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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**6553 Private
Alfred McGuinness**

20th Battalion



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A.I.F. 20th Batta

McGUINESS
A. 6553

MISSING 31/8/18

Killed in action 31/8/18 - previously reported Missing 31/8/18
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 30/9/18.

London
7/10/18.

OFF.M.

Havre

23rd Octr 1918.

Australians 20.

McGuinness A. No. 5553.

^{Aug.}
K.A.M. 31st July 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well. He was in my Company. I think he came from near Sydney, and had knocked about the country. He was about 23 years old, tall, and stout. He was killed at Mont St Quentin about the 31st August and is buried close to where he fell. The cross was put up by Pte Broadgate of ~~the~~ A. Coy., and he is now with the Bn. Broadgate was a chum of his, and he told me about it.

Inf:- L/Opt W. McInnes No. 6144.

A.I.F. 20. A. T.

Austra. Conv. Depot.

CMSG.

ed *G.H.M.*

PP.

Written by Pte. Broadgate 30.10.18.

20th Battn.
A.I.F.

MC GUINNESS.
A. 6553

"Killed in Action 31-8-18"

Re the above named soldier, who was killed in action 31-8-18. I am able to supply the following information. He was buried, and upon the field, and not in a soldiers cemetery. He comes, I believe, from a place named Bigga, via Crookwell, N.W. where his brother resides and to whom I have written regarding death of 6553 which is his correct number. He was a man of about 5ft 8 or 9 in height, thick set, with light coloured hair and fresh complexion. I am not able to give you other of his initials than A. though I believe he possessed another one. I also am not able to give you map reference of grave, though he was buried in the near vicinity of Mont St Quentin where it is presumed he fell during battle.

Letter from:- 6675 John Broadgate.
A.I.F.

P.S. Deceased would have been 26 years of age on or about 21st of next December. It is not known whether he was killed by a shell or a bullet.

London.
15-11-18.
D.W.B.

Off.M.

20. 10. 18

Pt. Broadgate

A Coy.

20th Battn. A.I.F.

Abroad

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Pt. A. McGuinness

20th Battn. A.I.F.

K/A 31. 8. 18.

30. 10. 18.
O.K.

A.I.F. 20th Battn.

McGuinness
A. 6553.

"Killed in Action 31/8/18."

Mont St. Quentin, on my back was killed. He was wounded in the shin. We were falling back at the time, and got a bullet in the head. He never spoke or even groaned; he belonged to same Platoon as me. Knew him well. I saw him killed.

Informant:- 6851, Kerr,
Ward 42,
Harefield.

D.P. Dickson.
London
4.12.18.
E.G.

Off.M.

P.B. Dec. 1st would have been 26 years of age on or about 21st of next m.
P.B. It is not known whether he was killed by a shell or bullet.

Secretary
Asst. Rec. &
Enquiry Bureau

Dec. 11. 1915
I wish to assure you that the following statements are given with due regard to the importance of correctness.

I have
O. H. Guinness
Nov 15 1915

6553
O. H. Guinness
20 Bern
Kia A. 31.8.15
Pres. M.
M 2 (2)

In reply to enquiries re P. 6553 P. A. H. Guinness

of "A" Company 2nd Battalion A.I.F. who was killed in action
31.8.15 I am able to supply the following information—

He was buried, and upon the field, ~~not~~ in a soldier's cemetery.
He comes, I believe, from a place named Boggabri Brookwell
N.S.W. where his brother resides and to whom I have
~~written~~
written regarding death of 6553 which is his correct number.

He was a man of about 5.8 or 5.9 in height, thick-set, with
light colored hair and fresh complexion. I am not able
to give you ~~any~~ other of his initials than ~~OH~~, though I believe
he possessed another one. I also am not able to give
you any reference of grave. Though he was buried in
the vicinity of Mont St Quentin where it is presumed he
fell during battle.

Sincerely yours
P. 6675 John Broadgate

P.B. Dec. (it would have been 26 years of age or or about 21st of next year)
 P.B. It is not known whether he was killed by a shell
 or bullet.

P.B. I wish to make you
 that the following information
 is given with due regard
 to the importance of correctness

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 A. H. Guinness
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Kia O. 31.8.18
 near. H.

11/11/20 (20)

Decoding
 Capt. Rod +
 Ensign, 1800000

I am replying to enquirer Ref. P. 6553 Re A.H. Guinness
 of "A" Company 28th Battalion A.I.F. who was killed in action
 31.8.18 I am able to supply the following information—

He was killed, and upon the field, rest in a soldier's cemetery
 He comes, I believe, from a place named Ballygobbin & returned
 P.B. H. where his brother ~~was~~ and is whom I have
 written regarding death of 6553 which is his exact number.

He was a man of about 5'8 or 5'9 in height, thick-set, with
 light colored hair and fresh complexion. I am not able
 to give you ~~any~~ of his initials than ~~all~~, though I believe
 he possessed another one. I also am not able to give
 you exact reference of grave. Though he was buried in
 the vicinity of front 8th Division where it is presumed he
 fell during battle. I sincerely yours

He 6553 John Thomas O'Connell

8/11/20