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**2700 Lance Corporal
Douglas Andrew
MacKenzie**

56th Battalion



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56th Battalion.

No. 2700. MACKENZIE D. L/Cpl.

"Killed in Action 3.4.1917"

I knew Mackenzie well. He was with me in Goulburn where he was full Sergeant. He was deck Quartermaster on the "Ceramic". Was a splendid chap. He had to dip his rank in France, but was made L/Corporal just before the stunt at Tubervall. He was killed early in the charge with a pineapple bomb. It was a verry tough job but successful. We took all Fritz's trenches. I have seen Mackenzie's brother since my return. He is a Solicitor - Taylor & Mackenzie of Tumut. His mother is in Goulburn.

Informant;- Sergt. Jago, No. 2684,
56th Battalion.

No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

H.S.H.
28-9-1917.

SYDNEY BUREAU

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Killed April 3rd. 1917; Det D.E.

I saw him killed at Louveral. He was killed instantly by a bullet.. He was buried close to where he was killed, A party from the Coy formed the burial party. A large cross was erected with full particulars, to mark the spot. I only knew him in the Coy.

Description. Height. 5-10. Complexion. Medium. Curly hair.

Witness. Sgt. Mjr. Boek. C.E. NO. 250. D. Coy. 56th. Batt.

Taken At.
14th. T.B. Hurdcott.
5-9-17.
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S. Whitman,
NO. 4, Command Depot.
Camford.

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56th Battalion.

MacKENZIE, D.A.
2700 LCCpl.

Killed in Action 3/4/17.

I knew MacKenzie very well. He was my great mate. He came from Goulburn. He was killed at Lubervol when we took the village. He was hit during the charge right through the forehead and died instantly. He would have a grave but I don't know where. I was hit shortly after he fell.

Informant: Whitbread, Pte 2509
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

H.S.H.

12/12/17.

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56th A.I.F.

MacKenzie 2700, D.F.
D. Coy, XVI Plt.

(K. Apl. 3/17 Det. D/B)

"On April 2nd (Not April 3rd as in list) I helped to bury L/Cpl. MacKenzie. I did not see him killed, but a mutual friend Sgt. Warrington D.C.M. went to see if he could render any assistance and found that he had been killed instantaneously, by a machine gun bullet in the head. The burial ground was at Canfours Wood near Luvoral. There are 15 graves in a little plot, each marked with a cross bearing the soldiers' names and full particulars.

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Promoted L/Cpl. 2 days previous to death. He was training in camp in Goulborn, N.S.W. Called sometimes "Mac" sometimes "Doug".

Informant: Pte. Donald J. Duggan 2037, 56th A.I.F., D. 13,
Beech House Military Hospt., 16 The Avenue,
Home address: Brondesbury, N.W. 6.

June 12,
E. Davidson.

Harris Rd., Abbotsford, N.S.W.

Written Sgt Warrington 23.6.17

56th A. I. F.

Mackenzie, 2700 D A

Killed 3.4.17. Det. D/B.

Informant and Mackenzie were in No.16 Plat. Mackenzie's initial was "D". He went by the name of "Dad". He was killed instantaneously by an explosive bullet in the head. Informant says the date was 2.4.17. He was buried 3 days afterwards. He knows as a fact that "men were on the job" of making a cross with his name on it to put on the grave.

Reference: Pte.W.Bell, 2312, D.Coy.

No.11 Stationary, Rouen, 14.6.17.

VMB.

56th A. I. F.

D. A. MACKENZIE, 2700

Killed 3.4.17. Det. D/B.

Informant said Mackenzie was, in D.Coy. No.16 Plat. and was killed on April 2nd at Louveville. He was hit in the head, apparently by an explosive bullet and killed instantly. Informant saw his body after he had been hit, lying about 40 yards from the German line. The bodies of the dead were later recovered and buried together in the Cemetery near to Louveville.

Reference: Pte.W.Bell, 2312, D.Coy. No.16 Pl.

No.11 Con.Camp, Buchy, nr.Rouen, 13.7.17.

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56th A.I.F.

Hackensig, Pte. D.A., 2700.

