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6850 Private
Donald Douglas West
MacPherson

35th Battalion



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A .F. 19. MACPHERSON. D.D.W. 6850

K. April 3rd 1918.

MacPherson was in the 35th Battn. He came out originally in the 1st Sportsman's Unit as reinforcement for the 19th. Left Australia in Port Melbourne July 16th 1917, Arrived England Sept.16th/1917. Was transferred to the 35th Battn about the end of November. He was a good athlete, a great runner. Came from Ashfield or Summer Hill. I know initials and approximate number.

I don't know anything personally about his death but heard that he was killed in a hut behind the lines at Kortipy or Canteen Corner.

Inf: Sgt A.A.Moseley. 6927. C.XI.
No. 2 Stationary
ABBEVILLE. 9.8.1918.

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See H.C. report

35th Battn. late
19th Battn.

MAC PHERSON.
D.D.W. 6850.

"Killed in Action"

Unit should read 35th Battn. late 20/19th Bn.
Cert: by A.I.F.Hqrs 16-8-18.

London.
19-8-18.

A.I.F. 35. MACPHERSON D.D.W. 6850.

K. 3.4.18.

He came over with me in the "Port Melbourne" and used to be in a concert party being a pretty good singer. He was killed on about the night of 3rd. April by a 5.9. shell at Bretonneux , instantaneously, with 2 or 3 others. I did not see the casualty happen but I got the details from Pte. Scope of D.Co. still up the line, who saw it. I have seen his grave just outside Bretonneux in a small cemetery. There was a cross erected with his name and number on. In Australia he used to be a Cpl. The same shell killed C.P. MacDonnell, 6915. (BRGS.list)

PHE.

Reference: Pte.W. Griffin. 6806.A.Co.
7 Can.Gen.Hpl.

Etaples.
21.9.18.

Lt. Pepper 6th Bde Sigs
S.E.A.

35th Battn.
A.I.F.

MAC PHERSON.
D.D.W. 6850.

"Killed 3-4-18"

I saw MacPherson killed on the 3rd March. We were in a barn together. I was standing near him. A shell came through the barn and killed four men and wounded fourteen. He was buried near the 35th Battn R.A.P. Villers Bretonneux. The ground was held. This happened at 4.p.m.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:- "Don".

Home Address:-
Pomoni.Eden Avenue.
Enfield. Sydney.N.S.W.

Informant:- Scope.J.6880.Pte.
35th Battn. B.7. A.I.F.
Bath War Hospital.

Reb.H.Goldie.
London.
24-9-18.
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35th Battn. Mac Pherson D. D. W. 6850.

1 K April 3/18 Det D/B.

I saw him killed at Villiers Brettoneaux at 3 p.m. by shell-fire he died of concussion and was unwounded. We were in billets for roll-call prior to going into the line that night; the shell killed 5 and wounded 14. He was a real dinkum little bloke being a good alround singer and in the Battn Concert Party the "Zig-Zags".

He was the only son with seven sisters; came from Randwick N.S.W. and was single, working on a Bank staff. I took his effects to the Bde Padre who afterwards buried him in the garden of a Chatteau in Villiers Brettoneaux, where a durable cross marks his grave.

All regretted his death, especially the Padre, who promised to send his things home.

6922 Pte Cook H. E. 35th Battn.

Dartford, 3/10/18.

Munro Riddle. J.P. J.

C. Smith.

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