

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1839 Private
James Cecil
MacGregor (James
Cecil McGregor)

35th Battalion



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A.I.F. 35th Battn.

lost 9 Inf. Bde

McGREGOR
James C. 1839

"KILLED IN ACTION"

Died of wounds 22/8/18

Gert. by A.I.F. Hqs List 20/9/18.

London
21/9/18.

P.I.

35th Battn.,
A.I.F.

McGREGOR,
J.C., 1839.

"Died of wounds - 22-8-18."

"He was in "B" Coy., but I did not see the casualty. I saw him at dressing station on August 22nd 1918 about 6-80 a.m. He was brought to the Dressing Station when I was there, and was conscious. I spoke to him, but he just shook his head for he was suffering a good deal, one of his legs being blown off and the other badly fractured. He had been hit by pieces of shell and was hit in the stomach as well, during the hop over into Bray that morning. I only stayed there half-an-hour and he was there when I left, and he died the same day. I knew ^{him} for about 2 years and he came from Sydney, N.S.W. Refer to Pte. Simpson H.Q. 35th Btn., now in France, for he was the Padre's batman, and both he and the Padre were there at the time. I do not know the Padre's name, but he was C. of E. and will know place of burial. I used to be in the same platoon No. 5 with McGregor, but was transferred into H.Q.

Informant:- Allen, E.N. 351

W. Omap,
London,
6-11-18.
M.I.S.

Headquarters 35th Btn.,
3rd A.A.H. Dartford.

S.

Note:- Written Pte. Simpson, 25-10-18.

35th Battn.
A.I.F.

McGREGOR
J.C. 1839

"DIED OF WOUNDS 22-8-18"

I was present at the R.A.P. when Pte. McGregor came in seriously wounded - his left leg was amputated at same, thence he was evacuated to the A.D.S. where he died of wounds the same day 22/8/18. The following day 3 of my comrades and myself carried Pte. McGregor to the place of burial. He was buried by the 35th Battn. Chaplain in a small Military Cemetery on the outskirts of a small village named Ettenhem. The grave will duly be registered. Pte. McGregor's personal effects were forwarded to the D.D.R.F. Havre, where they will finally be dealt with.

Letter from :- Simpson. Howard
35th Battn.

W.J. Dennis, 35th Battn. A.M.C. certifies that the information given by Pte. Simpson is correct and says "I was present and helped to amputate Pte. McGregor's leg."

London
15-11-18
J.E.A.

S.
P.I.

35th Battn.
A.I.F.

McGREGOR
J.C. 1839

"DIED OF WOUNDS 22-8-18"

He was badly hit having his leg shattered by Shell Fire near Accroche Wood in the attack on Bray, 4.30 to 5 a.m., being brought into R.A.P. he was evacuated to Motor loading point on road to Ettenhem where he died.

I collected a party and buried him, reading the Burial Service.

Map reference - 62.D. K.24. C. I also erected a durable wooden Battalion Cross on the spot.

Informant - J.E.N. Osborn. Major. "M.C."
ex. 35th Battn. C.of.E. Padre. France
Westham Camp
WEYMOUTH

N.B. Priddle
20-11-18
London
27-11-18
J.E.A.

P.I.
S.

A.I.F. 35th Bn
9th Inf. Bde.

McGREGOR
Dor. James Cecil 1839

"D/W. 22-8-18"

Died of wounds at 10th A.F. Amb. 22-8-18 - S.W.L. Thigh -
Buried Point 30 French M. Cemetery 1 mile W of Bray-sur-Somme
& 4½ miles S.S.E. of Albert.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 11-1-19.

S & P.I.

London
13-1-19

A.I.F. 35th Bn

McGREGOR
J. C. 1839

"D/W. 22-8-18"

We wrote to the C.I. 10th Dist: Mld. Amb. for details of this
soldier's death, but as the 10th Mld. Amb. were running on
A.D.J. on 22-8-18 but enquiry was passed for details to the
11th & 9th Mld. Amb, but unfortunately no records are available.

S & P.I.

London
10-2-19

A.I.F.
35th Bttn.

McGREGOR.
J.C. 1839.

Died of Wounds 22.8.18.

I saw McGregor. B.Co. being carried down to D/S after he had been hit by shell (left leg had to be amputated) near Bray during a stunt. He was conscious till he got to D/S but he died immediately after the operation. I don't know where he was buried.

McGregor - Jack. thickset, dark. abt. 36/40 yrs. Came from Mascotte. Sydney.

Informant:- Pte. W.H. Marr. 1876
35th Bttn. R/Q Runner.
A.I.F. Le Havre 21.4.19.

H.P.H.
London.
1.5.19.
J.F.A.

S & P.I.

35th Battn.

McGREGOR,
J.C., 1839

D/W. 22/8/18

Died from gun shot wounds in left leg and arms. Died after amputation of left leg. I was at the dressing station at the time in front of Bray. He was thick set and well built, ginger moustache, red face. He was called Mack and was transferred from the 35th Battalion Transport.

