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7273 Private
Archibald McConechy

21st Battalion



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A.I.F.Aust 21st Btn

McCONECHY
A. 7273

"M. 4-10-17"

Killed in action 4-10-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 15-2-18.

OFF.M. &
P.I.

London
19-2-18

1693 Pte. E.R.Stewart,
2nd Australian Machine Gun Coy,
B.E.F., France.

February 25th, 1918.

Re 7273 A. McCONECHY, 21st Battalion, A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported Killed in Action on 4-10-17.

We are making further enquiries in the hope of learning details of his death and will send you any information that we receive.

Regretting the distressing character of this news.

Yours faithfully,

[signature]

SECRETARY.

21st Battn.
A.I.F.

McCONECHY
Pte.A. 7273

"Killed 4-10-17"

I believe Pte.L.Silver 7311 could furnish particulars where A.McConechy is buried.

Informant. Ryan. Pte.T. 7307
21st Battn.,
Cleveden, Hpl.,
TAPLOW.

Home address:-
Port Melbourne.

M.Robert Bott
16-7-18
London
26-7-18
M/I.S.

Off.M.
P.I.

Note:-
Written Silver 26-7-18

Havre 17th. August. 1918.

21st. Australians. McConochy. A. 7273.

K. October 4/1917. Dets. D/B.

I knew him well; he came from Australia with me. He was the smallest man in the Battalion, clean-shaven & about 37 years of age. He was killed during the first hop-over at Ypres on October 4th. 1917. He was first reported as Missing.

Inf:- Private. R. P. Quirk. (Quirk, 7348.
21st. Australians. D. 14.
Hospital Ship;

LAHI.

CP.

A.I.F. 21 McCONECHY, A. 7273.

K.Oct.4/17. Det. D/B.

I knew Archie McConechy well, he came from my town, Beechworth, in Victoria, and was in A Co. I had just returned from Blighty in Feb.last, where I had been for 12 months, when I was told by Pte.Ryan of A Co., also a fellow-townsman, that he had seen McConechy killed. This is all he told me and he gave me no details. Ryan has been recently gassed, and at the present moment, is, I believe, in hospital, where, I cannot say.

Reference: Pte.J.Kelly, 5128.

No.8 General, Rouen. 7.9.18.

GJS.

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21st Btn.

McConechy, A.
Pte. No. 7273

Kld. in act. 4.10.17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, slightly built, medium complexion about 30 years of age. Casualty was advancing at Zonnebeke. I was in the same advance. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. I did not see Casualty killed but I saw his body lying near the outpost passed our first objective. He was quite dead. I do not know if he was buried."

Informant:- Pte. Wilson
No. 7362.

Private address.
Young Street,
Ivanhoe.

T.C.F.
23.5.19.

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7311. Pte L. Silver
21st Inf. Batt.
A.I.F.
B.E.F.

7273. Pte G. McCreechy
21st Inf. Batt.
A.I.F.
B.E.F.

K. Cas. 4. 17.

London
26.7.18
In. I.D.

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Somewhere in France.
14th Feb 1918.

To The Secretary,
Wounded & Missing Dept.
Australian Red Cross Soc.
London.

21 Bn

Dear Sir,
Could you kindly send any information regarding 7273 Pte OA McCloskey 24th Bgde 6th Batt reported missing on 4th Oct 1917 to 1593 Pte E. R. Stewart 2nd A. F. Coy. A. I. F. and oblige

Yours truly
1593 Pte E. R. Stewart.

25th September 1918

1593 Pte.R.R.Stewart
2nd Machine Gun Company
A.I.F. B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

In further answer to your enquiry concerning -

7273 Pte A.McConochy, 21st Btn A.I.F. ?

we are able to give you the following unofficial information.

5127 Pte J.Kelly in No.8 General Hospital Rn 7-9-18 stated that he knew Pte McConochy well and that he came from his own town, Beechworth, in Victoria and was in A.Coy. When Pte.Kelly returned to France in February 1918 he was told by Pte.Ryan of A.Coy, also a fellow townsman, that he had seen Pte.McConochy killed. Ryan has been recently gassed and is believed to be at present in hospital. We shall endeavour to obtain further details and forward you any additional information.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Mrs Boneding

Secretary.