

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**950 Private  
Donald Mackenzie**

**9th Battalion**



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A.I.F. 9th Batta.

MACKENZIE  
Donald 950.

"WOUNDED"

Wounded and Missing 23/6/18.  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 15/7/18.

London  
17/7/18.

B  
P.I.

9th A.I.F.

Mackenzie. D. 950.

(W/M. June 23/18)

"Mackenzie went out on patrol about 5 p.m. on Sunday June 23/18 (near Materan) with Sgt. Bert Goldburn 9 A.I.F. D. XIII and had to be left behind wounded by a bullet (Machine Gun). I went out the same night with 4 or 5 men and S/Bs. to try and bring him in, but although we had a thorough search up to within a few yards of the German lines, we could find no trace and it is pretty certain he must have been taken prisoner. Goldburn was wounded also but got back. Mackenzie belonged to B Coy. XIII. He was a fair man of about 22, medium height. He was a Scotchman and his name was Donald."

Eyewitness: No.

Description:

Informant: Pte. W. McMorris. A/163.

9th A.I.F. D. XIV.

S. African Military Hospital,  
Richmond Park.

N.B. No record of casualty  
to date as P/W. 14.8.18

2.8.18.

A.G. Campbell. N.W.

written Goldburn

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P.1

16 July

Havre

7th. August. 1918.

9th. Australians.

Mackenzie, D. 950.

W. & H. June. 23/1918.

I know Private Don Mackenzie, D. Company, 13th. Platoon, he came from Brisbane with the original Battalion; about 29, medium height & build, dark, clean-shaven, a good sport. I saw him fall hit by a bullet at an outpost about seventy yards from our front line to the right of Strazeele in daylight about 5. p.m. Sergeant Bert Goulburn & \*Lieut. Cork, both of D. Company, 13th. Platoon, were with him & both were wounded & got back themselves. Two separate parties went out the same night to get Mackenzie but could not find him. Fritz' front line was only about thirty yards from the outpost. We continued to hold our front line.

Inf:- Private. A. Barnes. 85. Goulburn 16.8.18  
9th. Australians. D. 14.  
(Formerly) 3rd. Field Ambulance.  
Australian Conv. Camp.  
Rouelles.

N.W.  
\* No Lt-Cock in 9  
Miller Lt. Koch  
RDM.

Witten Lt Koch P.1  
100 ft.  
CP.

Havre

10th August 1918.

A.I.P. 9.

Mackenzie D. 950.

W/H 23rd June 1918. 603

I knew him well. He was medium build, and was Scotch with a Scotch accent. He was seen to be hit while on a daylight patrol in front of Strazeele about 20 yards from a German post. I personally searched the ground for a couple of hours and found no trace whatever of him. So Fritz must have got him dead or alive.

Inf:- Sgt Macgill 15. 680.  
A.I.P. 9. D. XIV.  
Australian Conv. Depot.  
Rouelles.

N.W.

CHEG.

RP.

A.I.F. 9.

MACKENZIE, D. 950.

W.&M. June 23rd, 1918.

I didn't see Mackenzie, of my D.Co., XVI., wounded in a night raid at Hateron but Pt. V. Thomas, now with M.G. Sec. D.Co., who went on the raid with him, told me about it. Mackenzie volunteered for the raid of which Lt. Walker, D.Co. (slightly wounded a couple of days later, but probably back with the battn. now.) was in charge. Thomas saw Mackenzie hit, and after they returned some of the boys (I don't know which) went back about a couple of hours later, and could not find Mackenzie, but they seemed to be under the impression that he died and Fritz took the body. Sgt. Young, D.XVI. was also in the raid. Don Mackenzie was a man about 5 ft 8, broad, a nice looking chap, about 24 or 25 years, came over with me. We were from Queensland but we sailed from Fremantle in the Omrah, Oct. 28th, 1914. He number was quite near mine.

Inf. Pte. A. Sinclair, 945. 9.D.XVI.

No.2. Stat. Hosp.

ABBEVILLE. 14.8.18.

