

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**4541 Private  
Leslie Sneddon**

**22nd Battalion**



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22nd Batt.  
A.I.F.,

L SNEDDON 4541

"Killed 7.11.16"

I saw his body lying outside on the top of the steps of his dug-out. He was killed by shell and I saw him buried in a rough grave with a cross at "Factory Corner" near Fler's Village. Cpl J.P. Young 1100 (? D.Co. of the 23rd Batt. was with me and will confirm. Sneddon was a Co. runner.

Reference:- C.E. Bailey 2346  
23rd Batt. A.I.F.,  
Dartford,  
20.4.17.

Note: Written Cpl J.P. Young 24.4.17.

London  
27.4.17.  
L.P.J.

M.

22nd A. I. F.,

Sneddon, L., 4641,  
D.Coy., 13 Pltn.,

K. Nov. 7th 1916. Det: D & B.

Informant states that on Nov. 7th 2 kilometers north of Flers, near the Sugar Factory Informant was only a few yards away from Sneddon, when the latter was killed instantaneously by a shell, cut in two. They were going into support at night, when the shell got them in the open, killing three of them. The other two were St. McCormack, and Pte. McLean. All buried next day, but O'Donnell was not at funeral.

x Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: Ballarat man, he thinks.

Informant:-- Pte. O'Donnell, 662,  
22nd A. I. F., D.Coy., 13 Pltn.,  
Military Hospital,  
Levisham. M

Home address:-- Australia.

23.5.17.  
Henderson.

Havre

4th June. 1917

22nd AUSTRALIANS

SNEDDON, L. 4541

K. Nov. 7th. 1916. Det. D/B.

He was in D. Co., XVI. Pltn. Sneddon was a pal of mine; he came from ~~xxxx~~ somewhere about Ballarat; he used to work on the railway construction. On the night of the 7th November we had just come up to take over the reserve lines. I saw a shell burst just in front of Sneddon; it killed him instantly. He was buried the next day near Factory Corner. I did not see his grave, but my pals told me that a cross was put up to him.

Informant: Pt. G. Muir 861  
22nd Batt., D.Co., XIII. Pltn.  
Australians.  
Havre Hospital.

RFG.

M

22nd Battn.  
A. I. F.

Sneddon.  
L. 4541.

"Killed in Action 7.11.16."

I am very sorry to say that I cannot give you any information about 4541 L. Sneddon, as he was not in my company or battalion.

Letter from:-

Cpl. J. P. Young 1100.

D. Coy. 23rd Battn.

Rollestone, Salisbury Plain.

11.6.17.

London.  
15.6.17.

C. Coy.  
M. 64th Bde

22nd Battn. A. Coy.  
A. I. F.

Sneddon.  
L. 4541.

"Killed 7.11.16."

I knew Sneddon personally. He was a signaller. He was killed about 8.p.m. on Nov. 7th 1916 by a shell. It blew off the lower limbs, death was instantaneous. I saw it happen. In appearance he was fair and about 5'8" in height. I saw his grave. He is buried at Factory corner Fleurs.

Witness:-

Cpl. Style.920.  
22nd Battalion.  
Dartford.

O. A. H.

London.  
25.6.17.

M.

22nd Btn.

SNEDDON, L.  
Pte. No. 4541

Killed in action 7/11/16.

"Casualty was killed on the 17th November, 1917 at Fleurbaey by H.E. shell. Casualty was a company runner going out with the machine gun officer, Lieut. McCormick. Both were killed by the same shell. The bodies were recovered and buried in my presence. The grave was marked with a cross."

Informant:- P. Helms,  
No. 4742, 22nd Btn.

Private address  
33 Bay Street,  
Port Melbourne.

H.A.B.  
12/11/17.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

To.

Cpl. J. P. YOUNG

23<sup>rd</sup> Batt.

A. I. F.

For

L. SNEDDON


22<sup>nd</sup> Batt.

A. I. F.

7.11.16

24.4.17.

S.W.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Tel.: VICTORIA 8858.

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TO BE ADDRESSED TO  
"THE SECRETARY."  
WOUNDED AND MISSING  
— INQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

54, VICTORIA STREET.

LONDON, S.W.

*24.4.17.*

*Cpl. J. P. Young*  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion*  
*A.I.F. B.E.F.*

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit.

*4541. L. Sneddon 22<sup>nd</sup> Batt. A.I.F. reported*  
*17.11.16* and have been told that you may be able to  
help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you  
can send us concerning **L. SNEDDON** but  
our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was  
buried, if so, whether it was on the Field or in a Sold-  
ier's Cemetery, where the grave would be registered.  
We should also be glad if you could add a short description  
of his personal appearance or any points that might help  
to prove his identity

Yours faithfully,

*Vera Deakin*

SECRETARY.

*per G.W.*



Act. S. 17  
m. 6.  
14.

June 11th 1917.

b. boy.  
6th Training Batta  
Rollestone  
Salisbury Plains

Vera Deakin

Secretary.

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that I cannot give you any information  
about 4541 L. Sneddon as he was not  
in my company or Battalion

Yours Faithfully

J. P. Young Cpl. No 1100

D. Boy. 22 Batta

4541. L. SNEDDON/

22. Batta A.I.F.

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15th June 1917.

1100. Cpl F.P. Young,  
D. Co,  
23rd Batt, A.I.F.  
at C.Co,  
6th Training Batt,  
Rollestone,  
Salisbury Plaine,

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your letter of 11th June in  
reply to our enquiry, concerning:-

4541. Pte. L. Sneddon 22nd Batt, A.I.F.

It was kind of you to write to us especially as you were not  
acquainted with Pte Sneddon.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary,

KD  
His for  
Mrs