(K. April 3/17. Data. D/B)

"I was near Pte. Hackensig when he was shot through the head by a bullet and killed instantaneously just before getting into the German trenches on April 3rd, before attacking the Sugarhill (We went past there and took Leuberval (?) Bapaume way and held our ground. The men who fell on April 3rd were buried in a plot close by reserved for the 56th A.I.F."

Eye-witness:- Yes.

Description:- Was in D. Co., XVI., big, slim, fair man.

Informant:- Pte. Arthur F. Willis, 2270,
56th A.I.F., D. Co., XVI Pltn.,
Horton (County of London) War Hosp:
Epsom.

Home address: Hannam St.,
Arncliffe,
Sydney, N.S.W.

July 14/17
P.L. Waterhouse.

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56th AUSTRALIANS

HACKENSIG, D.A. 2700

K. 3.4.17. Data. D/B.

He came from Australia. I had known him for about a year. He came over in the same reinforcements - the 6th to the 56th Battalion, and I knew him in that way. 2700 is his number. He was over 6 feet, fairly broadly built, dark, about 30. I was on his burial party. He was buried about three kilometres to the left of Fromcourt at a Sunkin Road, which is about the same distance on our side of Dignies. Sergt. Craig, M.G. Battalion Pioneers, was present when the graves were dug, and I understand he was preparing a cross for the grave, and can give further information. He was with the Battalion when I left about 6 weeks ago.

Informant: Pte. A. Shearer, 2742
56th Australians, D Co., 9th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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56th A. I. F.,

Maackenzie, D.A., 2700,

K. April 3/17. Det: D. & B.

Informant states that "On April 2nd 1917 in the morning at Doignes which we call Diogines, Maackenzie was killed instantaneously in a charge, by a bullet which struck him in the temple. I buried him myself with 13 others in a graveyard we made ourselves, in a little village on the Cambrai Road, 3 miles back from Doignes, a mile off on the left going to Cambrai. I sent his possessions to the orderly room to forward to his people, but I retained his pocket knife. I put a cross and his name and particulars on the grave."

Eye Witness:

Description: A splendid chap.

Informant:-- Sgt. A. Barclay, 2853,
56th A. I. F.,

3rd London General Hosp:
Wandsworth Common, S.W.

Home address:-- Batemans Bay,
Clyde River, N.S.W.

24.7.17.

Ethel Woolmer.

A.I.F. 56th Btn.
D.Co.,

MACKENZIE,
D.A. 2760.

"K. 3.4.17".

Colonel He was killed at the hop over on the 2nd of April, 1917
at Louxurval, lived a few minutes. He was hit in the head.
I knew him very well, he came from Queensland. Buried at
Louxurval. Grave marked with a cross, number and Battalion.

Witness:- Pte. R.S. Townsend, 5463.
56th Btn. D.Co., 16 Pltn.
3rd Aust. Aux Hospt.
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.
4.8.17.

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56th Batt. A.I.F.

MACKENZIE, I./Col D.A. No.2700
No.16 Plat. "D" Coy, 56th Bn.

Killed April 13/17. Det. D./B.

" I was alongside of Mackenzie when he was killed by a bullet through the head on the 2nd April at Louverval in the Pas de Calais near Lagnicourt. He was buried with a number of others at Chaufours Wood near Louverval. We took his disc off and tied it to a piece of wood, and I understand that the pioneers erected a cross with name, number and unit upon it. Mackenzie came from Goulburn Camp, N.S.W. I was in camp with him and knew him well."

Description. Height 5'10", dark complexion, athletic build.

Witness. Pte E.J. Duggan, No.2037, "D" Coy, 56th Batt.

8th August, 1917.
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No.4 Command Depot,
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56th A. I. F.,

MacKenzie, L/Cpl. D.A., 2700,

K. April 3rd 1917. Det: D. & B.

"On April 2nd 1917 close to Doignies, MacKenzie was shot through the head. He died instantly. On ~~our~~ our way back we buried him in the soldiers' Cemetery. This happened at day-break. All his papers were sent in. He had not been in France long. Just lately joined up in the Battl I helped to bury him."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: Tall.

Informant:-- Pte. T.R. Ward, 2012,
56th A.I.F., D.Coy. 16 Pltn.,
Tooting Grove Hosp:
S.W.

Home address:-- Horseferry Rd.

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22.6.17

Sgt. WARRINGTON

D.C.M.

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2700 D.A. MACKENZIE

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