HEH.

W/H. June 23/18.

Mackenzie was about 6 ft. in height, had light hair and a fair complexion. On June 23 during our attack on Etrepens, Mackenzie was wounded in the hand and leg, rather seriously. I saw him hit by a H.E. Shell. He was then on the enemy's land. As we were going out to bring Mackenzie in, the Germans counter attacked and came over on our flank. Only 6 out of 40 of our boys returned from this stunt. Mackenzie had to be left on ground taken by the enemy.

Reference: F. Greenwood, 4206. C Co.  
No. 11 Con. Camp Busby Nr. Rouen. 17.8.18.

JWA.

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A.I.F. 9.

W. & H. 23.8.18.

MACKENZIE D. 950.

Near Strazeele Station, on 23rd. June, in the evening, Mackenzie was in a post. Sgt. Goulbourne and he went forward to try and take a German post. When near to it the Germans opened fire, hitting Mackenzie in the stomach, and Sgt. Goulbourne in the leg. The latter tried to help the former in but could not. Several parties went out during the night and reached the spot where Mackenzie was hit but saw no trace of him. Sgt. Goulbourne has not yet returned to the Bn. owing to his wound: he is probably in France. I knew Mackenzie's number, 950. He was an original 9th. Bn. man and was wounded previously on 20th. Sept. at Polygon Wood.

LH.

Reference: Pte. A. Hastin. 3058.  
4 Gen. Hpl.

P1 Etaples.  
19.8.18.

A.I.F. 9.

W. & H. 23.6.18.

MACKENZIE D. 950.

In front of Strazeele, about 23rd. June, towards 5 p.m. Mackenzie was out on a reconnaissance with a Sgt. and came unexpectedly in a German post. The Germans opened out on them with a V.C. and bombs: Mackenzie was killed. The Sgt. got back wounded. I witnessed this myself. We were relieved the same evening and I cannot say whether the body was recovered or not: it is scarcely probable, as it was too close to the German line. He was with me in the same Co. and I knew him very well, a Lewis gunner and one of the original men in the Bn. He had been wounded two or three times and gassed early this year.

Reference: Pte. W. J. Burke. 4153.  
4. 22 Gen. Hpl.

LH.

Etaples.  
23.8.18.

A. I. F. 9th Bn.

2250000 D. 950.

W/M. June 23/18.

I remember this man well because it was a matter of talk through the Battalion. I did not know him and so far as I know never saw him, certainly not to know his name. But how I remember his name is that we were having a very quiet time and on this day a shell lobbed in out of nowhere and it was the only shell we got and he got it. It was rotten hard luck.

Reference: Corpl. W. McDonald, 623,

No. 1 Aust. General, Bouen, 23.6.18.

GPO.

J. L. A.

B

A. I. F. 9th Bn.

W/M. June 23/18.

This man was on a patrol in daylight with Lieut. Cork and Sergt. Goulburn. They were investigating a Jerry M.G. post and trying to get some P/Es. They had bombs and revolvers with them. They had just got up to the post when Fritz opened up with M.G. fire killing Mackenzie and wounding Goulburn. We tried to get to the post to find his body and bring it in, but Fritz's fire was too hot while we were there. We were relieved by the 3rd Battn. and they afterwards informed us that they had driven Fritz back and found Mackenzie's body which they had buried. We were in front of Strazeele Station and were advancing. We have never lost the ground.

Reference: Sergt. E. Donald, 881;  
10, Alice Street, Paisley.

Cyclists Base Depot, Rouen, 14.9.18.

GPO.

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9th Battn.  
A.I.F.

MACKENZIE  
Donald 950

"Wounded & Missing 23-6-18"

976 Pte. Cecil Stubbs, 9th Battn. writing on the 6-9-18 says:- "I met a Cpl. at the Base who informed me that he had met a Cpl. of the 3rd Battn. who declared that when the 3rd Battn. took over the trenches from the 9th Battn., they also took a German trench in which they found the body of Mackenzie 879 and buried it".

