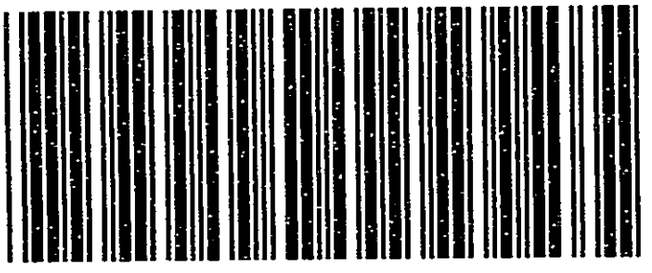
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2nd Lieutenant
Don McConville

2nd Field Artillery Brigade



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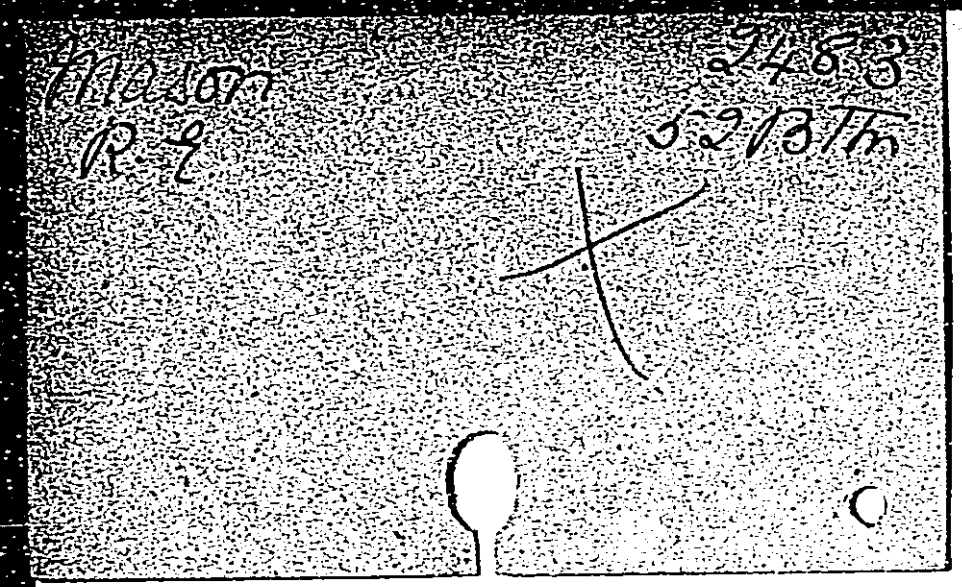
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A.M.T.M.B. Y/1A. McCONVILLE, 2/Lt D

K. Oct 2 0th 1917. Dets.

He used to be my sergeant and was my friend and I was with him for 18 months but when he obtained his commission he joined the artillery. I was told that he was killed instantly by a shell whilst in a dugout in the daytime near Polygon Wood. I have seen his grave which is in the Military Cemetery at Dickebusch and there is a cross with his name etc on it. He had a brother a 2/Lt in the 5th Div. Artillery who was killed four days previously. He came from NSW and was an electrical engineer.

Inf: Cpl.W.H.Sutherland. 3257. Y/1A.
No. 1 C.C.
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Havre 19th January 1918.

Y/1A Aust. Med. L.T.M.B. McConville 2nd Lieut. D.

K. 20th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

His name was Don. He was a Sergeant in Y/1A Batty and got his commission very shortly before he was killed. I saw his grave next to that of Captain Crew in Huts Military Cemetery Dickebusch. It has a cross with his name on it. I helped to put up the cross.

Inf:- Gunner T.W.Sparkes No.11999.
1st T.M.B.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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Y.I.A..
M.T.M. Batty.
A.I.F.

MC CONVILLE,
2/Lieut. D.

"Killed 20.10.17."

