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7809A Private
David McCormick

15th Battalion



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15th.Bn. A.I.F.

Mc Cormick,D.7809 A.
D.Coy.

Killed Aug.8/18.

I saw him killed instantly by a piece of shell through the head at Cerisy,near Chippily on the Somme. It was in a Hop over, I was within ten yards of him at the time. We took our Objective,and a party was sent back to bury him and others, they would be buried where they fell. It was about 10.A.M. Mac.was well liked in the Bn.came from Queensland.

Age.25. Height.5.8. Complex.Medium. Well Built.

Witness. Mc Kenzie,Sgt.C.N. 7685. § 16th. Platoon, D.Coy. 15th.Bn.

Taken at No.4.C.D.
Hurdcott
28.10.18.

C.H.Brown
No.4.Command Depot
Hurdcott.

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A. I. F. 15. McCORMICK, D. 7809A.

K. August 8th, 1918. Det.D/B.

He was in my pl. and section, but I did not know him very well, as he had only been with us a few weeks; he seemed about 33, and was rather bald. (Informant showed McCormick's name and number with a note "killed" in his list of his section in his note book).

I did not actually see him killed as I was 150 yards away at the time but I saw the shell, which killed him and 3 or 4 others, drop. It was an anti-tank shell and fell on a sunken road at Cerisy. The Germans started m.g. fire and some of our fellows brought up a Vickers m.g. to reply to their fire. McCormick and others were looking on. Pte. Peter Low, of D. Coy. now gassed and in England, was alongside of them and saw what happened. Lieut. Shaw was killed the same day and buried near the place and I think McCormick was buried at the same time and place.

ABHH.

Inf:- Cpl. J.L.Ahern. 6703. D.XIV.
11 Stat.Hosp.

Rouen
30.10.18.

Written Pte. Low 13.11.18. Letter returned D. N.Zealand unit

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1st November 1918.

Australians. 15.

McCormick D. 7809 A.

K. 8th August 1918. Det D/B.

We enlisted together, and came with the 28th to the 9th, sailing in the 'Euripides' from Sydney on the 31st Octr 1917. He was about 45, with greyish hair. About the 8th August we were near Corbey, going into the line. About 11 p.m. while going up McCormick was hit by a stray shell, and killed right out. I was alongside him. I was hit a few minutes later, so I don't know about burial.

Inf:- Pte L. Band No. 7685.
Australians. 15. D. XV.
Australian Camp.

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15th.Bn.A.I.F. McCormick,D.7809A. "D"Coy.

K.Aug.8/18.Dat.D/B.

I saw his body lying on the road to the left of Chapilly about 10 a.m. He was hit in the head and was killed instantly. We were then at that time to go over the top but were held up in the Sunken Road. Hence, my being able to notice this,but a few moments later we had to move on so that I am unable to say what happened to his body.

Age 40. Height 5-5. Dark com. and broadly built.

Witness. Oliver,L/Cpl.W.2571. "D"Coy. 15th.Bn.

Taken at
No.4 C.D.
Hurdcott. Nov.20/18.

By
C.H.Brown,
No.4 C.D.
Hurdcott.

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15th Battn.
A.I.F.

McCORMICK
D. 7809A

"KILLED 8-8-18"

He was in D.Coy. I was alongside him at the sunken road at Cerissey when he was killed by a piece of shell, through the face at left cheek, the enemy firing at us from a ridge at 200 yds away point blank. He was buried at Cerissey, and I helped to carry him back for burial, but had to come straight away. He was a very quiet chap and had been transferred from 26/9th Battn. to our Battalion.

Informant - Cronin,Pte.P.J. 7695
15th Battn.,D.Coy.
3rd A.A.H.
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21-11-18
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A.I.F. 15th Battn. McCORMICK D.
7809 A.

"Killed 8/8/18."

He was in D. Coy, 14th Battn. A short man, 5ft.2ins, fair, and over 30. On the right of Cerisy-Gailly on August 8th 1918, at about mid-day we were advancing under shell fire when McCormick was hit in the head and neck by a piece of shell and killed instantly. He was buried in a Military Cemetery near Harbonniers and Bayonvillers and a cross was erected. I saw him dead on the field.