Extract from Mrs. Elizabeth Mackenzie's letter  
16-8-18.

Mrs. Mackenzie adds that "The Cpl. of the 3rd Battn. was sent to England".

London  
20-9-18

*Handwritten notes:*  
The body was  
in a trench  
B.

A.I.F. (9th -tn

MACKENZIE  
Donald 950

"W/M. 23-6-18"

Killed in action 24-6-18 - previously reported Wded & Missing  
23-6-18

Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 15-1-19.

London  
17-1-19

B & P.I.

HV.

C O P Y.

Statement made by Lieut. CORK. A.B. 9th Bn. A.I.F.  
re No. 950. Pte HACKENZIE D. 9th Bn. A.I.F.

Wounded and Missing 23.6.18.

*K-1\**

The above mentioned No. 950. Pte Mackenzie D. 9th Bn, was wounded whilst on a daylight patrol with myself and No. Sgt Goulburn H. 9th Bn. *See reports & letter from Mrs Elizabeth Mackenzie*  
 Not seeing the man when wounded I cannot state where he was hit, only that it was by either M.G. or rifle fire.

The patrols sent out after dark and failed to find the missing man.

Being no cover between our position and where I last saw above-mentioned I refrained from sending anyone in daylight as it would only mean certain failure in attempt. *B*

*Not sent on* *for Red f* *P.1*  
 Dated at, 3rd London. Gen Hospital. (Sgd) A.B. CORK. Lt.

*J.P.A.*  
 Statement made and signed before me.

(Sgd) Frank. REEDS. Lt.  
 44th Bn., A.I.F.

*See letter*  
 L. No. 1547. Sgt. GOULBURN. H.H. 9th Bn.

ORIGINAL STATEMENT ECHOLON.

LH.

C O P Y.

Statement made by No. 163 Pte. McHERRIN W. 9th Bn, A.I.F.  
re No. 950 Pte HACKENZIE. D. 9th Bn, A.I.F.

"Wounded & Missing 23.6.18."

*K*  
 Pte MacKenzie was wounded whilst trying to Capture the huns out post half a dozen of us went out to find Pte MacKenzie but could not find him so we put it down that he was taken prisoner.

Dated at  
 Sutton Veny.

*for Red f*  
 (Sgd) W. McHerrin. *B*

Statement made and signed before me  
 (Sgd) ? *Ed P.1*

*J.P.A.*

*Not sent on*

AV.

C O P Y.

Statement made by 1547, Sgt. COMBORN S.E. 9th Bn.  
Co. 950. Pte Mackenzie D. 9th Bn.

Wounded and Missing. 23.6.18.

K. A.

On the evening of June 22, Pte Mackenzie was one of a party told off to locate an enemy machine gun position. On our return, the enemy opened fire, I myself being wounded and Pte Mackenzie was hit. Later, search parties were sent out but failed to locate him.

Whilst at the Base Havre, I received information from one, Cpl. Doyle of the 3rd Battalion who stated that he had buried a man, who had a letter left on him with the following:-  
Pte. Mackenzie 950. 9th Battalion etc.

Dated at Winchester.

(Sgt) R. COMBORN Sgt.

*Note: See report from Mr. Elizabeth McKenna*  
Statement made and signed before me. (Sgt) E.C. HAYNES, Capt.  
R.H.C.

3rd Battalion B.E.F.

3rd Battalion, advised. 16.10.18.

Goulburn  
Goulburn

H R or Bert

15477 ✓

9 Battn ✓

C Address wanted please  
not write unit 23.8.18

Dis. 15 5" Re Camp 13.8.18

file under  
950

D Macneil

9 Battn

Ref to Loc 13.9.18

4/1/18 p 100

Harris (Miss Dorothy B.)  
3rd London General Hospital  
Wandsworth. S.W.

For L/Cpt John Eric Clemens  
2938. 45th Battalion. A.I.F.

Janefield,  
Hunt's Quay,  
Orkney Islands,  
Scotland.  
16/9/18.

To  
Miss Vera Deakin, O.F.S.

