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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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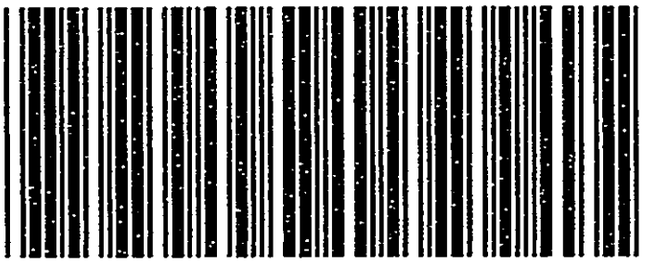
# 3097 Corporal George Sterrett McCloy

## 35th Battalion



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A.I.F. 35th Bttn.

MC CLOY.
George Sterrett S.
3097.

Killed inAction.8.8.18.

Re-buried Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery Sheet 62D.O.17.c.4.3.
Plot 2. Row D. Grave 10.

Certby Captain Spedding List.16.7.19. Sheet 126.

London.
24.7.19.

S. P.I.

A.I.F. 55th Battn.

McCLOY
Cpl George Sterrett
3097

"WHEREABOUTS"

Adm. 55th Fld. Amb. 17/4/18 Gas poison B shell

Trans: 11 Staty. Hpl. Rouen 19/4/18

Trans: 2 Con. Dep. Rouen 1/5/18

Disch: Aust. Base Dep. 8/8/18

Wounded 2/occasion 8/8/18

Killed 8/8/18
Cert. by Rouen Letter 13/9/18

London
/9/18.

P.I.

A.I.F. 35th Battn.

McCLOY
Cpl. George Sterrett
[illegible]

"I have only just heard, through the Red Cross Society that your husband, Cpl. G.S. McCloy, of the 35th Battn., succumbed to his wounds in August.

I am very grieved to hear this, he was a fine type of man.

The day before he was wounded he made his last Communion at a Service I had with the Battalion before they went into the line, and his last request to me, as he was passing through the Regimental Aid Post was that I should write and tell you, in the case of his death, that his last thoughts were with you and that he died as he had lived, true to the faith of his Church.

May God grant you the power of His Holy Spirit to enable you to bear your great loss. I am sure that a feeling of pride in him and in the Sacrifice he has made will help you to do so."

Copy of letter to man's wife from J.R. Norman Osborn, Chaplain, No 2, Command Depot, Weymouth, dated 2/12/18.

London
4/12/18

S.
letter forwarded 4.12.18

A.I.F. 35th Battn.

McCLOY
Cpl. G.S. 3097.

"Killed 8/8/18."

He was severely wounded near Hamel on South side of Somme near Accroche Wood at 4.30 A.M., being hit soon after the Hop-over. I saw him there, very low, but conscious and cheerful and then saw him carried back from R.A.P. to Casualty Clearing Station. He has never been reported in Battalion records "Killed in Action" or "Died of Wounds" and I am anxious to know if thisis correct and also to obtain the address of his next of kin, as he gave me a message to send to his Mother in the event of his dying.

Informant:- Major J.E. N. Osborn, M.C.
ex, 25th Battn. Padre, France.
Westham Camp,
Weymouth.

H. Burns Priddle.
London
28.11.18.
J.F.A.

P.I.
S.

35th Batn.,
A.I.F.

MC. CLOY,
G.S., Cpl. 3097.

"Killed in action - 8-8-18."

"He was in D. Coy., and I assisted to carry him out after he was wounded near Villers Bretonneux, when he was hit in the stomach by a bullet which came out through his hip and was taken to a Dressing Station at once, being conscious when taken away.

Casualty happened on Aug. 8th 1918 about 5.30 a.m. I knew him well and he came from New South Wales.

I cannot give any details of burial nor can I refer to anyone.

Informant:- S/B. Pte. Archinal A., 2517,
D. Coy., H.Q., 35th Batn.,
3rd A.A.H. Dartford.

W. Oman,
London,
22-11-18.
J.E.A.

P.I.
S.

A.I.F. 35th Battn., McCLOY
G.S. 3097 Cpl.

"Killed in Action 8.8.18."

I saw Corporal McCloy at the Regimental Aid Post early in the morning of August 6th, soon after he had been wounded. He asked me to write to his wife, but I waited to see whether he succumbed to his wounds. As I received no report that he had died, I concluded that he was alright, and wrote on the 17th August 1918 to his home address. I regret to learn from you of his death. If you have the address of McCloy's Wife, I should be glad if you would let me have it, I have lost it and should like to write to her myself.

Letter from:- J.E. Norman Osborn, C/7
No.2. Command Depot,
Weymouth.
27.11.18.

London
26.11.18.

J.E.O. P.I.
S.

