

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

70 Private
George Henry
McAleese

5th Battalion



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A.I.F.
8th Bn.

McALPHEE
George Henry

70

Killed in Action 25.4.15.

Killed in Action 25.4.15. No burial
Cert. by Hqs List 26.8.19.

London.
4.10.19.

M.

5 A.I.F.

~~McLEESE~~ M^cALEESE ✓
Pte G. H. 70.
Coy. 4

M. 25/4/15.

The witnesses state they knew a man named McLeese in the 5th Btn. He was in A Co and was in the original Btn not Rfts. His No was 70 and he came from Melbourne. They know that he landed on the Peninsula on 25/4/15 and took part in the fighting. The witness Sgt Falconer knows that he was wounded and carried away on that day but neither of them knows what became of him.

Ref:- Sgt Falconer, 29, A Co, 57 A.I.F.
Cpl Kuter, 121, do
Tel el Kebir Camp.

J.L.K.
15/3/16.

M.

5th Btn. A.I.F.
A Co.

Med.

McALEESE
Pte G.H. 70.
copy

M. 25/4/15.

Informant states that casualty's body was found together with other men marked missing, towards the end of May, just about the time of the armistice. Informant inclines strongly to the belief that casualty must have been killed at the landing, 25th April. His disc was found. Casualty was a friend of informant

Ref:- Sig.Cpl. J.V.Woods, 46, 5th Btn.,
27 Gifford St.,
Williamstown.

Reference is made to Sgt. King, old "A" Co. 5th Btn.,
now returned to duty.

H.A.B.
7/4/16.

MELBOURNE.

M.

5th Btn. A.I.F.

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MacLISE
G.H. 70.
copy

M. 25/4/15.

I regret that I can only supply you with very little information concerning my friend G.H. MacLise, about whom you inquired. The last I saw of him was when he was being assisted away from the firing line. This was about 5 p.m. on the day of landing, 25th April. He appeared to be wounded in the region of the shoulder. Several of his pals have made many inquiries concerning him, and one of them did hear that he landed in Alexandria, but beyond that we have heard nothing.

(signed) Alec Caird,
France, 10/4/16.

CAIRO.
26/4/16.

M.

5th Btn.
A. Coy.

MoALEESE, ✓
Pte. G.H. No. 70.

Reported Missing, April.

Informant states that when in England at the City of London War Hospital, about December, he met Pte. Bolderani, No. 20, A. Co. 5th Battalion, who told informant that casualty was killed sometime after the landing. Informant knew casualty well.

Ref:- Sig. N.W. Davison,
No. 506, 5th Btn.
H.Q. Sig.

Private address,
Retreat Road,
Geelong.

H.A.B.
3/5/16.

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5th A. I. F.
McAleese, G.H. 70.
A. Coy.

(M. April 25th, 1915).

Informant states that about April 25th at Gallipoli:- "I saw McAleese shortly after he was dead. Major Chesser, Quarter-master of the 5th Batt., told me he had also seen McAleese after they had found his body. Further particulars might be obtained from Sgt. L. Bagley, now at Melbourne".

Reference: J. Ward, 75,
5th Batt: A. Coy.
Harefield Hospital.

Home address:- Grant Street,
South Melbourne.

London.
June 13th, 1916.
O.A. Stone.

M.
2. Casual.

5th Battn.,
A.I.F.

(France)
McALEESE
Pte George Henry
No. 70

" M. 25.4.15 "

" I am sorry to say I cannot give you any information
regarding Pte McAleese "

(Extract from letter)

(Signed)

C. H. King.

14.6.16

France

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5th Btn.
A. Coy.

McAleese,
Pte. G. H. No. 70.

Reported Missing, April.

Informant states that he heard casualty was in Cairo fourteen days after the Landing, 10th May. Casualty was wounded according to information received from a man name unknown. Casualty was 5' 8" in height, thin, tall, clean shaven.

Ref:- Pte. W. G. Pearman,
No. 153, 5th Btn.

19 Gray Street,
Albert Park.

H.A.B.
19/6/16.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

5th Btn.
A. Coy.

McALEESE,
Pte. G. H. No. 70.

Reported Missing, April.

Informant states he is positive that casualty was not killed and that casualty is wounded and is at some hospital.

Ref:- Sgt. C. O. Crome,
No. 259, 5th Btn.

83 Barkers Road, Kew.

H.A.B.
19/6/16.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

5th Btn.
A. Co.

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McALEESE,
Pte. G. H. No. 70.
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Reported Missing, April. 25.4.15

Informant states that Casualty was one of 20 or 30 of a patrol formed by Captain Clements who went out at Gallipoli on the first day. Nothing was heard of them for several days until the burial party went and found a number of bodies. The bodies were lying round about a hole caused by an explosion. Capt. Clements' body was amongst them, and it is surmised that most of the patrol party including McAleese were blown up. Informant cannot say anything regarding the actual death of Casualty, but says that "Snowy" Rouch who told him most of the above is in the 5th Btn. A. Coy. No. 4 Platoon, and could possibly give more information. (Informant saw casualty shortly before the patrol party went out)

Ref:- Pte. Thos. Nimmo, 5th Btn.
Alfred Hospital.

W.J.F.
22/7/15.

Note. I do not quite agree with Nimmo's view. I think that a patrol party would be more or less separated and not in close formation and therefore they would not be all blown up together.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

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5th Ball

France.

M. 25/4/15.

14/6/16.

Dear Sir

I received your letter this morning.

but am sorry to say I cannot.

give you any information regarding

Pte. McAleese, "70 - 5th Ball"

(I remain yours respectfully)

Signed - P. H. Jones

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Bayley.

McAleese.

G. H.

No. 20. A. Co. 5th Btn.

Osborne.

A. H.

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Purvis.

W. R.

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Lieut. Falstra of the Naval & Military Claims Commission, the
above men were killed whilst in the command of Capt. [illegible]

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

June 7th, 1916

Dear Sir,

We have been told that you could give us some information concerning 70, Pte. G.H. McAleese, 5th Battn., for whom we have received inquiries from Melbourne.

Pte. McAleese is reported at A.I.F. Headquarters as missing 25.4.15, but we fear that he was killed at the landing. We should be most grateful for any details that you may remember concerning Pte. McAleese on that day, and, with apologies for troubling you in the matter.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

Sgt. King,
Late A Coy.,
5th Battn. 2nd Inf. Bgde.,
A.I.F.,
B.E.F.