Dear Madam,

I thank you for  
your letter received containing  
reports from three soldiers  
regarding my son,

Pte. Donald Mackenzie, 950  
of the 9th Battr., C.F. I. A.  
who was reported wounded  
and missing on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I fully realise  
that these reports are  
unofficial yet they are

comforting to me.

I have received a report from Thane which I would like you to know of.

A friend of my son's, Mr. Cecil Stubbs 976  
9th Bn writing on the  
6<sup>th</sup> Sept says "I met a  
corporal at the base who  
informed me that he had  
met a Cpl of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn  
who declared that when  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn took over  
the trenches from the  
9th Bn. they also took  
a German trench in which  
they found the body of

Mackenzie, no. 879 and  
~~but~~ it"

You will observe that  
the numbers do not  
correspond.

This may only be an  
idle rumour, yet it  
may assist you in your  
searches, for which I  
am truly thankful to  
you & sincerely trust  
you will be successful.

There were no names  
given & the cpl of the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Battn was sent to  
England so it might  
be a very difficult  
matter to trace him.

Do you think if such an  
event happened it  
would be reported to  
headquarters?

Again thanking you  
for your persistent enquiries  
& sympathy.

Hoping to hear from  
you in the near future.

I am,

Yours Greatfully,

Elizabeth Mackenzie

Havre.

28th. September. 1918.

9th. Australians.

McKenzie, D. M. 950.

W. & M. June. 23/1918.

He was killed at Meteren and I saw him lying on the ground.  
He was taken in and buried outside of Berre in the Australian Cemetery.

Inf:- Private. J. Maloney. 6068.  
9th. Australians. A. 4.  
Australian Conv. Camp.  
Bouelles.

ERR.

*J. A.*

*C. bel. K.*

*P. I.  
B.*

*1 more*

CP.

SCOTTISH BRANCH,  
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY,  
88 ST. VINCENT STREET,  
GLASGOW.

24/9/18

*Ben*  
950  
~~Pte. Donald McKenzie,~~  
~~D Coy.,~~  
~~9th Batt.~~  
~~A.I.F.~~

*30.9.18*

Reported wounded and missing 22nd June, 1918.

Enquirer:

Alex. McEwan, Esq.,  
117 St. Vincent Street,  
Glasgow.

James J. [unclear] L. C. [unclear]

9844  
Sgt Bert Goulburn

XIII Platoon I Co  
9th Battalion  
A.I.F.

about  
950 Pte J. Mackenzie  
9th Battalion  
A.I.F.

J/W  
June 23/18

Written 16.8.18  
Melt

✓ *Ansby P.C.*  
*11.7.18*

SCOTTISH BRANCH,  
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY,  
86 ST. VINCENT STREET,  
GLASGOW.

4th July, 1918.

No. 950  
Pte. Donald Mackenzie  
D Coy.,  
9th Batt.  
A.I.C.

Reported missing since 17th June, 1918.

Enquirer: Mrs Mackenzie,  
Janefield,  
Hunters Quay  
Argyllshire.

RECEIVED  
8 JUL 1918  
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE.

27.1.19

117 St. Vincent St.  
Glasgow.  
24<sup>th</sup> Jan 1919

The Secretary

Australian Red Cross Society  
36 Grosvenor Place  
London S.W.1

Dear Madam

950 Donald Mackenzie  
9<sup>th</sup> Bn A.I.F.

I am greatly obliged by  
your favor of 22<sup>nd</sup> inst  
contents of which have been  
duly passed on to the relatives  
of the deceased soldier. It  
is exceedingly kind of you  
to make these enquiries on  
our behalf and I sincerely  
thank you. We may  
be

<sup>2</sup>/ be able, later on, to obtain  
a photograph of Private Mac:  
Kenzie's grave; meantime  
with renewed thanks.

I am.

Yours faithfully  
Wm. H. Brown

117 St. Vincent St.  
Glasgow

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 1918

Miss V. Deakie  
Secretary

Australian Red Cross

36 Grosvenor Place.

Dear Madam

950 Pte. L. Mackenzie

9<sup>th</sup> Batt. A.I.F.

