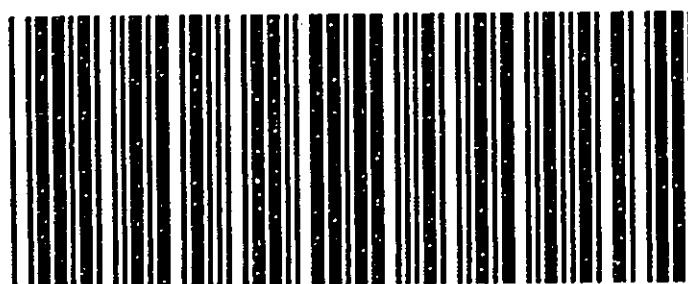


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5067 Private
Francis Martin (Donald
McPherson)

22nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 22nd Btn

McPHERSON
D. 5067

"Wded & M. 3-5-17"

Killed in action 3-5-17 - previously reported Wded & Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 24-1-18.

London
28-1-18

OFF.M.

Hayes

25th Sept. 1917

22nd AUSTRALIANS

McPHERSON, No 5067

H B No 3.4.17

I knew Pte. Donald McPherson of B Co. He was from Dumbarton, Scotland, but joined up in Melbourne and came across with me in the 13th to the 22nd Reinforcements. He left Melbourne on July 15, 1916 on the "Ayrshire". I was told that he died of wounds at the Dressing Station in May after the Bullecourt stunt. He told me that his right name was O'Brien, and that his sister Jessie lived at Dumbarton. He had been in Australia for about 15 years, and his father and mother were both dead.

Informant: Pte. S. ^{Kenny} 5084
22nd Australians, A Co., 1st Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Houilles.

HBM

Off 11/16

22nd Battn.
A. Coy.
A.I.F.

McPherson.
Donald 5067

"Wounded & Missing 3.5.17"

I was told by Tom Gordon of our Platoon that he had found McPherson in a shell hole near the German trench with a bullet through his thigh and another through his back. Tom Gordon bandaged him and left him to get stretcher bearers. He heard afterwards that McPherson was dead. It was at Bullecourt on May 3rd. I was in support trenches that day.

Eye-witness: No.

Description:

Informant:- Pte. Chas. Walsh 5103
2nd Battn. A. Coy.
Home address: 2nd London General Hospital.
Henty P.O. N.S. Wales.
A.M. Cush
6.11.17.

London.
19.11.17.

Note Written Pte. Gordon 15.11.17.

Off.M.

Havre

26th Oct. 1917.

22nd AUSTRALIANS

McPHERSON, D. 5067

W & M. 3.5.17.

I knew Pte. Donald McPherson. He was short and fat. He was a Glasgow man but enlisted in Australia. He was killed at Bullecourt on May 3rd by a sniper. He was taking up rations after we had taken our objective. I saw his body being carried to a shell hole. The men who were carrying him said "They've got poor, old Mac". I did not see him, and don't remember who the stretcher bearers were. It was not possible to put up any cross. He was buried just behind the support trenches at Bullecourt.

Informant: Pte. E.L. Plum, 5076
22nd Australians, A Co., 2nd Pltn.,
No. 2 Gen. (Casino) Havre.

NOTE. This informant gave reports about several other men. He was anxious to give information, but I am not inclined to place much reliance on the reports. He was in a nervous condition. GIE

Havre

28th Nov. 1917.

22nd AUSTRALIANS

McPHERSON, D. 5067

W & M. 3.3.17.

I knew Pte. Donald McPherson of C Co., 10th Pltn. He was batman to Lt. Archer. His people lived in Dumbartonshire, but he had emigrated to Australia. I heard Lt. Archer tell our Platoon Sergt. that he was killed at Bullecourt on the 2nd May.

Informant: Pte. W.R. Meikle, 5035
22nd Australians, C Co., 12th Pltn.,
Australian Army, Renelles.

GIE

Written by Lt. Archer 7-12-17.

22nd Btn.

McPHERSON, D.
Pte. 5067

K u A 3.5.17

Pres Rep "Wounded & Missing"

"I knew Casualty well. He was a short man, nuggety, dark, known as "Scotty". It was in the advance at Bullecourt. I saw Casualty lying in a shell hole about 10.30 a.m. and gave him a drink of water. He told me he was shot through the back of the hip and that his leg was broken. He asked me to send a stretcher bearer which was impossible at the time. The Germans counter-attacked about 11.30 a.m. and there is a slight chance of Casualty being taken prisoner. This was the last I saw of him."

Private address:-
5 Frances Street,
East Prahran.

Informant:- C.R. Stanley,
No. 5415, 22nd Btn.

T.C.P.
28/12/17.

Missing
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7.12.17.

J. Archer

22nd Battle A.I.F.

B. & F.

5067.

Pt D. McPherson.

22nd Battle A.I.F.

w/m. 3-5-17

8.12.17.

A.I.F.

15-11-17

Pl. Tom Gordon

2nd Ballin a. J. J.

B. E. J.

Abi.
5067

Pl. Donald M. Pherson

a. Coy.

22nd Ballin a. J. J.

w/m 3-5-17

15-11-17
B. E. J.