

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2121 Private
Andrew Gilbert
McHarg**

39th Battalion



1910406L

A.I.F. 39th Btn

McHARG (Rouen)
McHARD
Andrew Gilbert 2121

"MISSING"

Killed in action 12-10-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 18-2-18.

M & P.I.

London
20-2-18

39th A. I. F.

McHarg. Pte. A. G. 2121
D Coy. 15 Pltn.

12.
H. Oct 4/17.

"Information could be obtained from his Corporal
Heckford, J.C. No. 1313, who with McHarg, was in my
platoon. He told me he saw McHarg killed."

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Sgt. P.O. O'Connor, 1371
39th A. I. F., D Coy. 15 Pltn.,
County of London Hosp. Horton, Epsom.

Home address: 53 Gower St, Kensington,
Melbourne.

20.12.17.
W.F. Parker.

M
P.O. 1371
14.1.18
Heckford

A. I. F. 39.

McHARG, A.G. 2121.

N. October 12th, 1917. Pres. Rep. M.

He was in D.Coy, XV, LGS. He came from round Hamilton way (Victoria). We called him "Gil". He had curly hair and was inclined to be fair. I saw his name given amongst the killed in Battn Orders sometime in November. He was killed up at Passchendaele.

END.

Reference:- Sgt. Haines. 1312. D.Coy.
No. 56 Gen. Hosp.

Etaples
15.2.18.

M
PI

39th Battn
A.I.F.

MC HARG ,
A.G. 2121

"Killed 12.10.17."

I believe that Sgt. Jamieson, (39th Battn D.Coy, 16th Pltn)
now Sgt. Maj. would be able to give all particulars about
Pte. Gilbert Mc Harg. (39th Battn D.Coy., 16th Pltn)

Eyewitness:- No.

Description:- Ballarat- single- out 15 months.

Informant:- L/Cpl. R. Schneider, 2141, (Quite intelligent)
39th Battn A.Coy, 1st Pltn,

Home address: 3rd Southern Gen. Hpl.

Lorquon,

via Nhill ?

Victoria.

H.M. Pykard Cambridge

6.4.18.

London

25.4.18.

NOTE Written to Jamieson 23.4.18 M.
P.I.

A.I.P. 39th Btn

McHARR
McHARR
A.C. 2121

"Wied May-June-July"

Adm. Saffron Walden Hpl - H.E. in Kase

Trans - 14th Gen. Hpl 18-5-17

Discharged furlough and report Berham Downs 18-6-17 - 2-7-17 -
ex Saffron Walden.

Cert. by Hpl Index

London
24-7-17

39th Battn.
A.I.F.

McHARD
A.G. 2121

"Killed in Action 12-10-17"

Re 2121 Pte. A.G. McHarg, of my Coy., who was reported Missing (believed killed) on 12-10-17. I am sorry to state that I am unable to state whether he was buried in the field or in a registered Cemetery, but I personally am of opinion, knowing the nature of the country and the state it was in at the time, that he would be buried in the field along with many other of our lads. He left Australia with the same Rfts. that I came away with, and was a Lewis Gnr. in my Pltn. at the time of his death. Early in the action I personally saw him using his Lewis gun to great advantage, killing many Huns, as they ran from us. Later on I noticed a Lewis gun lying on the side of a shell hole which looked much like the one he was using, as his gun had on it a piece of thick cord by which he had been carrying it.

Description: Height about 5' 8 or 9", weight, 11st., 7lb. medium build, blue eyes, auburn hair, face and hands, freckled, jovial nature.

Letter from:- Jameson C/S/M. Ernest
D.Coy. 39th Battn.,
FRANCE. 30-4-18

London
10-5-18

M&P.I.

29.10.17

No 2/21

Pte A & M^c Harg

D. Coy.

39th Battr. A.Y.F.

Auntie

M^c Harg.

11, Fitzjohn Avenue

Edinburgh

Tel 5590 Haymarket

Reported ~~about~~

missing about
2 weeks ago.