I am greatly obliged  
to your favour of 1<sup>st</sup> inst.  
containing particulars as  
to the fate of above soldier  
reported "wounded & missing"  
23<sup>rd</sup> June 1918.

The  
information has been  
communicated

Communicated to Private  
MacKenzie's parents. If  
you hear any further news  
of the soldier it will be  
a great favor if you will  
write me again; meantime  
please accept our grateful  
thanks for your very  
kind assistance in this  
matter.

Yours faithfully  
Alex. H. Swan

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Dr. G. H. Koch  
9th Battery  
1 Command Depot  
Sutton Veng  
Wills -

about  
950 Pl. S. Makewicz

9th Battery  
A. J. F.

W. H.  
June 23/18

Written 16.8.18  
MRS.

Ack. 24 Aug/18  
Boulogne.

ack  
26.8.18.

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1<sup>st</sup> Army School of Instruction  
France

To The Secretary

Dear Sir

I have received a letter from  
my Aunt & she tells me that my cousin Donald  
Mackenzie No 900. 9<sup>th</sup> Detachment A.I.F. has been  
missing since 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Would you be kind  
enough to try & find out for me if he has  
been taken prisoner his Mother would be very  
grateful to you if you could give her any  
information concerning him as this is the same  
son that she has lost in the war I will give you  
her address in case that you may want it

Mrs D Mackenzie

Janefield

Hunter Valley

Argyle

Scotland

I Remain

Yours

Wm G Graham

no 255845-1st

Aug 18

2588 1/cpl. J.C. Graham

8.10.18

45 Batt: A.I.F.

45 Army School of Instruction for  
B.I.F. Filing.

Alex McEwan Esq

B.R.C.S.  
117 St. Vincent Street Glasgow.

Mrs McKenzie

Jamesfield Hunters' Quay -  
Argyllshire.

Dear Sir (Madam)

In further reference of the  
death of 450 Pl: D. M. McKenzie.

45 Batt: A.I.F. we have just  
received the following unofficial  
report from ~~5068~~ 6068 Pl: J. Maloney  
of the same unit - ~~later~~ at the

19.8.16 "Hampshire foot healing" 12.8.16  
 19.8.16 "Buckingham Palace" 12.8.16  
 26.8.16 "Bham, factadus, script sound" 19.8.16  
 24.8.16 "Chester, buttocks, com air" 19.8.16  
 19.8.16  
 21.8.16 "prison at Dulmen" 19.8.16  
 4.9.16 "Southsea, sol. foot, w. 8.10.16" 22.8.16  
 22.8.16  
 2.2.8.16  
 15.9.16 "3.9.16 back, danger, pass, op" 22.8.16  
 26.8.16 "Leicester, shell, face, program" 17.8.16  
 23.8.16 "dis Bas, details, face, July 3" 17.8.16  
 17.8.16  
 25.8.16 "hospital, face, no, morning" 17.8.16  
 1.9.16 "Pis of War, Dulmen" 17.8.16  
 31.8.16 "with unit" 17.8.16

Australian Consulate

Camp B. 94  
states that Leung

the Kenzie young died  
on the ground at the time  
that he was buried

but side B. 94 in the  
Australian Cemetery.

Although only officially  
reported would be  
we fear there is a hope  
that the Kenzie being taken

but we must emphasize  
that our supposition is based  
on purely unofficial evidence  
and we are not in a position  
to state further  
particulars. We shall  
by advice of the Consulate

Tel: VICTORIA (8576  
8577  
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO

"THE SECRETARY,"

WOUNDED AND MISSING

— ENQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

88, GROSVENOR PLACE,

LONDON S.W. 1.

O.C.

8th Stationary Hosp.

B. 8. 9. France.

Sept. 11th

2333. Pte O. A. COMPTON. 3rd Bn. A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 31. 7. 18 and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Vera Deakin.

Secretary.

