

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**6293 Private
Alexander Murdock
McKenzie**

2nd Battalion



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4th December. 1917.

2nd AUSTRALIANS

McKENZIE, A.M. 6293

D/1. May 8th. 1917. Det. D/3.

I knew him. He was a Lewis Gunner. (No. 1). He was thin, fair, about 5ft 8" in height, and about 22 or 23 years of age. His mate, Pt. Mackay, D. of the 2nd Batt., D.Co., (now with the Battalion) had a letter from Mc.Kenzie when he was in Hospital in England wounded. Mackay told me later that Mc.Kenzie had died of wounds in the same Hospital. I do not know where he was.

Informant: Ballan, J.C. 6467

2nd Australians, D.Co., XVI. Pltn.

Australian Camp, Ronelles.

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6293/ A.M. McKenzie, 2 Bde D.W. & K. 7 at 3 P.C.S.
Written Pt. Mackay 13-12-17.

2nd Bn.
A.I.F.

Died of Wounds 8.5.17.

McKENZIE
A.M. 6293

Re your enquiry of 21.12.17 concerning 6293, Pte. A.H. McKenzie Lewis Gunner, 2nd Battn., died of Wounds 6.4.17, addressed to Pte. D. McKay of the same Unit. He has handed it over to me for reply.

Being a friend of deceased and having received an enquiry from his parents I have made exhaustive enquiries concerning his death and interment, also cause of same. I was not an eye-witness myself "being a casualty in the same battle", but I will narrate it as it was to me, by men who were with him at the time. We were on foot about 8 p.m. on the morning of 4.5.17, heavy shelling was going on at the time and Alick, as he was called by the boys, was hit by a piece of high explosive. His wound was dressed by Sgt. Robinson and J. Lee. He walked out and that was the last time he was seen by his comrades. He was buried at Greville's Cemetery, about one and a quarter miles from Bapaume and I think on the 8.5.17, I have lost the record of his burial, but it can be obtained at the Australian Base Records office, Horseferry Road, London.

2nd Bn.
A.I.F.

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McKENZIE
A.M. 6293

Alick was in good health prior to being wounded and a better soldier never went into battle, the news of his death was received by his comrades with deep regret and much sympathy for his people. He was held in highest esteem by all. These statements can be considered as facts.

Informant:- Pte. E.W. Glead, 6233
14th Platoon, D. Company,

Note:- Written Sgt. Robinson & Pte. Lee 8.1.18

London.

18.1.18

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2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

McKENZIE
A.M. 6293

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Concerning 6293 Pte. A.M. McKenzie, Lewis Gunner, 2nd Battn. Being a comrade of deceased and having received enquiry from his parents I have enquired all about him and also my friend Pte. Clout, so I think his information is right. I was wounded on the 4th of May in the same battle, so I do not know too much until I joined again.

Informant:- Pte. D. McKay, ⁶²⁹⁵
2nd Battn. 13th Platoon, D.Coy.
France.
27.12.17

London.
11.1.18

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2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

McKenzie.
A.M. 6293.

"Died of Wounds 8.5.17"

Re inquiries of 6293 A.M. McKenzie. I am at present in Hospital but on returning to my unit I shall furnish you with the information required. I cannot say that I know him. I shall send particulars to you as soon as possible.

Letter from:- Pte. J. Lee 6535
2nd Aust. Inf. Battn.
20.1.17.

London.
29.1.18.

S.

May 1917

22nd November. 1917.

2nd AUSTRALIANS

McKENZIE, A.M. 6293

D/W. May 8th. 1917. Det. D/B.

I know a Pt. Mc.Kenzie (of A.Co. I think) He came with me in the 1st to 2nd reinforcement. He is between 40 to 50 years of age, and has dark hair. He was shot right through the arm at Bullecourt sometime ago, and was sent to Larkhill Hospital, Salisbury Plain. I saw him there about 3 or 4 months ago, and he was waiting for a boat to go to Australia.

Informant: Pt. Hall, B. 6515
2nd Australians, A.Co.
Australian Camp, Bouellon.

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G.I.E.

6549 N.J. McKenzie 2 Bde. 8 S. W arm severe
Ad: 1 S. Genl Hosp. 4.5.17

(8-1-18)

Plc J. LEE

2nd Batta

A.I.F

B.E.F

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6293

A.M. MCKENZIE

~~Machine Gunner~~

2nd Batta

A.I.F

B.E.F

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8/1/18

(13-12-17)

Pt D Mackay

W. Long

2nd Batt. A.I.F.

13-1-17

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6293 Pt. A. M. McKenzie

Two Gunner

2nd Batt. A.I.F.

D/W. 8-5-17

21-12-17
JH

Adm. Sec.
2-1-18

6293 A.M. MCKENZIE France 27/12/14
2 P.M.
D/N 8-5-17

The Secretary
Wounded, Missing Enquiry
Bureau Australian War Effort
Red Cross Society

Robinson
8-1-18
Note:- Written
8-1-18
+ P.L. & d.v.

Re: Your
Enquiry of the 21-12-14 con-
cerning 6293 Private A.M.
McKenzie Lewis Gunner 11
2nd Battalion D/N 8-5-17
Addressed to Private D.M. Kay
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Letter 7-1-18

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A/V 8-5-17

Mr. Secretary
Bureau Quinquennial
Rep. Evan

Sgt. Robinson
8-1-18

Enquiring of the 21-1-18
advising of 6293
Mr. Secretary
advised to private D. McKeay
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Note: Written
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6233 P. Quiz Faithfully
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14 Platoon D. Company
~~Patrol~~

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P.C.
7-1-18

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A.M. McKENZIE

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~~R/W. 8-5-17~~

France. 27/12/17

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The Secretary

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No. 6293. Pte. D. McKay

Batta. 13/Platoon
D. Coy

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Ct. Robinson
2nd Infantry Bn
Australian Imperial Force

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"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

*Rgt. Robinson
2nd Batta:*

A.I.F.

B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit
6793 A.M. MCKENZIE (machine gunner)
1st W. 8.5.12 2nd Batta: A.I.F. B.E.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 *A.M. MCKENZIE* but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldier'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,

(Miss) *Vera Deakin.*

~~SECRETARY~~
SECRETARY

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identifying the soldier about whom you are writing.

6233 Pte. E. W. Clout,
14th Pltn, D. Coy,
2nd Inf. Bttn, Aust. Imp. Force,
B. E. F.

January 10th, 1918.

Dear Pte. Clout.

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer to
our enquiry addressed to Pte. McKay concerning

6293 Pte. A. M. McKENZIE, 2nd Battalion, A. I. F.

The information and clear details you have supplied will
be of much assistance to us and of value to our enquirers.

We are very glad to learn that you have written to
your late friends parents, we know how much these letters
are appreciated by the relatives especially when they come
direct from comrades at the Front.

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

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

V. P.
O. S.

From J. Lee. 6333°

Kind Ans by Post.

See Rec. Cross.

6293

A. M. MCKENZIE

2 Bth
8/14 8-5-17

S. 3. (cc)

20/1/17

Dear Madam

Yours of the 14th inst. to Land
re Inquiry of 6293. A. M. McKenzie.
I am at present in Hospital, but
on Return to my unit I shall furnish
you with the information required.
I cannot say that I have been
less than before as soon as
possible.

Yours Respectfully

(Pb)

John McKenzie