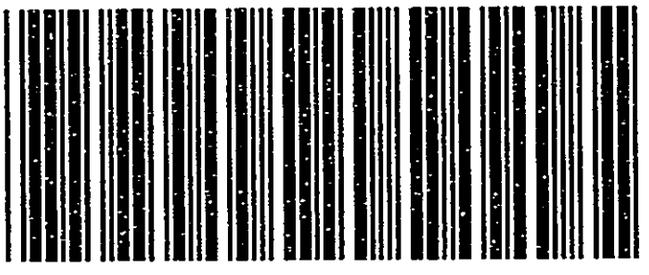
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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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3449 Private
Norman McCleary

59th Battalion



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A.I.F.
59th Btn.

McCLEARY
Norman 3449

Killed in Action 8.8.18.

Re-buried Villers Bretonneux Mil.Cem.62.D.C.17.C.4.3.Plot 7.
Row F. Grave 7.
Cert. by Capt. Spedding's List.Sheet No 164.

Name	Unit	Casualty	Cause of Casualty

London
7.10.19.

M.

"9th Battr.
A.I.F.

MC CLEARY.
M. 3449.

"Killed in Action 8-8-18"

NOTE TO MELBOURNE.

With reference to our report of 2-12-18. we regret that owing to a typist's error, the number given the above soldier was 3448 instead of 3449.

London.
4-3-19.

M.

A.I.F. 59th Battn. McCleary, N.
344A Pte.

"Killed 8/8/18." 9

We hopped over at Villers Bretonneux on August 8th. We had advanced 4 or 5 kilos., and were approaching the right flank of Bayan Villers, when shells dropped in centre of the two Sections of 16th Platoon. I was about 50 yards to the flank, and McCleary was seen to drop among others. He was following S.S.M. Classon, who may be able to supply information. I heard from Battalion that he got wounded, and is i in Hospital in Blighty. Two days later, others told us they had seen McCleary lying dead with a peaceful smile on his face. He belonged to D. Coy. We camecver together and I would like to hear from his people. Death was instantaneous. The ground was held. He was from S. Melbourne, slight build, fair, young, single. Played Cricket.

Informant:- 3477 Pte. A.A. Swallow, (Very accurate and
59th Battn. D. Coy, Intelligent)
Alexandra Hospital,
Cosham.

Home address:-
61, Manning Road,
East Coulfield,
E.C, Hughes, Melbourne.
London

Note:- Written Sgt. Classon 29.11.18.
2.12.18. M.

Out of files

N.

A.I.F. 59. McCLEARY, N. 3449.

K. Aug. 8th, 1918.

I did n't see Norman McCleary (I think of D.Co.) killed out on the right of Warfusee, Abancourt, on the morning of Aug. 8th, but I saw his dead body that evening about 5 o'clock. He was on a gun team and a shell lobbed right into them, and there were about five dead bodies. There was a hole in his chest, and I should think he was killed instantly.

I dont know anything about burial. McCleary (Norman, not H.) whose number I have a note of, was from 599, Lygon St. North Carlton, Melbourne. He came over with me in the port Melbourne (A.16) Left Sydney 16.7.17.

Inf. Pte. R. Hoskin, 3413, 59.HQ.
No.3. Aust. Gen. Hosp.
Abbeville. 10.11.18. HEH.

M.

A.I.F.
59th Bttn.

McCLEARY.
N. 3449

Killed in Action 8.8.18.

Iregret that I am unable to supply any particulars regarding the death or burial of No 3449 Pte.N.McCleary 59th Bttn.
I know that he went into action with the Battalion onthe 8th August and I heard subsequently that he was killed."

Letter from . P.J. Clausen.Sgt.
No 9 Camp. Sutton Veny.
Wilts. 28.3.19.

London.
8.4.19.
JEA

N.

A.I.F.
59th Bttn.

McCLEARY.
N. 3449

Killed 8.8.18.

59th Bttn. D.Coy. 15th Pltn. 5/6 in height, fair, thin, aged 20 yrs. Came from Carlton, Victoria. In front of Bayonvillers on Aug. 8/18 at 10 a.m. we were making our way through a wheat crop in the attack when McCleary was killed instantly by a shell. He was buried in LaMotte Cemetery and a cross was erected.

Informant:- J.J. Hannigan. 5703.
59th Bttn, A.I.F.
Santin. 20.3.19.

W.H.E.
LONDON.
9.4.19.
J.E.A.

M.

59th Btn.

McCLEARY, H.
Pte. 3449.

Kld. in act. 8/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a slight man, 5 ft. 7 ins. medium complexion, about 22 years of age, known as "Norman". Casualty was in advance at Bayon Villers when two 5.9 shells landed amongst the platoon killing Casualty and four others and wounding six. I was in same platoon and was wounded on the same day. I last saw his body as we advanced. I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:- Pte.C. F. Gordon,
No. 1651, 59th Btn.

Private address:-
58 Bathourd Road,
Toorak.

M.
C. Smith

H.A.T.
14/3/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

G C

To
Sgt Clauson
5q Batn A.I.F

Absent

3449 Pte N. McCleary
5q 11th Batn
A.I.F

K 8.8.18

Written 29.11.18
MRS

33rd Bttn. Aug 22/18 Lieut A G Yarleigh
— Coy about this date in the line in front of Bray
he was killed just on the tape at start of attack.
He was missing for 3 days when his relative adjutant
A G Yarleigh of 34th Bttn found out about him —
Padre Capt Calder of 34th Bttn then went out to search for
him and found his body where stated — He buried him
with honours where he had fallen —
Adjt Yarleigh knows full particulars of D/S/B I am his
batman — the padre gave me above information.

Written Chaplain Capt Calder
23.11.18

Pvt R A Sneddon 2403
34th Bttn H Q

S.
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A.D.J. 34th Aust. Buffs
20/11/18

3449.
N. McCleary.
59th Battn.
KIA. 8.8.18. M.2.

No. 9 Camp
Sutton Veny
Wilts
England
28.3.19

The Secretary
Enquiry Bureau
Australian Red X

Dear Madam

I regret that I am unable to supply any particulars regarding the death or burial of No. 3449 Pte N. McCleary, 59th Battalion.

I know that he went into action with the Battalion on the 8th August & heard subsequently that he was killed.

Yours faithfully

F. J. Cleaver
581.

F.C.