E. B. M. C.

Battn 9

W7 M 23.6.18

Mackenzie Donald

950

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the 9<sup>th</sup> Battn, they also took a German trench in  
which they found the body of Mackenzie No 879  
and buried it

Extract from letter

(Mrs) Elizabeth Mackenzie's letter 16.9.18

Mrs Mackenzie adds that "The Cpl of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battn was  
sent to England"

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19.9.18

July 18th, 1918.

Mrs. Mackenzie,  
Janesfield, Hunters Quay,  
Argyllshire.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your enquiry for -

950 Pte. D. MACKENZIE, 9th Battalion, A.I.F.

We regret to inform you that he has been officially  
reported Wounded & Missing since 23-6-18 (not 17-6-18)  
and at present no further details are available.

We are making enquiries and will let you know if  
we hear any further news.

With deepest sympathy in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

*F. Bluelly*

Mrs Mackenzie.  
Jamezfield.  
Hunters Quay.  
Argyllshire.

February 27th 1919.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for  
950. Pte Donald Mackenzie. 9th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to  
inform you we have now received the following unofficial report  
from 1547 Sgt. H. Coulborn of the same unit which states,

On the evening of June 22nd. Pte. Mackenzie was one of a  
party told off to locate an enemy machine gun position. On our  
return, the enemy opened fire, I myself being hit as well as Pte  
Mackenzie. Later, search parties were sent out but failed to  
locate him.

Whilst at the Base, Havre, I received information from one.  
1403. Cpl. L. Boyle. 3rd Bn. A.I.F. 3rd Division, advised  
16-10-18, who stated that he had buried a man, who had a letter  
left on him with the following:- Pte Mackenzie. 950. 9th Bn.  
etc.

Again assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Alex. McEwan Esq.  
117 St Vincent Street.  
Glasgow. N.B.

Secretary.

g.w.g

January 27th, 1919.

Alex McEwan, Esq.,  
117 St Vincent Street,  
GLASGOW.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 24th inst concerning 950  
Pte.D.MACKENZIE, 9th Battalion, A.I.F. We beg to inform  
you that we are applying to the A.I.F. Graves Dept. on your  
behalf for a photograph of his grave in the hope that it  
may later be located and photographed. Should we obtain  
further information concerning Pte.Mackenzie we will again  
advise you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

*Vera Duncan*

Secretary.

*per h.b.*

2568 L/Cpl. G.C. Graham.  
45 Bttn. A.I.F.  
4th Army of Instruction,  
B. F. F.

Alex McKean, Esq.,  
117 St. Vincent Stret,  
Glasgow.

JANUARY 22nd, 1919.

Dear Sir, re 950 DONALD MACKENZIE. 9th Bttn. A.I.F.

We regret to inform you that the above soldier  
who was previously reported Wounded and Missing is now  
reported Killed in Action 24.6.18.

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

Regretting the distressing character of this news.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *V.W.P.*

Secretary.

January 22nd, 1919.

Mrs Mackenzie.  
Janefields.  
Hunter's Quay,  
Argyllshire.

Dear Madam.

re 950 DONALD MACKENZIE. 9th Btn. A.I.F.

We deeply regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Wounded & Missing is now reported Killed in Action 24.6.18.

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

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *V.W.P.*

Secretary.

The above report having been sent to the War Office and the  
British Legation in Berlin for their consideration.

It is hoped that the above report will be of service to the  
War Office and the British Legation in Berlin.

Received at the War Office on 24th Oct. 1918.  
Alex. McKean, Esq. 117 St Vincent Street,  
Glasgow.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of 24th inst., has been forwarded to us  
from B.R.C.S. Carlton House Terrace, for our attention.

With reference to your enquiry for - 950 Pte. Donald  
McKenzie, 9th Battalion, A.I.F. who is officially reported  
missing since 23-6-18. We regret to forward the  
following unofficial reports given concerning him by men of  
the same Battalion.

