

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1511 Sapper
Merlin Owen Pasco

4th Division Signal Company
Engineers



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A.I.F. 4th Div Sig.
late 16. Battrn.

PASCO
M.O. 1511

KILLED IN ACTION 8/3/18

Buried Military Cemetery of La Neuville nr Gerbie No further report
Cert. by A.I.F. Mgrs Idst 8/18/18

London
8/18/18

M

4th Div. Sig. Corps.

Spr. PASCOE, H. O.
1511.

Killed in Action 6/8/18.

The above named soldier is officially reported as killed in Action on the 6th August, 1918.

His sister is anxious to obtain particulars surrounding death and burial and we have cabled to you for particulars, but would mention that his sister states that Lieut. Thomas Dean of the 4th Divisional Signalling Corps, and Lieut. E. W. Cornish of the 45th Battalion, witnessed this soldier's will and she thinks that probably they may be able to give some information concerning death and burial.

19/9/18.

*Written Lt-Dean +
Lt-Cornish. 16.12.18 M*

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE

A.I.F. 4th Div.
Signalling Coys.

P
PASCC
M.O. 1511.

"Killed 6. 8. 18."

Refer to C.Q.M.S. Leary J., 4th Divisional Signalling
Company, who is now in France for he can give details of
death and burial.

Informant:- Spr. W. Highland, 31st,
4th Div. Sig. Coy,
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman.
London
9.12.18.

M.

J.P.

Written C/Q/M/S J Leary
16.12.18

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10th. March 1919.

4th. Signalling Coy. A.I.F.

Pasco. M. O. 1511.

K. August 6/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was in No.3. Section, and came from New Zealand and was single. I was with him when he was killed by a shell splinter at Fontey Wood, near Corbie, about 5. 30. a.m. He was hit in the heart and practically killed outright. He was buried in the Nouvelle Cemetery the same afternoon I helped to bury him with another man. The Rev. Flodd was the Chaplain who came to assist us.

Inf:- Sapper. T. Bartholomew, 5341.
4th. Sig. Coy. 3rd. Section.
Austr. Demob. Base.

RBS.

gm

J. A.
RRB.

A.I.F. 4th Div. Sig. Coy.

PASCOR
M.O. 1511

"K/A, 6-8-18"

He was killed about 6 a.m. on the morning of August 7th 1918. He was leaving his tent when an enemy shell burst about 10 yards away from him. A fragment of the shell penetrated his heart & he died almost instantaneously, and painlessly. He was buried by Chap: C. Flood of the 14th A.I. Btn in the Military cemetery of LA-NEUVILLE near Corbie. Spr. Greenwood A.L.R. No. 15960 of this Coy, was one of the digging party. I need hardly say that his loss was deeply mourned by all comrades in the Signal Coy. He was well-liked, much admired by all who came in contact with him and was very conscientious as regards his work.

Informant: C/Q/M/S. J. Leary
4th Signal Coy.
4th Aust. Divn. A.I.F.
8-3-19.

M

London
29-3-19.
J.E.A.

4th Div. Sig.

No 1511 - M.O.Pasoc

K. A 6 8 18.

"He was killed by shell fire at Corbie and buried in Anbiguy Cemetery by his own Unit. The grave was marked."

Informant:- Sgt. P. Tutton-No 2461,
4th Div. Sigs.

H. JOSE.

T.S. Pasoc



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

2.5.18.

M.

4th Div., 3.C.

PASCOY,
M.O., 1511

K. A 6-8-18

I knew casualty he was a well built man, about 5'9" in height, fair complexion, and about 27 years of age. Casualty was in the Company's line behind Corbie, he was acting Q.M., and was asleep in a tent when the enemy opened heavy fire around us. A piece of shell came near the tent, hitting casualty. He stumbled out of the trench but dropped dead just outside. I was in the same tent at the time. Sgt. Roach got his effects. He was buried at Corbie and a cross was erected over his grave with his name, number and unit on it.

McNEILAGE,

J.F., 6953

Private Address:-

110 Francis Street,
Yarram.

N.A.T.
4/7/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

4th Div. Sig. Co.

PASCOY
1511, M.O., Spr.