Informant:- H. W. Marr
50 Gladstone Street
LILYFIELD
N.S.W.

G. Wakefield

H. W. A. T. "Themistocles"
10/9/19

35th Battn.

McGREGOR
Pte. J.C. 1839

D/W. 22/8/18

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The under mentioned informant was with the Graves Detachment in France in July 1919 and saw the abovenamed soldiers grave, with cross erected. Buried at Etnigham on the side of a Hill.
Nothing known of death of McGregor by this informant.

Informant:- No. 775

Pte. C. Mitchell

35th Battn.

Pte. Address:- P.O. Mittagong
N.S.W.

E.D. Riddle

H.M.A.F. "Runic"

7/2/20

(C)

(25.10.18)

Pt. Simpson

(C) 35th Batt. H.Q.Rs.

(C) Abroad G.I.F.

abt.

1839

Pt. J.C. McGregor

(C) B Coy.

35th Batt. G.I.F.

D/W 22.8.18.

25.10.18.
G.I.F.



Have your mail addressed to your Unit as below—
If away, then the Army Post Office will re-direct.

My address is:—

No. 1588 Rank Pte

Name R. R. Reynolds.

Co. or Sec. 4. Coy. Unit 19 Batta

60.4. m. c. 4. No. 4. Australian Imperial Force.

No. 4. Camp. 28/1/1919.

Butter Viny.
H. Warminster
Hills.

To the Secretary.

Could you give me
any information as to where, I could
get a photo of the grave, of the late
No. 1839. Dvr. J. C. McC Gregor. B. Coy
35th Battalion. 4. I. F. While you are
enquiring for me. as we bring his sleep for
I could like to have a photo. if possible
Hoping not to put you to any inconveni-
ence and taking up to much of your
time.

And. Oblige.

No. 1588 Pte R. R. Reynolds.

19 Batta. 4. I. F.

Ans.

30.1.19.

P.T.O.

O. C.'s draft

14.1.19

The Officer Commanding,
10th Australian Field Amb.

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1839. Dr. J. C. McGregor,

35th Bn

d/w. 22.8.18

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HOSPITAL 3rd Southern General, Adelaide, Queensland

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl. No.	Rank
	Mc Donald	C. I	2446	

SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl. No.	Rank
Reelston	David	3118	

NOTE. In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

STATEMENT OF (to be taken in)

"I was with Inner Mc Donald (56. D.) in the hip, by a bullet, during the I spoke to him, and we bandaged his wife, at 142 Carville St, C.S. All her what was removed. I heard afterwards that he had the wood and held it. Spent 71 fall. He also wrote the wife for W. R. Stokes (56. D. 8111), went to himself on the way."

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness?	Yes	2. If not, of the
3. Was the ground held or lost?	held	4. If Info. (a) was (b) was
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?	Inner	6. Was the name
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.	married. a farmer	
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence	Very intelligent. He evidently felt Inner involved	

Reports should always be written very clearly in ink, or typewritten.

On Active Service



WITH THE BRITISH
EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



RECEIVED
17 SEP 1918
EARLY

13/9/1918.

No. 1588.
Pte R. R. Reynolds
A Coy 19th Batta
Aust Imp Forces
France.

Dear Sir

Could you give me any information regarding the death, and burial, and the whereabouts of the grave of:- No. 1839. Pte. James G. McC Gregor. B. Company 35th Battalion. A. I. F. Being as I am his step son. and over here. I would like to know of these different things. before writing home. And to see if I can do anything to the grave if possible. Anything you may know. Kindly let me know as soon as possible.

And Oblige
No. 1588. Pte R. R. Reynolds.

[Handwritten signature]

Sept. 24th, 1918.

1588 Pte. L.R. Reynolds.
A.Coy. 19th Battn. A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your letter of 13-9-18. We beg to inform you that 1839 Pte. JAMES G. McGREGOR. 35th Battalion. A.I.F. died of wounds on the 22-8-18.

We are making enquiries relating to his death and burial and will let you know as soon as we receive further details.

Sympathising with you on the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

B.W.P.

I was present and helped to compute the measurements by and
can only state the information
given by the Simpson is correct

W.G. Dennis, 352nd A.M.E.

1839
J.C. McGregor
35th Battalion
D.W. 22.8.18
France
31. 10. 1918
S.P. 3

To The Secretary
Red Cross Inquiry Bureau
Dear Madam.

In reference to your inquiry 25-10-18
re Mr McGregor J.C. 1839. I was present
at the R.F.P. when Mr McGregor came in
seriously wounded his left leg was amputated
at same time he was evacuated to the
A.H.S. where he died of wounds the same day
22.10.18. The following day 3 of my comrades and
myself carried Mr McGregor to the place
of burial. He was buried by the 35 Battalion
Chaplain in a small military cemetery on the
outskirts of a small village named Ettenheim
the grave will duly be registered Mr McGregor's
personal effects was forwarded to the U.S.A. D.R.T.
House where they will finally be dealt with
I cannot furnish further details re.
Mr McGregor. Trusting this information
will meet your request.