Though we cannot of course vouch for the accuracy of any  
unofficial evidence, we are very much afraid that these reports  
of Pte. McKenzie's death may prove to be correct, as there has  
never been any trace of him as a prisoner of War in Germany.

4153 Pte. W.J. Burke. made the following statement:- "In  
front of Strazeele about 23rd June towards 5 p.m. MacKenzie was  
out on a reconnaissance with a Sgt and came unexpectedly on a  
German post. The Germans opened out on them with a machine gun  
and bombs and MacKenzie was killed. I witnessed this myself.  
We were relieved the same evening and I cannot say whether the  
body were recovered or not - it is scarcely probable as it was  
too close to the German line."

63 Sgt. Lucas stated:- "I knew MacKenzie well. He was of  
medium build and Scotch. He was seen to be hit while on a  
daylight patrol in front of Strazeele about 20 yards from a  
German post. I personally searched the ground for a couple  
of hours and found no trace whatever of him."

881 Sgt. E. Donald confirms this report of Pte. MacKenzie's  
casualty and adds:- "We tried to get to the post to find his  
body and bring it in but Fritz's fire was too hot while we  
were there. We were relieved by the 3rd Battalion and they

We were in front of Strazeele Station and were advancing. We have never lost the ground."

We are doing our utmost to obtain further information concerning Ego. Mackenzie and will advise you as soon as we succeed.

Regretting we should have to forward such sad news.

Yours faithfully,

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to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he was born. He was  
born on April 10, 1918, at New Orleans, Louisiana.  
He was educated at the University of Louisiana at  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he received his  
Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1941.  
He was employed by the United States Army from 1941  
to 1946, during which time he served as a Captain  
and was decorated with the Distinguished Service  
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Sept. 30th, 1918.

2588 L/Cpl. C.C. Graham.  
45th Battalion.  
4th Army School of Instruction.  
B.P.F. France.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your enquiry for - 950 Pte. DONALD MACKENZIE.  
9th Battalion, A.I.F. We beg to inform you of further  
unofficial evidence received from 881 Sgt. E. DONALD, who  
was Cyclists' Base Depot, B.P.F. on 14-4-18, who stated:-  
"Pte. Mackenzie was on a patrol in daylight with Lt. Cork  
and Sgt. Goulburn. They were investigating a Jerry H.Q. post  
and trying to get some Prisoners of War. They had bombs and  
revolvers with them, they had just got up to the post when  
Fritz opened up with Machine gun fire killing Mackenzie and  
wounding Goulburn. We tried to get to the post to find his  
body and bring it in, but Fritz's fire was too hot while we were  
there. We were relieved by the 3rd Battalion and they after-  
wards informed us that they had driven Fritz back and found Mac  
Kenzie's body which they had buried. We were in front of  
Strazeele Station and were advancing. We have never lost  
the ground."

We have now removed Pte. Mackenzie's name from our enquiry  
lists as we feel that we are unlikely to obtain more definite  
information but should we do so we shall immediately advise  
you and assure you of our sincere sympathy in the loss of  
your friend.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS) Vera Deakin

SECRETARY. G.H.W.

Mrs. MacKenzie.  
Janelle, Hunter's Quay.  
Argyllshire.  
September 20th, 1918.  
Dear Madam.

We deeply regret to inform you of further unofficial evidence about your son - 980 Pte. DONALD MACKENZIE, 9th Battalion, A.I.F. - given by men of his unit who confirm the reports already sent you.

3058 Pte. A. Hawtin, when interviewed in the 8th General Hospital, B.E.F. stated that Pte. MacKenzie was in a post near Strazeele station on the evening of 23-6-18 and he went forward with Sgt. Goulbourn to attempt to take a German post but when they were close to it the Germans opened fire - wounding him in the stomach and wounding the sergeant in the leg. He tried unsuccessfully to help your son in but had to leave him and although several search parties went out during the night they did not find his body.