K. 6/8/18

I knew casualty, he was a medium built man, 5'11" tall, fair complexion, about 32 years of age. Casualty was near Corbie at Brigade Horse Lines, he was acting Q.M. He was in a tent asleep when the enemy started to shell the horse lines, casualty got up to let the horses loose when a piece of high explosive shell entered his breast he said, "I am done," and died almost instantly. He was buried in a small village just outside Corbie. There was a cross erected over his grave, with his name, number and unit on it.

CAIPH, E.A.

2629

Private Address:-

44 Cromwell Street,
Collingwood.

N.A.T.,
11/7/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.



62 Mrs. J. Leary
14th Signal Co
14th Aust Bn AIF
France

1511
8/3/19
Mr O. Pascoe

Chef
15/3/19

Dear Miss Deakin
Your letter dated 16/11/18
to hand & I am sorry for not
answering some before now, but
I was away on leave when your
letter arrived & I have made
inquiries as records kept. Pascoe
No 1151 was killed about 6.40 PM
on the morning of Aug. 7-1918.
He was leaving his tent when an
enemy shell burst about 10 yards
away from him. A fragment of
the shell penetrated his heart
& died almost instantaneously &
painlessly. He was buried by the
Chaplain to the 14th

4 Div Sig Co
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A. L. F.
Australian Comforts
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P. J. Patton in the Military Cemetery
O. L. A. Newville near Corbie
Apr Greenwood. A. L. F. No 15760
of this company was one of
the digging party

I need hardly mention that his
loss was deeply mourned by
all comrades in this regiment he
was well liked & much admired
by all who came in contact
with him, & was never conscientious
regards his work -
Trusting this will meet with your
request & with reference to his
appearance, above particulars
will cover same.

J. P.

g. b

To

Lt Thomas Dean M.C.
4th Div^l Signal & Corps
A. I. F.

about

1511 Sapper M. O. Pascoe
4th Div^l Sig^l Corps
A. I. F.

Kind A 6.8.18

Written 16.12.18
MRS

ESSENTIALS OF THE ART OF WRITING

g. c.

To

C/Q/M/S. J. Leary
4th Div - Signal Co
a. i. 7.

about

1511 Sap² M. O. Pascoe
4th Div - Sig¹ Co
a. i. 7

K. 6. 8. 18

Written 16. 12. 18
MRS

HOSPITAL *Duxton San Hoop: Northampton*

INFORMATION			
Fill in exactly as list.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No. Rank
	<i>Collins</i>	<i>A. J.</i>	<i>Lieut</i>
GIVEN			
	SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No. Ra
	<i>Simson</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>2001 R</i>

STATEMENT OF	
<p>NOTE. In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">(to be taken i</p> <p><i>3</i> <i>Sir</i> <i>Collins</i> <i>was</i> <i>killed</i> <i>in</i> <i>a</i> <i>support</i> <i>trench.</i> <i>It</i> <i>was</i> <i>I</i> <i>did</i> <i>not</i> <i>see</i> <i>the</i> <i>shell</i> <i>bury</i> <i>him</i> <i>at</i> <i>St</i> <i>Hubigny</i> <i>in</i> <i>had</i> <i>made</i> <i>ourselves.</i></p>

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness?	<i>No, but close by</i>	2. If not, of th
3. Was the ground held or lost?	<i>Held</i>	4. If Infor (a) wa (b) wa
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?		6. Was th name
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc.		
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence	<i>Reliable.</i>	

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

G. C.

To

Lt E. W. Cornick
A/E Fly. & Corps.
A. I. F.

about

1571 Spr. M. O. Pascoe
4th Div. ~~Exp.~~ Sig. Co
A. I. F.

Win # 6.8.18

Written 16.12.18
M.S.

HOSPITAL *First House Hospital* *Steno*

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME.	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Rank
	<i>McCann</i>	<i>O. S.</i>	<i>7528</i>	<i>Sg</i>
GIVEN				
	SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	Rank
	<i>Steno</i>	<i>W. J.</i>	<i>2917</i>	<i>4/c</i>

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

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 Saw Sgt McCann, at the 2nd [unclear] was very successful, he was wounded he was carried down the base, heard the [unclear] of [unclear]

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? *not when he was hit*
2. If not, of the
3. Was the ground held or lost? *held -*
4. If Informant (a) was (b) was
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about?
6. Was the name
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. *medium height, fair "Mac"*
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence *bright lad.*

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