Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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4181 Private
William James
Norwood McConnell

57th Battalion



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57th Battn.
A.I.F.

McConnell,
Pte.W.J.W. 4181

W. July, 1916:

Died of wounds 22/7/16, at 30th General Hospital, Calais, (gunshot wound to back).

Cert. by - A.I.F.Headquarters, 130 Horseferry Rd. 3/8/16.

London,
3/8/16.

M.

Cable.

57th Battn.
A.I.F.

McConnell,
Sgt.W.J.W. 4181

D. of W. 22/7/16:

"Sgt.W.J.W.McConnell, No. 4181, who died of wounds at this hospital 22/7/16, was quite unconscious, when brought here on the night of the 21st. He never regained consciousness, so we were unable to gain any information whatever from him, he died at 1 p.m. on the 22nd, about 13 hours after admission. Everything that could be done was done for him, but in vain. I was myself with him when he died. His few personal things will eventually be sent to his relatives, If, after a reasonable time they are not forwarded, an application could be sent to the War Office."

Letter from Matron Harvey, No. 30 General Hospital, B.E.F., France, dated 6th August, 1916. Received by Enquiry Bureau London 8th Aug. 1916.

London,
9/8/16.

M.

France

A.I.F. 57. McConnell, W.J.M. 4181.

D/W July 22 1916. Det: D & B.

No Company is given to this man so I cannot be quite certain, but I know a McConnell with the initials W.J.M. in D. Coy. I saw thisman alive on August 4th and I left for hospital on Augustxx 5th sick. He was then quite all right up in the Vermelles front in support trenches. I cannot understand there being two men with the same initials in the battalion.

Informant: Pte W.E.Booth. 4446.
H.S. "Jan Breydell".
BOULOGNE. 11.9.16. KFN.

M

McConnell

France

A.I.F. 57 McCONNELL, W.J.M. 4181.

D/W July 22nd. 1916. Det:

Informant says:-
"McConnell was a friend of mine. At Two Tree Farm at the Salient I saw him being carried to the Dressing Station. He had been hit in the legs. I spoke to him and he said 'I aint so badly hit, I'll get a Blighty out of this'. He was a happy cherry lad, a very honourable fellow, well liked with his mates. I thought 'Id see him again but I didn't."

Informant: M.McIver. 4565. B.Coy.
No. 3 Canadian General Hospital.
BOULOGNE. 13.9.16. JFSJ

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A.I.F. 57th McConnell, J.J.W. 4181

D/W 22/16.

At Fleurbaix he died of wounds either by shell or bomb. Pte Ryan, Colonel's groom, now gone to Salisbury, told me.

C. Walker 2803
40 Ward Harefield Hosp.

D.F. Dickson
25.9.16.

M

No. 30 General Hospital
B.E.F. France.

d. w. dto 22.7.16. August 6th 1916

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Yrs Faithfully.
M. Harvey.
Matron. M.

Miss Vera Deakin
54 Victoria Street.
London. S.W.

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London, S.W.
3rd August, 1916.

Victoria 8858.

To

The Matron,

30th General Hospital,

Calais, B.E.F.

Dear Madam,

I regret troubling you at such a time, but we have received enquiries from Australia for information concerning No. 4181, Private W.J.W.McConnell, 57th Battalion, A.I.F., who died of wounds at your hospital on 22/7/16, and are, therefore, endeavouring to obtain all details possible. Any messages or remarks made by him towards the last would be of great comfort to his people.

Trusting you will forgive my asking you to do this when you must be so over-worked,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.