Buried Vaire Wood British Cem. 2½ miles S.E. of Corbie. D.G.R.E. F.S.S. 22559.
(H.Q. 19.12.18)

McCloy Details of burial 35 Bttn
G. S. Cpl Please 3097
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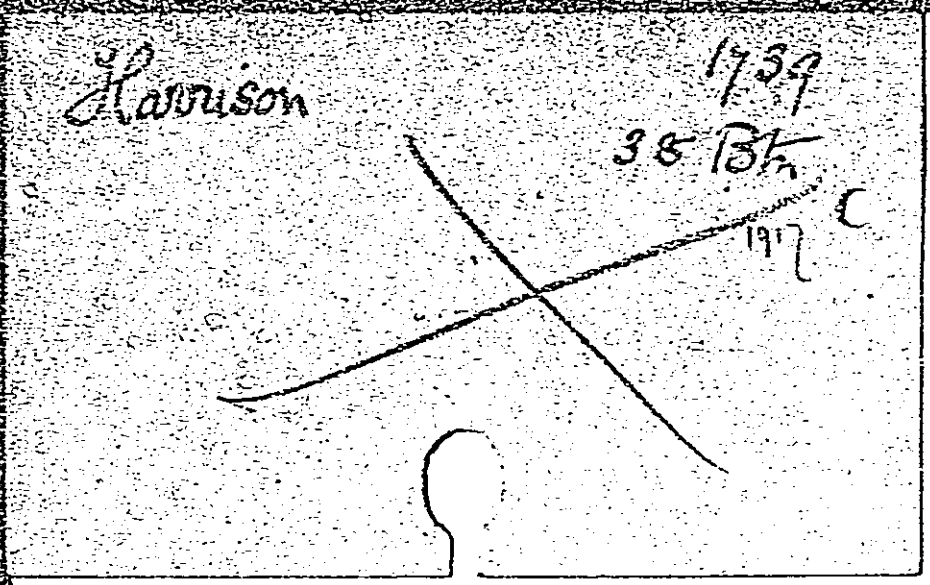
8/2 8.8.18.
Buried Faire Hood British Cemetery
2½ miles S. E. of Corbie - O. G. R. E.
L.S. 5. 2259.
H.Q. 19.12.18
Repts Sect 6.12.18

File under
3097 Cpl McCloy
35 Bttn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27.11.18

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Wm G. S. McCloy

30 Bttn

See under

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H. A. Lawley

33 Bttn

September 18th, 1918.

Miss MayMcCloy,
V.A.D. Sisters Mess.
General Military Hospital.
Colchester.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your letter regarding -

3097 Cpl. G.S. McCLOY. 35th Battalion. A.I.F.

We very much regret to inform you that he was Killed in Action on 8-8-18. If you wish us to do so and will let us know we shall be glad to make further enquiries for details of his death and burial.

Assuring you of our deepest sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

pc 7.9.18

2nd Sept, 1918.

Australian Red Cross Headqrs.

Dear Sir,

I would be very grateful if you could give me any information of my brother Pte S. S. McClay. 3094. 2nd Bttn A.I.F. from whom I have heard this last three months.

Stamped addressed envelope enclosed.

Your truly,
S. McClay.

General Military Hospital.
Colchester.

21st Sept. 1918.

The Secretary.
Australian Red Cross Society.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter of 18th inst regarding my brother. G. S. McCloy. 3097. 35th Btn. A.I.F. I would be ever so grateful if you would let me have particulars of his death & burial.

Thanking you for your very kind letter.

I am,
Yours very truly
G. McCloy.

General Military Hospital
Colchester.

December 10th, 1918.

Miss Lucy McCloy, V.A.D.
Sisters Mess.
General Mil. Hpl.
Colchester.

Dear Madam.

In answer to your enquiries concerning - ~~3097 Cpl.~~ G.S. McCLOY. 35TH Battalion. A.I.F. We have heard the following report :- "He was wounded in the stomach by a bullet which came out through his hip and was taken to a Dressing Station at once, being conscious when taken away. I helped to carry him." Informant :- 3/B 2517 Pte.A.Arthinal, 2nd Coy. 35th Battalion. A.I.F.

Major J.E. Osborne."MC"., C.F. 35th Bttn, says:- "He was severely wounded near Hamel on the South side of the Somme near Accroche Wood at 4.30 being hit soon after the attack. I saw him there very low but conscious and cheerful, and saw him carried [illegible] to the Casualty Clearing Station."

We are continuing our enquiries for further particulars and will advise you as soon as we receive them. Once more assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

D.W.
Rlw.

January 23rd, 1919.

Miss Lucy McCloy, V.A.D.
Sisters' Mess.
General Military Hospital.
Colchester.

Dear Madam.

In further reference to your enquiry for your brother - 3097 Cpl. J.S. McCLOY. 35th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have received an unofficial report from Pte. J.E. Norman Osborn of the same Unit. He stated that:-

> "I saw Cpl. McCloy at the Regimental Aid Post early in the morning of August 8th, soon after he had been wounded. He asked me to write to his wife, but I waited to see whether he succumbed to his wounds. As I received no report that he had died, I concluded that he was alright, and wrote on the 17th August, 1918 to his home address." He is officially reported to

have been buried in the British Cemetery in Vaire Wood, 3½ miles south east of Corbie. The number of his grave being L.S.5 2259. We are now closing our enquiries as we feel we are unlikely to obtain further particulars should we do so we will advise you.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

(per V.D.F.)

July 30th,1919.

Miss Lucy McClay,V.A.D.,
Sisters' Mess,
General Military Hospital,
Colchester.

Dear Madam,

With further reference to your enquiry for your brother 3097.Cpl.G.S.McClay, 35th Bn.A.I.F.,we beg to inform you that he is now officially reported to have been re-buried in Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery, the registration numbers of his grave being, Plot 2. Row D. Grave 10.

Trusting this information will be of value to you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) D. S.

SECRETARY.