Yours faithfully

Howard Simpson

35. Battalion A.I.F.

Recd by P.C.
1.5.11.18.
1.2.D.

1888 Pte. J.R. Reynolds,

7th December 1918.

W. Company,

19th Australian Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Forces,
E.E.F.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for your Step-father, 1889, Pte. J.C. McGregor, 35th Battalion A.I.F., we beg to inform you of the following unofficial reports we have received about him. Major Chaplain J.E.H. Osborn, M.C., interviewed recently at Westham Camp, Weymouth, stated:-

"He was badly wounded, having his leg shattered by shell fire near Coarocche Wood in the attack on Bray, 4.30 - 5 a.m., on the 22nd August 1918, being brought into the Regimental Aid Post, he was evacuated to a Motor loading point on the road to Ettenham when he died. I collected a party and buried him, reading the burial Service. Map reference, 62.D.K.24.c. I also erected a durable wooden Battn. Cross at the spot."

Pte. H. Simpson, of the same Unit, wrote as follows:-

"I was present at the Regimental Aid Post when Pte. McGregor came in seriously wounded - his left leg was amputated, thence he was evacuated to the Advanced Dressing Station, where he died of wounds the same day, 22nd August 1918. The following day three of my comrades and myself carried Pte. McGregor to the place of burial. He was buried by the 35th Battalion, Chaplain in a small Military Cemetery on the outskirts of a small village named Ettenham. The grave will duly be registered."

Pte. Simpson's report is confirmed by Pte. W.J. Dennis, A.M.C. attached to the 35th Battalion, who states that he assisted in the operation to Pte. McGregor's leg.

We are continuing our enquiries, and will advise you as soon as any further information reaches us.

Trusting that the above reports may be of value to you, and with good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

January 14th, 1919.

1588 Pte. L.R.Reynolds.
A.Coy. 19th Btn.
A.I.F., B.F.F.

Dear Sir,

In further reference to your enquiry for 1839 Dvr.
J.C. MacNEGOR. 35th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you
that he is now officially reported to have died/a shell
wound of the left thigh at the 10th Aust: (of) Field Ambulance
on 22.8.18 and to have ^{been} buried at Point du French Military
Cemetery 1 mile west of Bray sur Somme and $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.S.E. of
Albert.

We have written to the O.C. of the hospital for further
details and will advise you as soon as we receive his reply.

Trusting the above report may be of some value to
you, and with good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Mr. Stansfield

Secretary.

10th AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE.

The Secretary,
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau,
36 Grosvenor Place,
LONDON. S.W.1.

Dear Madam,

1839. Dvr. J.C. MCGREGOR. 35th Br.

With reference to your enquiry regarding the above, I regret that fuller details as asked for are not available, as you will see from the attached memos.

3/2/19.

W. J. C. McGregor
..... Lt-Col.
C.O. 10th AUST. FIELD AMBULANCE.

1839
Dvr J.C. McGregor
35 Br.,
D.O.W. 22.8.18
50713

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N^o 1000 Ambulance

You will probably have this
information on your N^o 1000 Record
for 72-8-19, also see record
for N^o 1000 at that time

(10-22-19)

P. W. H. of Lt-Col.
B.O. 10th Field Ambulance

To:-

9th Aust Field Ambulance.

Forwarded to you please, as this Ambulance
was not recording Casualties on the date mentioned.

2. th Jan, 1919.

Officer Commanding
11th Aust Fd Ambulance.

Lt. Col.

(14)

40. 0, 10 Aust. Field Ambulance

Returns to you please,
No trace in records here

8TH
AUSTRALIAN
FIELD AMBULANCE.

1/2/19.

Encl Broadhurst kept
for Major
609 Aust. Fld. Ambulance

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WOUNDED AND MISSING

— ENQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



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36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

*The Officer Commanding,
10th Australian Field Ambulance,
B.E.F.*

14th Jan. 1919

Dear Sir,

1839, Dr. J. C. McGregor, 35th Bn

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on *22.8.18* and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

Miss Vera Deakin

Secretary.

January 30th, 1919.

1588 Pte. L.R.Reynolds.
"A" Coy. 19th Bttn. A.I.F.
C/o Y.M.C.A. No 4.
No 4 Camp.
Sutton Veny. WILTS.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry dated 28.1.19 regarding
a photograph of the grave of your step-father - ~~1839~~ Dvr. 1839
J.C. MCGREGOR. 35th Bttn. A.I.F. We would advise you to
apply direct to the Graves Dept, A.I.F. Hdqtrs. 130 Horseferry
Road. S.W. at the same time sending a permanent address to
which the photograph may be sent, either in England or Australia
as we fear it may be some considerable time before the photo
is available. If you prefer it, and will let us know a
permanent address we will make the application on your behalf.

With sincere sympathy in your loss, and all good
wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

W. H. Muller