I did not see the casualty, and I cannot refer to anyone, but I was told that he was doing observation duty, when a shell landed on his dugout, killing him instantly. Capt. Crew was with him at the time, and was also killed. I knew him very well, he was a very popular officer, and was very well liked by all the men in the battery. He came from Melbourne. He was buried in the Military Cemetery at Dickebusche. I saw his grave which was marked with a cross, bearing his rank, name and unit. Casualty happened at Anzac Ridge.

Informant:- Gnr. J. Pollard, 9656,
Y.I.A. M.T.M. Battery.
3.A.A.H.
Dartford,

W. Oman.
London. 6.2.18.

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Late.Y.I.A, M.T.M.Battery
A.I.F.
Trans to.2.F.A, Bgde.

MC CONVILLE.,
Don.2/Lieut.,

Killed 20.10.17.

I did not see the casualty, and I cannot refer to anyone for details, but I know him well, and he is on the enquiry, as being on the above unit. He was in the 102. Howitzer Battery at time of Casualty, having been transferred to it some time ago.

Witness. Clarke Gnr, P.K, 11743.,
101 Howitzed Battery.
3. A.A.H. Dartford.

Note. We have verified this at H.Q. where we are informed the unit shd be 2 Bgde A.F.A., This contains the 102nd How Bty.

W.A. Oman.

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London.
13.2.18.,

Havre late

21st February 1918.

Aust. Col. T.M.B. Y/1A.

McConville 2nd Lt. D.

now 2 Brig A.F.A.

K. 20th Octr 1918. Dot D/8.

I saw Mr McConville at Dickebusch about 4 days before he was killed on the 20th Octr, when his brother had just been killed, which greatly upset him. He was out on observation duty on the 20th Octr in Polygon Wood and was killed by a shell. The same shell killed Captain Crew. I saw him buried at Dickebusch Military Cemetery by a Padre. He was very well built, a good athlete. He came from Sydney. where he was an electrician.

Inf:- Cpl W.H.Sutherland No.3257.
Aust. Med. T.M.B. Y/1A.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

CWS.

2nd Brig AFA

Late Aus. F.A. Y/I A.

McConville, 2nd Lieut. D.
(late 4030)

K Oct.20/17. Det.D/B.

He was in 102 Howitzer Batty. I saw him immediately after he was killed at Westhoek. He had just gone into a dug-out and was 'blown to pieces' together with Capt.Crewe and two men. It was in the daytime in an ordinary bombardment. He was taken away to a cemetery -at Dickebusch, I believe. He was a very fine Officer, thoroughly well liked by the lads; he had been with the TMBs.

Inf;→ Hassett, Serg. 1415. 102 Howitzer.
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Calais. 21 3 18. CR

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[illegible] Batty. [illegible]rench Mortar Batt. 2nd. Lieut, McConville, J. C

Trans 2nd F.A.Bde

Killed Oct 20th 1917. Det. D.B.

I saw this body being brought down from the lines to be buried, and witnessed his burial in the cemetry at Reningherst, Capt Oakley, Padre, officiated at the service. A cross was erected bearing full particulars. I only knew him in the batty, I could not say where he came from.

Description. Age. 28. Height. 5-9. Complexion. Dark. Well Built.

Witness. Sgt. Pelling.J.C. NO.9/30. 4th Batty Field Artillery.

Taken at
NO.5.C.D.Hurdcott.
15-8-18,
S.W.

S.Whitmee.
NO.4.Command Depot
Hurdcott.

M

2nd F.A.B'
late T. Mortars.

McCONVILLE, D.
2nd Lieut.

K. in act. 20/10/17.

Casualty was killed at Anzac Ridge with Captain Crew. An H.E. shell exploded on top of the dug-out killing Casualty instantly. I did not see Casualty killed but I saw his body the next day at Dickiebusch. He was buried at the Reininghurst Cemetery and a cross was erected over the grave."

Informant:- B.S.M. R.F. McLaren,
No. 1004.

Private address:-
Seymour, P.O.
T.C.F.
6/12/18.

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