

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**6068 Lance Corporal  
Maurice Molloy**

**21st Battalion**



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21st Battn.  
D.Coy.  
A.I.F.

NO ENQUIRY

MOLLOY M.M.  
L/Cpl. Maurice 6068

"Died of Wounds 22-5-18"

Wounded 19-5-18 - Died of Wounds 22-5-18 - Buried W.22.  
b.4.7. Sheet 52B. 1/40,000 Vignacourt Military Cemetery.  
Date of birth 6-9-96. Next of kin - Mother -

Mrs J. Molloy,  
Lake Gudgegellio,  
N.S.W.

Cert. by List from:-  
Adjutant, 21st Battn. 28-5-18

London  
6-6-18

1 Copy #22. Sydney

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21st Battn.

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D/O

HOLLOY, M.M.

L/Cpl. Maurice. 6068.

"Died of Wounds 22-5-18"

Ad: 61st C.C.S. suffering from G.S.W. Back.

Cert: by A.I.F. Hqrs 25-7-18.

London.

26-7-18.

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21st Battn.

A.I.F.

HOLLOY M.M.

L/Cpl. H. 6068

"Died of Wounds 22-5-18"

Re. L/Cpl. Holloy. He was admitted to this C.C.S. 19-5-18 suffering from G.S.W. Back. There were slight changes in his condition whilst he was a patient here, but no real improvement was made. He died on the 22nd May after receiving religious consolation from the R.C. Chaplain. Burial took place in the local Cemetery.

Letter from:- The C.C.,  
No. 61 C.C.S.,  
4-8-18

London

9-8-18

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21. A.I.F.

Molloy. L/C M.M. 6068

(D/W. May 22. )  
Dets. D/S.

"I knew Molly Molloy very well, a very nice fellow, very game, in fact too game. He was a M.G. C-pl. I saw him lying on his chest on the stretcher with 3 bullets in his back just before he died - very cheerful."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Pte. R. Hill. 873.

21st A.I.F.

Fulham Military Hospital,  
Hammersmith. W.

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MOLLOY, MM, L/Cpl.M. 6068.

D/W May 22nd 1918.

Pte R. Jeffreys, 6053, 21.D.XVI. who left No. 2 Stat. Hospital 13.8.1918 for Gen. Depot, Havre told me he could give information of Molloy who was hit by m.g. bullets at Villers sur Ancre. When he spoke to me about Molloy the latter's name was not on the enquiry list but I see it is in the Supplement. Jeffreys called him Pte Molloy, but I expect it is the same man by the date.

H. Ewen Hays,  
No. 3 Aust. Gen. Hosp.  
ABBEVILLE. 22.8.1918.

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Havre

23rd August 1918.

Australians. 21.

Holley (MM) L/Opl H. 6068.

D/W 22nd May 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him from being in the Batta. He was about 21, medium height, but small build. He had the MM. About the 19th May we were at Villers Seneval in the line. In the early morning we attacked and during the attack Holloy was hit right in the middle of the back. I saw him being taken ~~back~~ on a stretcher to the R.A.P. afterwards. He was unconscious. I heard he died later.

N.W.

*ex-arch*

Inf:- Pte S. Davey NO. 6752.  
A.I.F. 21. D. IVI.  
Australian Camp.  
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21st Battn.  
A.I.F.

MOLLOY M.M.  
L/Cpl.M. 6068

"Died of Wounds 22-5-18"

He was in D.Coy., and was a M.Gnr., and held the rank of L/Cpl. Refer to Sgt.N.Watson, D.Coy. 21st Battn., and in France, for he saw him wounded and was with him at the time.

Informant. Leckie. Cpl.A. 5042  
D.Coy. 21st Battn.,  
3rd A.A.H.,  
DARTFORD.

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London  
29-8-18  
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21st Battn.  
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M. MOLLOY, "M.M."  
6068.L/Cpl.

"Died of Wounds 22-5-18"

I knew Molloy well. He was No 1 of the Machine Gun on which I was serving. We were in the Sailly le Sec Sector, and were in support of the 22nd A.I.F. They passed on and we were doing the mopping up. A German who had been passed near by the 22nd sniped Molloy with his Machine Gun. He was hit in the legs and spine, and his legs were paralysed. I helped to carry him away on a blanket and we handed him over to the Ambulance men. He heard a week later that he had died. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:- Identity certain.

