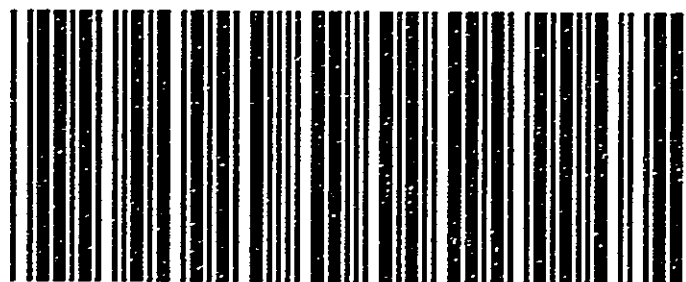


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**1873 Private
Donald McLeod**

37th Battalion



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37th Battn. A.I.F.

MC LEOD.
D. 1873.

"Killed 12.10.17."

He was of A. or D.Coy. at Passchendaele on 12th Oct. early in morning, our attack had gone about 200 yds. I was 60/70 yds. away when I saw him blown to pieces, along with 2 other men that were near him. I passed the spot several times during the day, all that was to be seen, pieces of cloth and pieces of remains. We made a search over the ground later, not finding anything to identify any of them - was well known, Christian name Don, mate of mine, There was no burial.

Inf:-

Pte. C. Callaghan, 1942,
37th Battn. A.Coy.
S/B.
ANXAC BUFFET.

A.D.G.
London,
14.8.18.
H.W.

P.I. M

37th Battn.
A.I.F.

McLEOD
D. 1873

"Killed in Action 12-10-17"

Re 1873 Pte.D.McLeod, late of this unit. I regret to advise that we have no information other than that he is now shown as "Killed in Action" on the records of this Battn.

Letter from:- The Adjutant,
37th Battn.
29-6-18

London
4-7-18

P.I.
M.

1873

PG & M^cLeod

©

37 B¹⁴

Run A 12-10-17-

Aug: -

© 1787

PG J. M^cLeod

7^m B¹⁴

now at Hurdcott - My Com. Dept.

1875

D McLeod

37 Batta

KIA 12.10.17

M
P. 4

The Secretary

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Enquiry Bureau

Great Red Cross Society

37th
AUSTRALIAN BATTALION
No 155/125
D.L. 25-6-18

I refer to your enquiry in
regards to 1572 Pte. D. McLEOD late
of this unit.

I regret to advise
that we have no information
other than that he was never shown
as killed in action on the
records of this Battalion.

W. J. ...

Adjutant 87th Battalion A.I.F.

See Cases.

This possibly refers to
1873 D. M. Reed.

37 Bm

H. M. A. 12.10.17

but is too vague to be of

any use.

Not typed

~~W. S.~~

3.7.18.

Havre
A.I.F. 26.

22nd June 1918.

Schwarzrock J.O. 6415.

K. 4th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

I know Pte Jack O. Schwarzrock, he came from Yancy with me in the 18th to 26th reinforcement in the "Demosthenes" on the 24th December 1916. He was reported missing in Octr 1917 from Passchendaele. I have been told by a cobbler of his whose name I do not remember that he had seen Schwarzrock in England in December 1917.

Inf:- Pte J.H. Taylor No. 688 6435.

A.I.F. 26. B. II.
Austra. Conv. Depot.
Pooullies.

Memo

McCleod.

A man named McCleod died at the Hospital
Baileul. His head was crushed. His
disc lost. He could just remember his name
& he came from W.A. This was in Oct-17
(4-28) after Passchendaele. The man was
about 30.

Sister Gillick
Southall Hospital

T.S.P. June 12.18 $\frac{W}{E}$

Returned ^{replied} memo to
Carole Pyle 24.6.18
Awaiting reply.

1873 McLeod D. 37 Bin ^{reported Mining October 1917} is now dead

D ^{1/2} HH701

Person
Capt
"R. P. ..."

McLeod, Donald, born Rushworth, Scotland
His mother Long Stornoway
enlisted Seymour Vic.

100 ... McLeod ...
was held in ...
1917

a) has he ... 4-18 Oct.

b) with belly and ... ?

on 20 - about ? - Age 18 - 2 mths. 11-4-1916

Phw. rep. M. now rep K/A HP 20-6-18

Canon Pugh. He had been hit ^a the face & head - practically
the face was cut in two.

Can you get further particulars
from Sister Gillick? Is she sure
of the spelling of the name? ^{No} The only
name we can find in records
who is at all possible to a
McLeod - from Vic - aged 20 -
What was the hospital ^{No 1, p.c.s} in Baillet?
This McLeod is also rather a
mystery and we would like to
prove them the same man. Do

one year which was gutted house
call left there the to be
do London
your truly
of Knight as by by you got the
36 Grosvenor Place
24-6-18.

Please return attached report. ^{Cement} ^{chips} ^{side of} ^{Ballhead.}

July 1. 18.

Dear Madam.

I return the two special
inquiries with notes attached.

Re. McCleod - Porter Gillick does not care
about coming in - & feels she
has nothing more to say. I fancy
the factors - a loneliness of the man
appealed to her. I doubt if you
would get more out of her. Another
nurse suggested it was possible he
came to W.H. but indicated in vic.

Re. Lieut: Mc Donald.

Porter knows ~~as stated~~ then he states
in the letter.

Yours
7. 81. P. Roche.

If Miss Sime wants to come out
to Seattle - I would be pleased to show
her round & introduce her to Nurse Gillick.
Train for Padcliff - leave here afterwards. 7. 81. P.

August 21st, 1918.

1787 Pte. J. McLeod.
7th Battalion. A.I.F.
No 4 Command Depot.
Hurdscott.

Dear Sir.

In further answer to your enquiry for -

1875 Pte. D. McLeod. 37th Battalion. A.I.F.

We regret to inform you of unofficial evidence given by 1942 Pte. C. Callaghan of the same unit who was interviewed recently at the Anzac Buffet, London. Informant who is a stretcher bearer stated that he was about 50 yards distant from your brother when he saw him killed instantly with two other men who were close by by a shell.

They had advanced about 200 yards in their attack at Passchendaele early in the morning of 12-10-17 when the casualty occurred and informant passed the spot several times during the day and says that ~~his~~ ^{McLeod's} body was not buried.

We are continuing our enquiries and as soon as further information is received we shall advise you.

Trusting that it will be some consolation to know that his death was instantaneous.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

No. 1787, Pte. J. McLeod,
7th Battalion, A.I.F.,
No. 4 Command Depot,
Hurdcott,
Wilts.

5th July 1918.

Dear Pte. McLeod,

With reference to your enquiry concerning No. 1873 Pte. D. McLeod, 37th Battalion, A.I. F., we beg to inform you that we have now received the following report from the Adjutant of the 37th.

Battalion who states:-

"I regret to advise that we have no information other than that Pte. D. McLeod is now shown as killed in action on the records of this Battalion".

We regret that we have been unable to obtain any definite details of your brother's death, but we are pursuing our enquiries, and hope to send you further particulars at a later date.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

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Secretary.

24th June, 1918.

The Adjutant,
37th Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Forces,
France.

Dear Sir,

We are enquiring on behalf of our Melbourne Bureau and also his brother in 7th Infantry Batt. A. I. F. about 1873 D. McLeod, 37th Infantry Batt. A. I. F. who was first reported missing 12.10.17 and later killed in action on that date. We have received no particulars at all about this soldier's fate, and would be most grateful for any information you could ~~provide~~.

We have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

AW.S.