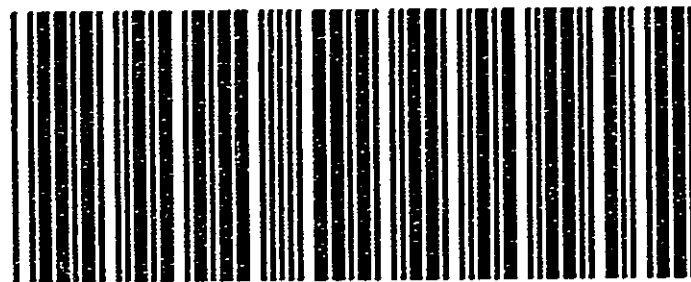


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Lieutenant
Bruce Gray McKenzie

34th Battalion



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A.I.F. 34th Battn.

McKENZIE
Bruce Gray Lt.

K/A 12/10/17

No trace in Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10/10/19

London
24/10/19

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34th BATTALION
(Late 35th Batta.)

McKENZIE, Lieutenant
B.C.

"Killed 12/10/1917".

On 12/10/17 the Battalion was in action at Passchendaele. They topped over about 7-8 a.m. and before they had gone very far came to the first enemy strong post, which held them up for about half an hour, during which time the Lieutenant was shot through the heart and killed outright. Informant took from him his pay book and wristlet watch and gave them to Capt. Percy, so that they could be sent on to the Lieutenant's people. Informant could give me no particulars as to where the Lieutenant was buried.

According to Informant the Lieutenant was an Officer highly thought of by his men.

Informant:- No. 2628, Private W. Osborne,
34th Battalion.

Private address:- Post Office,
COOPERHOOK, N.S.Wales.

V.H.C.
Victoria Barracks,
SYDNEY.

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3rd. October. 1918.

34th. Australians.

McKenzie, Lieut. B. *q.*

K. October. 12/1917. Dets. D/B.

He was my Platoon Officer and he was a splendid Officer. Everybody in the Battalion and Company liked him. He was of medium height, and build, clean-shaven, and fair. We were at Passchendaele when the Germans shelled us heavily and we were nearly wiped out. I saw Lieut. McKenzie hop from one shell to another tending to the wounded and binding up their wounds. I saw no more as we went over but I heard he was killed in the attack. Several fellows told me so. The mud so very thick that probably he was buried in it. We only had a handful of men left when we finished.

Inf:- Private. J. L. Wood. 2676.
34th. Australians. D. H.Q.
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7th. March 1919.

34th. Battn. A.I.F.

McKenzie, Lieut. B. G.

October ^K12/1917.

I saw him after he was killed at Paschendaele near Ypres. He was killed by a bullet. We were attacking at the time and I came up to him, and found him dead in a shell hole. We did not hold the ground and I do not think he would be buried. I sent word to his mother, through my own people. He was my Platoon Commander.

Inf:Gpts. C. H. Grant, 2314,
34th. Battn. D. Co. 13th. Pltn. A.I.F.
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A. I. F. 34th Bn.

McKENZIE, Lt. B. G.

K. Oct. 12/17. Det. D/2.

This Officer was sniped through the head. He said "I'm gone boys, I'm gone!" and died at once. He dropped into the arms of one of the boys. He was my Officer. His body was brought out but I do not know what happened afterwards as I was sent down injured next day. He came from Lorne, West Maitland, N.S.W. He was a Booking Clerk on the Railway in civil life and he has a brother in the 35th Battn. of the same rank.

Reference: Pte. F. W. Morris, 1184, 34. D.

No. 1 Aust. General, Rouen, 26.9.18.

GPO.

J.E.H.

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