

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**51 Trooper
Maurice Michael
Donnelly**

11th Light Horse



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11.A.L.H.

DONNELLY. M.M
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(Killed 19.4.17.)

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4 Bde, Machine Gun Squad.
No. 14 A.G.H. Abbassia.
20.10.17. CAIRO.

J.H. DOWDES.

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11th L.H.

DONNELLY, K.M.
Pte. No. 51

Killed in action 19/4/17.

"I knew Casualty well. He was called Morris. There were four of us engaged in carrying a wounded man named D. Carrington whose number is 121 of the 11th L.H. When we were retiring on the 19th April at Gaza we were not S.B. but we carried casualty on our rifles as is the practice, when an H.E. shell burst and killed two out of four including casualty. We left the body where it fell. I myself was wounded by the shell."

Informant:- F.R. Keary,
No. 1194 11th L.H.

Private address
Boonah,
Queensland.

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11th Light Horse.

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Informant states he knew Casualty well. His name was Morris and was a mate of mine. He was killed carrying Carrington out. I was an eye-witness. Donnelly's father is the Station-master at Brisbane. He was killed by shrapnel shell which burst near their heads.

Informant:- J. Murray.
No. 54, 11th Light Horse.

Private address:-
Gladstone Berry,
Gympy.
Q'land.

T.C.F.
27/12/17.

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"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 9 ins. about 30 years of age. Casualty was coming out of action on the 19th April in the 2nd gaza and was making for the horse lines in Wadda Shiek Nuran. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly. I was 50 yds. away at the time when the shell exploded. I did not go over and examine Donnelly as it was too dangerous but he was lying near Carrington. A party went out three weeks later and recovered the body. He was buried just near where he fell. I was an eye-witness."

Private address:-

St. George,
Queensland.

Informant:- R. J. Overs,
No. 125, 11th L.H.

T.C.F.

22/3/18.

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A.I.F. 2nd L.H.R.

DONNELLY.
M.M. 51.

Killed in Action.19.4.17.

Re-interred in Gaza Military Cemetery Palestine.

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London.
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11th Light Horse

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Transferred from M.G. Section His father was station master at Roma St Station Brisbane. Dark, medium build, 24 or 25. I was close to him when he was killed instantly by a shell This occurred about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on the right of Tank Redoubt near Gaza, on the afternoon of 19-4-17. At the time he was assisting to carry a wounded man on a stretcher.

Inf. Sgt. J.T. McKay,
Goramba Via Dalby
Queensland.

A.D. Simpson
H.M.A.T. Suevic.
10-9-19

