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6365 Private Robert Dixon Gordon McCullough

25th Battalion



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25th Battn.
A.I.F.

MC CULLOUGH,
R.D.G. 6365

"Killed 4.10.17."

I saw him blown to pieces by a shell in a trench at Zonnebeke. Don't think buried. In the same platoon with me. He came from Brisbane , Queensland. Very well liked.

Informant:- A.E.Cole 6297,
25th Battn.
War Chest.

W. Alison.

London.
6.2.18.

B.

A.I.F. 25th Btn

McCULLOUGH
R.D.G. 6365

"Killed - October 4th 1917."

McCullough was killed outright by shell while waiting in front trench, just beofre the hop over on October 4/17., before Polygon Wood. I was not there, but heard this. He probably was buried at the trench,but I can't say.

Witness: Martin A.H. 6349
25 A.Co. 11 Pltn
Westham.

B.

W.A.Rand
London
28-2-18

Havre. 28th. February 1918.

25th. Battalion. A.I.F. McCullough, R. D. G. No. 6365.
Blow, R. No. 6038.

K. 4th. October 1917. Dets. D/B.

I knew them both slightly. They were both in A. Company, and McCullough was in No. 1. Platoon. On the 4th. October we were attacking at Zonnebecke, we took our objective and held it. In the trench we captured I was about 20 yards away from Blow and McCullough, about 7. p.m. it was fairly dark. A shell dropped near them; I went up to the place and saw both of them lying dead, they had both been killed instantly. Their bodies were left in a shell hole close by. We were relieved shortly after. They would probably be buried where they fell, others were.

Inf:- Private. J. R. Newcombe. No. 4744.
25th. Battalion. A.I.F.
A. Company.
1st. Platoon.
Havre Hospital.

B

HPG.

25th Battn.
A.I.F.

MC CULLOUGH,
R.D.C. 6365

"Killed 4.10.17."

Mc Cullough was blown up and killed outright by a shell on the 1st Objective just the other side of Zonnebeke. I saw him killed and we took his wallet and ring and sent them backto his people. He had multiple wounds but would not feel anything. He is buried just alongside the trench and rifle with note attached put up.

Informant:- Sgt.R.Dsine, 1663,
25th Battn A.Coy,
Westham.

W.A.Rand.

London.
23.3.18.

B.

25th Battn.
A.I.F.

"Killed 4-10-17"

"Missing 4-10-17"

6365 ✓McCULLOUGH R.D.C.
6372 ✓Orchard H.L.

Refer to Pte.Barnes J. D.Coy. 25th Battn., now in France, for he saw McCullough killed and can supply some details concerning Orchard. McCullough was hit by pieces from shell at Ypres, and death was instantaneous.

Informant. Eastwood. Pte.H. 6318
B.Coy. 25th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
18-6-18

B.

Letter returned "not with unit"

Written Pte. Barnes about times 2 men 24.6.18.

28th Battn.
A.I.F.

MC CULLOUGH.
R.D.G. 6365.

"Killed in Action" 4-10-17.

Mc Cullough was in A.Ccy II. I saw him killed instantaneously and nearly blown to bits in the same trench with me on Oct 5th not 4th at about dusk, near Zonnebeke. We were relieved about 2 hours later and I don't know anything about his burial.

He was a shortish dark man and joined the battalion about last July.

Informant:- Pte.J.Millet, 6117.
A.Coy. 25th Battn. III.
SUTTON VENY.

H.E.H.
London.
22-6-18.

B.

25th Battn.
A.I.F.

McCULLOUGH Pte.R.D.G. 6365
Henderson Pte.E. 6580
McBrian Pte.L.R. 911
Orchard Pte.W.L. 6372
Simmonds Cpl.W.P. 5681

"Killed in Action 4-10-17"

The above named men were all killed on 4-10-17, near Zonnebeke, and buried there in one grave. This information was given to us from Battn. Hqts. I came over with all these men.

Informant. Egerton. Pte.Chas. Henry 6316
(very intelligent)
25th Battn. D.Coy.,
Red Cross Hpl.,
CHRISTCHURCH.

Home address:-
Red Bank,
via Brisbane,
Queensland.

24-6-18
F.Watkinson
London
5-7-18

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25th A.I.F.

McCullough. Pte. R.D.J. 6365.
A Coy.

(K. Oct. 4/17.)
Dets. D/B.

"McCullough was killed instantly by a shell at Zonnebeke on Oct.9th and evidently by shock as there were no marks on him, for which we looked. He could have suffered no pain at all. We put him and another man outside the trench and covered them over and then we were relieved and the relief party would have buried them. I do not know the name of the relief party. McCullough left Australia with me in the same reinforcement."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: Short in build, about 5'3" fair age about 28, single, he came from just outside Brisbane.

Informant: Pte. J. Barnes. 6291.
25th A.I.F. A Coy.
Edmonton Military Hospital,
Elia E.Ward.

Home address:
Elizabeth St,
15.7.18.Rosalie, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.
M.F.Baillie.

A.I.F. 25.A

McCULLOUGH, R.D.G. 6365

K. Oct 4th 1917. Dets.

It was near at Zonnebeke near the cemetery and we were waiting to be relieved and were in close support of the front line. It was nearly dusk and we were being heavily shelled when one landed in our trench and killed McCullough and another man and wounded another one. This was quite close to me. I had known him for five months, He was rather short, and seemed nervous. He was A.II.

Inf: Pte F.E.Millett. 6117. 25.A.III.
No. 14 Gen Hospital,
BOULOGNE. 7.1.18.

B

RHF

24.6.18

Pte Barnes
10 Coy. 25th Batln. A.I.F.
Abroad

AUSTRALIAN RED-CROSS SOCIETY
(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).
54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your Unit

6365 Pte. R.D.G. McCullough } 25th Batln. A.I.F.
6372 Pte. H.L. Orchard } M. 4.10.17

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 could send us concerning Pte. McCullough and Pte. Orchard and would also be glad if you could add a short description of their personal appearance, or any points that would help us to prove their identities.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin

SECRETARY.