Home address:-

Informant:- Effelden.V.A.6445.Pte.  
21st A.I.F. D.Cc.

(good informant. Quiet steady style  
of man)

Richmond(Surrey) Mil Hpl.

H.Hastings.  
London.  
30-8-18.  
H.7.

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A.I.F. 21 Bat.

Molloy (M.M.) L/C M. 6368

D/W May 22/18

Molloy was a Lewis gunner, and generally called 'Molly Molloy' by us. He had the M.M. and was well liked by all of us.

We were just holding the line in front of Morlincourt when a sniper got Molloy through the body. He did not die then, living three days longer; but I do not know where he is buried.

He came from Sydney, and in age was about 21-2, fair, and short.

Inf. Phillips, priv. H. 5876 21 Bat.

G.F.G.

Harefield

31/8/18

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21st Batta.  
A.I.F.

MOLLOY.M.M.  
L/Cpl. M. 6068.

"Died of Wounds 22-5-18"

He was in D. Company. and I saw him wounded at Villers-  
sur-André, when he was hit in the back by a sniper, at which  
time we were in action and passing a post where German snipers  
were. Casualty happened at 4.30 a.m. on May 19th 1918. I  
knew him well and he came from Victoria. He was taken back to  
Dressing Station shortly after, being conscious, when taken away.  
He died on May 22nd 1918. He was in the same platoon as I, and  
was a Lewis Gun Corporal in team I was in. I cannot give any de-  
tails of burial. Refer to Pte Jeffreys. D Coy, 21st Battalion,  
and now in France for he was a great friend of his and had a  
letter from him after he was wounded, and he may have enquired  
into burial.

Informant:- Pte Douglas H.J. 6801.  
D. Coy. 21st Batta.

W. Omen.  
London.  
2-9-18.  
H.W.

Note:- Written Jeffreys. 30-6-18. *Letter returned marked S.  
"not with unit"*



Havre.

8th. September. 1918.

21st. Australians.

Holley. M.H. L/Corporal. H. 6069.

D/S. May. 22/1918. Data. D/B.

He was a L/Corporal in D. 16, M. Gunner; short, about 3 feet 6, dark, clean-shaven, well built. We were attacking at Villiers-sur-Ancre about the 15th. or 16th in the morning. He had just gone over the top & was going towards a German post when he got hit. I saw him carried away on a Stretcher.

Inf:- Private. G. E. Nagstaff. 9888  
21st. Australians. D. 16.  
Australian Conv. Camp.  
Rouelles.

WHE.

CP.



SHANE  
Dated 16 JAN 1961

Re Pte. Sharp. He was admitted to this C.O.S. on the 28th April, suffering from Shell Wounds of the Head, Left Knee and Left leg. He died shortly after admission. He left no message, and was buried in the local Military Cemetery.

**Letter from**

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Lt. Col. H. A. H. C.

Comdr. No. 61 Casualty Clearing Station

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Life M. Molloy, MM

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To  
Pt Jeffreys  
J. Co  
21st Battery  
A. I. F.

About  
60682/cpl M. Molloy, M.M.  
21st Battery  
A. I. F.

S/W  
May 22/18

Written 30.8.18  
HRS

Any Nickname? \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Name? \_\_\_\_\_  
Any Tattoo Marks? \_\_\_\_\_ Scars? \_\_\_\_\_  
When last seen, and where? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Was it light or dark at the time? \_\_\_\_\_  
If killed, was body buried, and where? See above  
Engagement or Circumstance? \_\_\_\_\_ Place? \_\_\_\_\_  
Was the ground held or not? \_\_\_\_\_  
Were you an eye-witness? Yes  
If not, who told you, and when? } \_\_\_\_\_  
Give man's No. and Rank, if possible } \_\_\_\_\_  
Any other man of same name in Battln.? \_\_\_\_\_  
Searcher's opinion of Informant Reliable  
Searcher's Name T. J. D'Arcy  
Dated 16.8.28.

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30. 8. 18

*Rt Jeffreys  
J. Co  
21st Batta  
A.I.F*

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

*6068.2/Cpl M. Mollory, M.M. 21st Batta A.I.F  
who is reported died of wounds May 22./18*

and have been told that you may be able to help us by  
supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can  
send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially  
to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the  
field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be  
registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short  
description of his personal appearance or any points that  
might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number,  
as without these particulars delay and confusion might be  
caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have  
written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Vera Deakin*

Secretary.

*permis.*