Informant:- W. Rail, 7649,
15th Battn.
D. Coy, 14th Platn.

W.M.K.
London
28.11.18.
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13.11.18

Pte. Peter Low
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15th Batt. A.I.F.
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C. 15th Batt. A.I.F.
K. 8.8.18.

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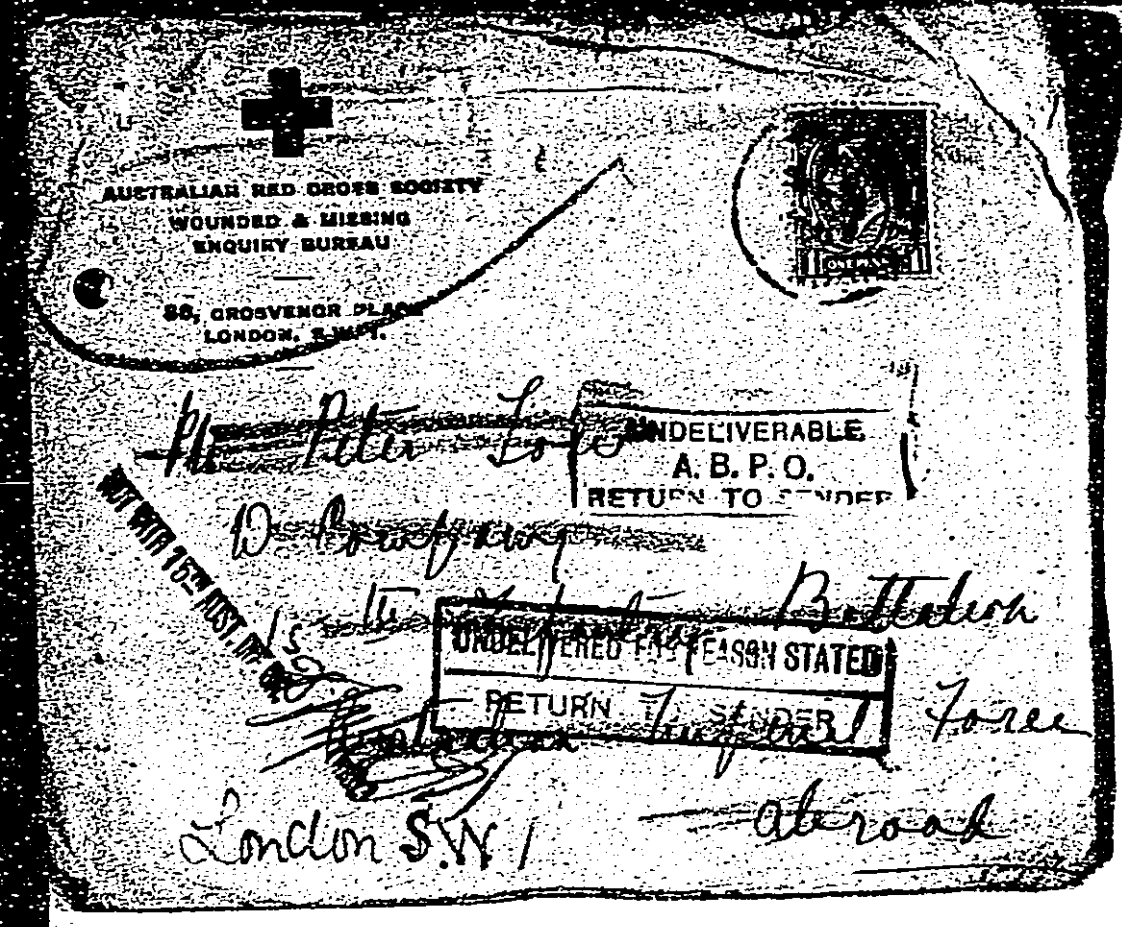
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Pte. Peter Low
D Coy. 15th Battn. A.I.F. G.C
abroad

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

7809A Pte. D. McCormick 15th Battn.
K. 8.8.18 A.I.F.

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 him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Per A.I.B.
Secretary.