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3221 Private
Owen Patterson

8th Battalion



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A.I.F. 8th Btn
late 24th Btn

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PATTERSON, O. 3221

D/W. 21.3.17.

Patterson

I knew him well. He was in A Co., and was a quarter master
Sergt. I came out in the same Reinforcements. I know nothing
of him before he joined. His christian name was Owen.
I don't know the number. I was not present when he was killed,
but I saw his body being carried away for burial the same
night. I did not see the grave, but he and several others were
buried close to where we were entrenched around Morchies, at
the back of the villeges

Informant: Pte. W.S. Robson, 3245
8th Australians, B Co., 8th Div.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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PATTERSON, O. 3221.

D/W March 21st 1917. Dets.

We were at Lagnicourt in front of Bapaume about
the 21st March. Patterson was assistant Q.M. and when in
charge of a ration party was struck by a shell which wounded
him very severely. He died next morning and was buried there.
I saw him when wounded but not after though I later saw the
place where he had been buried. He was in A.Coy., about 5ft
7, 19 years, medium colour.

Inf: Sgt. McVicar. 3562. H.Q.
No. 8 Stat. Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 17.10.17.

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19th October.1917.

8th AUSTRALIANS

PATTERSON, O. 3221

D/#. Mar. 21st.1917.

I knew him. His name was Owen. He was Q.M.'s. assistant. He came from Yarram, Gippsland. He was very young, pretty dark and about 5ft 4" in height. He was guiding a ration party coming up with rations at Legnicourt, and a shell burst behind him, and hit him under his tin hat. It knocked him senseless, and he died at a Dressing Station near Legnicourt within an hour or two. It was the 8th Battalion Aid Post, I think, that he was taken to. The Q.M. Ke. Ginn of the 8th Batt., A.Co., (now with the Battalion) told me this. He did not say about his being buried.

Informant: Pt. Wheeler J.A. 5772
8th Australians, A.Co., IV.Pln.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

GLT.

Written by M/S McGinn 27.10.17.

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8th Battn
A. I. F.

PATTERSON
O. 3221

"Died of wounds April 21st 1917"

I saw him wounded in the head at Lagnicourt by a piece of shrapnel. He was assisting Q.M. Sgt. to take rations to the front line. Do not remember Q.M. Sgt's name, his name was McGin or McKin. Patterson when hit was only about 20 yards from Dressing station where he was taken. Cannot give any information as to burial.

Witness:- Pte. A. I. Rowlands 3592
Ward 32, Dartford.

Note No entry in his Diary of this date.
Note written Q.M. S.M. McGin or McKin.

20.10.17.

(.B. This Casualty was wrongly listed March now corrected to April

London. 22.10.17.

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8th Battn.
A. I. F.

Patterson.
O. 3221

"Died of Wounds 21.4.17"

~~March~~ April. At Lagnicourt. Hit by a piece of shell in back of the head on 20th. He was in charge of a ration party at the time. Was taken to dressing station and died there next day. I saw his grave, buried at side of road near Lagnicourt there was a cross up. Q/M/Sgt. sent his belongings home to his people. He came over with me, we were the greatest pals. Comes from Gippsland.

Witness:-
3212 Newton
W.32. Harefield.

D.P. Dickson.

London.
31.10.17.

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8th A. I. F.

Patterson, Pte O. 3221,
A. Coy

(D/W March 21st 1917)

"Patterson was shelled while dealing out rations with Q.M.S. at Langecourt in the reserve trench or rather, a sunken road. I think that his grave was registered and notice sent to Headquarters."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Fair, sandy, about 5'8", in height

Informant: Pte Edward Dugan, 3291,
8th A. I. F., A. 2,
Katesgrove No. 5 Hospital,
Reading.

Home address:
North Carlton,
Melbourne,
Victoria, Australia.

29th Nov. 1917.
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8th. Batt. A.I.F.

O. NO. 3221.
Patterson, S. A. Pte. NO. 5444
C. Coy.

April
Missing Died of Wounds. ~~March~~ 21st 1917. Det. D.E.

I was close by this man when he was killed, He was shot through the head by a sniper, during a counter attack made by the Germans at Lagnicourt. We were in the front lines at the time. There is a mistake made in the date in the book, As far as I can remember this took place on the 17th of April. He was not buried as far as I know. I knew him in the coy. He came from Victoria. He was a Scotch man.

Description. Age. 26. Height. 5-7. Complexion. Fair. Slight build.

Witness. Pte. Richards. L. NO. 5444. C. Coy. 8th Batt.

Taken at
NO. 4. C. D. Hurdcott.
27-12-17.
F. G. H.

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NO. 4. Command Depot.
Hurdcott.

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8th Batta.
A. I. F.

PATTERSON.
O. 3221.

"DIED OF WOUNDS" 21.4.17"

Re No. 3221. O. Patterson who died of wounds on 21.4.17 and was buried by the 7th Battalion in a soldiers' grave to the right of Legnecourt, and would not be registered, but if I ever get near Legnecourt again I will find his grave and get it registered. Pte Patterson 3221. was about 5ft 5 inches in height and rather dark. This is the soldier as he was the only Patterson in this Battalion at the time of his death, he was helping me in the coy. Q.M. Store. I had a letter from his father and also from his sister last mail. I wrote to his people and told them everything.,

Letter from:- L. C. McGinn. 2/Lt.
France. 3. 11. 17

Notes:- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.,

London.
4. 3. 18.

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19.10.17

PM. Sgt Mayo MGIN or MCKIN

8 Batt AIF

BEF

abt

3221

O. PATTERSON

IJ

8 Batt AIF

DW. 21. 4. 17

20.10.17.
A. J. B.

27. 10. 11

Q/M/S. McGuinn

C. A. Coy.

8th Ballin. G. 9. 7

B. 1. 7.

abt.

3221 Pl. O. Patterson

8th Ballin. G. 1. 7.

D/W. 21-~~4~~-17.

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8/W 21-4-17
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Graves
Nov 3rd 1917

Dear Madam.

I received your kind letter
enquiring about No 3221 P O Patterson
who died of wounds on 21.4.17 and
was buried by the 4th Battalion in
a soldiers grave to the right of
Lugmannent, and would most be
registered. But I have yet
near Lugmannent again I will find
his grave and get it registered.
3221 P O Patterson was about
5ft 5in in height and rather dark.
This in the soldier as he was the only
O Patterson in the Battalion and
at the time of his death his name

helping me in the way Q. H. Stone.
I had a letter from his father and
also from his sister last week.
I wrote to his people and told
them every thing. In your letter
you had dated D/W 21. 3. 17 but that
is a mistake as it was 21. 4. 17. I
hope you will be able to prove his
identity.

Yours faithfully

A. C. Ginn
2nd Lt

November 8th, 1917.

2/Lt. L.C. McGinn,
8th Australian Infantry Bttn,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer to our two enquiries (the second was sent because we were uncertain of your name in the first one), concerning

3821 O. PATTERSON,
8th Battalion,
A.I.F.

The information and details you have supplied will be of much assistance to us and of value to our enquirers.

We are very pleased to learn that you have written to the parents of the late soldier, and that those letters arrived safely, we know that they would appreciate your kindness very much.

Again thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.