C. V. 11.

23-4-18.

Sgt. Jamieson

xvi. Pltn

G. Coy.

39. Inf. Batta

A. 4. 7.

2121. Plt A. G. McHarg

D. Coy.

39. Inf. Batta

A. 4. 7.

12. 12-10-17.

W. L.

23-4-18.

Corps KEENEPORT J.C.
1813

Dec

39 A.I.C.

B. 9.7

about

A. G. McHARR

39 A.I.C. 2121

11/12 10-17.

SW
14.1.18

2121 A.G. M^cHardy 39th Bth In the Field
30-4-17.

15/4 12.10.17

M & P

The Secretary.
Enquiry Bureau.

Dear Sir Graham.

In reply to your enquiry concerning

No 2121. Cpl A.G. M^cHardy of my Company who was reported missing (believed killed) on 12/10/17. I am sorry to state that I am unable to state whether he was buried in the field or in a Registered Cemetery, but I personally am of opinion - knowing the nature of the country and the state it was in at the time - that he would be buried in the Field along with many other of our lads.

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Build - medium.

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Hair - Auburn.

Face & Hands - freckled.

Nature - jovial.

using his Lewis Gun to great advantage killing many Germans as they came from us. Later on I noticed a Lewis Gun lying on the side of a shell hole which looked much like the one he was using, as this gun had on it a piece of thick cord by which he had been carrying it.

I am sorry that I do not know anything further regarding this soldier's end and can only mourn the loss of a dear friend & comrade in arms.

Yours sincerely

Lt. Ernest Jameson

Csm. D. Coy

39th Bth

5th March, 1918.

Mrs. McHarg,
71, Fitzjohn Avenue,
Hampstead. N.W.3.

Dear Madam,

We have received an unofficial report as to the death of
your nephew :-

2131 Pte. A.N. ^GMcHARG, 38th Battalion, A.I.F.

but we fear it adds little or nothing to the information already
sent you.

1312 Sgt. Haines, D Coy, No 56 General Hospital, reports that
Pte. McHarg was killed at Passchendaele in November, but he does not
appear to have been an eye-witness, and reports nothing as to
burial.

Should we receive any further information we will at once
advise you.

With our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

F. F. George
SECRETARY.

8th March, 1918.

Mrs. McHarg,
71, Fitzjohn Avenue,
Hampstead.

Re 2121 ANDREW GILBERT MCHARG, 39th Batta, A.I.F.

Dear Madam,

We deeply regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported "Killed in Action on 12-10-17".

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

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

Lewis

SECRETARY.



Stratton House

39 Wsplanade

Burnham

Somerset.

May 22nd

Mrs McGarg wishes to thank the
Australian Red Cross Society for their
kindness in making all the enquiries
about her nephew, 2121 Pte A. G. McGarg. &
The last unofficial report about Bague
will be more than welcome to his
mother in Australia.

London address

71. Fitzjohns Av.

N.W. 3.

Mrs. McHarg,
71, Fitzjohn Avenue,
Hampstead, N.W.3.

16th May, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We beg to inform you that we have received another
unofficial report respecting your nephew -

2121 Pte. A.G. McHARG, 39th Battalion, A.I.F.
which you may like to have though it is somewhat vague.

Sgt./Major E. Jameson, of same unit wrote to us from the
Battalion to this effect:- "I am sorry to state that I am unable
to state whether he was buried in the field or in a registered
Cemetery, but I personally am of opinion, knowing the nature of
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great advantage, killing many Huns as they ran from us. Later
on I noticed a Lewis Gun lying on the side of a shell hole which
looked much like the one he was using as his gun had in it a
piece of thick cord by which he had been carrying it."

We are continuing our enquiry in the hope of having some
more definite information of your nephew's burial to send you and
as soon as we receive further details we shall advise you.

With our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS) Vera Deakin SECRETARY.

F. J. G.