4153 Pte. W.J. Burke when in the 22nd General Hospital, gave a similar report although he said that your son was killed. He stated:- "In front of Strazeele, about 23rd June towards 5 p.m. Mackenzie was out on a reconnaissance with a Sgt and came unexpectedly in a German post. The Germans opened out on them with a Machine gun and bombs. Mackenzie was killed. The Sgt got back wounded. I witnessed this myself. We were relieved the same evening and I cannot say whether the body was recovered or not, it is scarcely probable, as it was too close to the German line. He was with me in the same Coy. and I knew him well, a Lewis gunner and one of the original men in the Battalion. He had been wounded two or three times and gassed early this year."

945 Pte. A. Sinclair, who was in the 2nd Stationary Hospital, B.E.F. reported that Pte. MacKenzie volunteered for a night raid of which Lt. Walker was in charge and he was wounded. The casualty occurred close to the German lines at Meteren and some time later search parties went out to recover your son's body but they did not succeed and it was the general impression that he had died.

Pte. Sinclair describes your son as about 5'8" in height broad and good looking, about 24 or 25 years of age. There is no record of your son being a prisoner of war and we fear that he

must have succumbed to his wounds although our fears are based on purely unofficial evidence given by men of his unit for whose accuracy we can accept no responsibility. We are continuing our enquiries and as soon as we receive further information we shall let you know as we realise how very anxious you must be.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy,  
Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.  
L.A.W.

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August 22nd, 1918.

Mrs. Mackenzie. 123 St. James Street, Glasgow, Scotland.  
 Jamesfield, Hunters Quay. Argyllshire.  
 Dear Madam.

In a further reply to your enquiry we regret to inform you that we have received the following unofficial reports from men of his unit concerning -

950 Pte. DONALD MACKENZIE, 9th Battalion, A.I.F.

who has been Missing since 23-6-18. No 85 Pte. A. Barnes when interviewed in a Australian Convalescent Camp, B.P.F. stated "I knew Pte. Don Mackenzie, he came from Brisbane with the original Battalion. He was about 29 years of age, of medium height and build, dark and clean shaven. A good sport. I saw him fall wounded by a bullet at an outpost about seventy yards from our front line to the right of Straseale in daylight about 5 p.m. on 23-6-18. Sgt. Bert Goulburn and Lt. Koch, both of D. Coy, 13th Platoon were with him and both were wounded and got back themselves. Two separate parties went out the same night to get Mackenzie but could not find him. Fritz' front line was only about 30 yards from the outpost and we continued to hold our front line".

163 Pte. W. McMorris when in the South African Military Hospital, Richmond Park, stated "Mackenzie went out on patrol about 5 p.m. on Sunday June 23/1918 (near Meteren) with Sgt. Bert Goulburn and was wounded by a machine gun bullet and had to be left behind. I went out the same night with 4 or 5 men and stretcher bearers to try and bring him in, but although we had a thorough search up to within a few yards of the German lines, we could find no trace and it is pretty certain he must have been taken prisoner. Goulburn was wounded also but got back. Mackenzie belonged to D. Coy. XIII. He was a fair man, of about 22 years of age, medium height, a Scotchman."

680 Sgt. Lucas confirmed this evidence. He stated "I knew Pte. Mackenzie well. He was of medium build, and was Scotch, with a Scotch accent. He was seen to be wounded while on a daylight patrol

We must emphasise this evidence as purely unofficial and would advise you not to accept it in the absence of more definite and official news of Pte. Mackenzie. At the same time we are pursuing our enquiries and as soon as we receive further particulars we shall advise you as we realise how anxious you must be.

With our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
JANUARY 1960

TO: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
FROM: THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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August 27th, 1918.

2588 L/Cpl. G. O. Graham.  
45th Battalion. A.I.F.  
4th Army School of Instruction.  
B. P. F.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your enquiry for your cousin -

950 Pte. D. MacKENZIE. 9th Battalion. A.I.F.

who is officially reported Wounded and Missing on

23-5-18. We beg to inform you that we have already

received an enquiry for him from his Mother and are

sending all the reports we receive concerning him

direct to her, if however you want to see them

for yourself & will let us know we will gladly  
send to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) D-S,

Secretary.