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Lieutenant Colonel
Archibald McGibbon
McLaurin

8th Light Horse



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8th A.L.H.

McLAURIE

Lieut/Col. A.McG.

Killed 23/11/18

Buried Beirut Military Cemetery, Syria, 227.5

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

18/12/19

A.I.F. 8th Bn. Regt.

McLAURIN
Archie Sol.

WHEREABOUTS

Died at 74th Casualty Clearing Station Palestine 23/11/18 of Broncho
pneumonia.

Cert. by A.I.F. Mors 19/12/18

London
19/12/18

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A.I.F. 8th Light Horse Regt.

McLAURIN
Col. A.

"DIED OF ILLNESS 23/11/18"

Re Colonel A. McLaurin's death in this Casualty Clearing Station, the C.C. has asked me to supply such information as lies in my power. Colonel McLaurin died here of Broncho pneumonia and Secondary Meningitis twentyfour hours after admission. He was unconscious during the whole of this time and had obviously been ill for a considerable period, a fact found out by statements from some of his officers who came to see him. He had in all probability contracted Influenza, during the advance but pluckily kept with the regiment and it was only when the ^{trouble} which finally caused his death made its appearance that Colonel McLaurin was obliged to go into hospital. The funeral was attended by officers and men of his own regiment. He is buried in a small cemetery close to this hospital and situated amongst the olive-groves behind the ^{fire} stove and about two miles ^{and} half from the Mediterranean (Tripoli Syria). Being an Australian serving with the R. A.M.C. I have naturally always been interested in those of my fellow-countrymen who have from time to time been admitted to this Unit, and trust that these few details may be gratifying to Colonel McLaurin's people.

Letter from:- Keith G. Colquhoun, Capt.,

R.A.M.C.

74th Casualty Clearing Stn.

B.E.F.

London
7/2/19

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Any Imp. re: —

14-12-18-

Col. Archie Mc Laurin
& L.H.

Inquirer .

Cadet Mc Laurin

XI Squad.

T.F.A. Cadet School.

Lords Cricket Ground, St John's Wood

O. C. Draft: 23-12-18.

O. C.

74th Casualty Clearing Station
Egyptian Loc. Forces.

Colonel Archie Mc Laurin
8th Light Horse Regiment
C. I. F.

and 23-11-18.

Despatched 26th September, 1918.

CONFIRMATION CARD.

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Despatched 26th September, 1913.

And 23-11-18.

O.C. Staff: 23-12-18
 O.C. Cavalry, Camp Staff
 44th Egyptian Rec. Bn
 Colonel Andrieu, 1st Cavalry
 8th Light Horse Regt
 C.I.F.

Col^l M^l Laurin

L. B. 7

8. Light Horse Regt

Jan^{ry} 14th 1919

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Dear Miss Deakin,

With reference to your Bureau enquiry as to the details of Colonel M^l Laurin's death in this C.E.S., the O.G. has asked me to supply such information as lies in my power.

Colonel M^l Laurin died here of Broncho-pneumonia and Secondary Meningitis, twenty-four hours after admission. He was unconscious during the whole of this time and had obviously been ill for a considerable period, a fact borne out by statements from some of his officers who came to see him. He had, in all probability, contracted Influenza during the advance, but pluckily kept with the regiment, and it was only when the trouble which finally caused his death made its appearance that Colonel M^l Laurin was obliged to enter hospital. E

The funeral was attended by officers and men of his own regiment. He is buried in a small cemetery close to this hospital, and situated amongst the

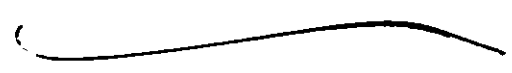
olive-fruits behind the first shore, and about two miles and a half from the Mediterranean (Tripoli, Syria.)

Being an Australian, serving with the R.A.M.C., I have naturally always been interested in those of my fellow-countrymen who have from time to time been admitted to this unit, and trust that these few details may be gratifying to Colonial & Indian people.

I am
Faintly Yours,

Keith Holophaem, Capt.
R.A.M.C.

74th C.S.



February 10th, 1919.

Cadet McLaurin,
XI Squad.
R.F.A. Cadet School.
Lords Cricket Ground.
St. Johns Wood.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for Colonel ARCHIE MCLAURIN. 8th Light Horse Regt. A.E.F. We beg to inform you we have received the following letter from Capt. Keith G. Colquhoun, R.A.M.C. 74th Casualty Clearing Station, B.E.F. who states:-"Re Col. A. McLaurin's death in this Casualty Clearing Station, the O.C. has asked me to supply such information as lies in my power. Col. McLaurin died here of Broncho pneumonia and secondary meningitis 24 hours after admission. He was unconscious during the whole of this time and had obviously been ill for a considerable period, a fact found out by statements from some of his officers who came to see him. He had in all probability contracted influenza, during the advance but pluckily kept with the regiment and it was only when the trouble which finally caused his death made its appearance that Col. McLaurin was obliged to go into hospital. The funeral was attended by officers and men of his own regiment. He is buried in a small cemetery close to this hospital and situated amongst the olive-groves behind the fore shore and about two miles and a half from the Mediterranean (Tripoli Syria) Being an Australian serving with the R.A.M.C. I have naturally always been interested in those of my fellow countrymen who have from time to time been admitted to this Unit, and trust that these few details may be gratifying to Col. McLaurin's people."

Hoping this may be of value to you and with sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

G. W. G.

Cadet McLaurin,
21 Sanderson,
R.F.A. Cadet School,
Lords Cricket Ground,
St. John's Wood.

23rd December 1918.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry for Colonel Archie McLaurin,
8th Australian Light Horse, A.I.F., we much regret to inform
you ~~that he died~~ of Broncho-Pneumonia on the 23rd November 1918,
at the 74th Casualty Clearing Station in Palestine. We are
making enquiries for details of his death and burial, and will
advise you as soon as we obtain any particulars.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

V. D. P. W. V. P.
Secretary.