

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1257 Private
Hugh McKie Scanlan

18th Battalion



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A.I.F.
18th Btn.

SCANLAN
McKie Hugh 1257

Killed in Action 3.5.17.

No trace in Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
17.10.19.

S & P.I.

A.I.F. 18th Btn

SCANLAN
H.MOK 1257

"MISSING 3-5-17"

Killed in Action 3-5-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 6-7-17.

London
13-7-17

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18th A.I.F. S.

McK
H. SCANLAN, 1257.

K. 3.5.17. Det. D & B.

I saw Scanlan as he entered the line at Bullecourt.
Pte. Toby Breeden, D Co. told me that Scanlan had been hit
full in the face with a shell and blown to bits. I have no
further ~~actual~~ details.

Reference: H. Titchen. 1279. 2nd Div. Sig. Co. A.I.F.
formerly 18th Bn.
Y.M.C.A. Hut, Rouen. 10.11.17.

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Written Pte. Breeden 17-11-17.

18th Battn.
A.I.F.

Scanlan.
H.McK 1257

"Killed in Action 3.5.17"

Re 1257 H.McK. Scanlan. You ask for a short description of his personal appearance, I should say he was about 5'3 or 4" tall, dark complexion, medium build.

Letter from:-

H.Breedon 1514

18th Battn.

France 21.11.17.

London.
10.12.17.

S.
P.I.

Not written to P. G.

18th. BATTALION M.A.I.F.

SCANLAN H. Mc K Private.
No. 1257.

Killed. 3/5/17.

Informant described Scanlan as about 5 feet 8 inches high, heavy build, slightly bald just above the forehead, aged about 30-35. Left Australia per "Ceramic" on 25/6/15.

Informant states that they both belonged to "D" Company No. 14th. Platoon. On 3/5/17 the Battalion was in action at Bullecourt. They hopped over at 4 a.m. Informant saw Scanlan a few minutes before the hopover and saw him killed outright by a shell a few minutes after the hopover. As a matter of fact he was right next to him when he fell. He was probably buried later by the Pioneers.

Informant added that Scanlan was a great friend of his and was very popular with his chums.

INFORMANT:- Lance Corporal W. Williams No. 2030,
D. Company, 18th. Battalion.

Home address:- Torr Street,
Gundagai.

W.E.G.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.
16/7/18.

Time cancel
P.I.
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SYDNEY BUREAU.

Enquiry for

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H. McKie SCANLAN

18 Ballinacorney

K.A. 3.5.17

white card.

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Enquirer brother-in-law

5488 J. Pickett
3 Bly A.F.A

attached Panteens
No 2 Aust. Aux. Hosp
Southall.

F.M.

31.8.17

THIS REFERENCE MUST BE

INQUIRY BUREAU, 39 BROAD STREET, BRISTOL.

Cross Index No. 16280

2nd, SOUTHERN GENERAL

NAME Linkins W.A No. 931 Rank Pte

Regiment 5 A.I.F Coy. C Plat. XI

Hospital Bishop's Knoll Ward 2

Arrived 15.5.17. At Front from 8.16. To 26.4.17.

Home Address _____

Depot _____

GIVES INFORMATION REGARDING:-

Missing man Blackney W.A. Casualty? D/V 12.12.16 Det D/B

Regiment A.I.F. Battln. 5 Coy. _____ No. 6105

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I saw Blackney removed from "Grease" trench ^{WALL} ~~cut~~ recout in _____
by _____

(17. 11. 17)

Pte. Toby Breeden

10 Coy.

18th Batta. A. 7. 7.

B. 8. 7.

abt.

1257 Pte. H. McK. Scaulan

Squiller

18th Batta. A. 7. 7.

K. 3-5-17.

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17. 11. 17.
a. 7. B.

1. 9.17

Pte. R. RUBY
H.QRS. 12 Batta. A.I.F. B.M.F.

Dear Pte. Ruby,

We have been making enquiries on behalf of our Sydney Bureau concerning your friend: 1257 H. McKie SCANLAN. 15 Batta. A.I.F. previously reported Missing now Reported Killed in action 3.5.17. and have so far been unable to obtain any information.

To-day Pte. Scanlan's brother-in-law Gunner J. Bickett of the 3 Batty. A.M.A. (now attached to 2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital Southall) called to enquire for any details we might have collected concerning him: and he has advised our writing to you as he thinks you would have made a point of trying to find out all you could about Pte. Scanlan's fate. Pte. Bickett would be very grateful if you could tell us whether Pte. Scanlan's body had been found and buried: as he knew he possessed private papers which the relatives would wish to have: and he desires to know whether these were sent to Australia from the Battalion Head-quarters.

We should be very grateful for any details you could send us concerning Pte. Scanlan as we are anxious to procure all possible information for our enquirers.

Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend,

Yours faithfully,

V. D

Secretary

[Handwritten signature]

ack
by P. C.
FM 27/11/17

France
Nov 21st 17

To the Secretary

Wounded & Missing Enq. Bureau.

Received your letter dated 17/11/17, sorry I cannot furnish
you with any particulars concerning No 1257 H.M.K.
Scanlan 18th Batt. A.S.F.

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Yours faithfully

H. Pearson 1514
18 Batt

1257 H.M.K. SCANLAN

18 Batt AIF

K.A. 3.5.17

S.P. 1. 11/17

5488 Pte. J. Pickett,
3rd Batty, A.F.A.,
attached Canteen,
2nd Aust. Aux. Hpl, Southall.

Jan. 1st, 1918.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry for

No 1257 Pte. H. McK. SCANLAN, 18th Battalion, A.I.F.

We beg to forward the following unofficial report that
has come to hand.

No 1279 Pte. H. Titchen, said he saw Scanlan as he entered
the line at Bullecourt, but was told by one of the men later
that Scanlan, had been hit by a shell and killed outright.

We regret that the news is so unsatisfactory and distressing.
We are continuing our enquiries and will at once advise you when
further particulars are received.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. Craig

SECRETARY.