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4547 Corporal
Daniel Hugh McColl

59th Battalion



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Melbourne Aust On 11.3.42.

Mrs J. McCall
34 Burnley St
Richmond
Victoria

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M.E. SS.

Dear Mum

I am writing this letter from a dugout in the Libyan desert. Have been up here for a month now. Have been in the thick of it all the time. Have had a few narrow escapes. Have been mentioned in dispatches. Have been recommended for promotion. Have been awarded the Military Medal. Have been recommended for a commission. Have been offered a commission. Have been offered a commission. Have been offered

No slips
Ans 8.
12.3.18

345 Burnley St
Burnley
15/1/18

Dear Friends

I am asking you a great favour about my son he was reported missing it took 14 fourteen monthes for them to send word that he was Killed for that time to come between I Cannot believe that he is Killed would make enquires for him this Corporal D H McColl
59th Battalion
D Company
15 Infantry Brigade
any enfomation of him would be hartly received if I only had but one line from him hoping it will be a sucess

from his worring mother

Isabella McColl

Mrs I McColl
345 Burnley St
Burnley
Richmond Vic

12th March 1918

Mrs.J.McColl,
345 Burnley Street
Burnley
Richmond
Victoria.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your inquiry of 15-1-18 for - 4547 Cpl. D.H.McColl, 59th Btn. A.I.F., who is now officially reported Killed in Action on 19-7-16, having previously been reported Missing on that date, we much regret to inform you that in spite of our efforts to do so, we have never been able to obtain any information concerning his fate. There has never been any trace of him as a prisoner of war and the Secretary of our prisoners of war department here, assures us that there are no unidentified Australians imprisoned in Germany.

It happens unfortunately, only too many cases of men eventually reported Killed in Action in a big engagement, that no definite news of their fate is ever obtained. It can only be assumed that they fell unnoticed in the turmoil and confusion of an attack and that their bodies were buried either by the enemy or by the earth thrown up through subsequent shelling.

Should we ever receive news of Cpl.McColl we shall at once advise you through our Melbourne office, with which we are in constant communication both by cable and letter. We are afraid, however, there is little hope of any news coming to hand now, so long after the engagement in whihh he fell.

Regretting we are unable to send you more satisfactory news and assuring you of oursincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin
for DMR.

Secretary