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17th BATTALION

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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No.

294

Name

Unit

Joined on

MCNAIR William

A Co 17th Batt

28th January 1915

14th Battalion

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? *William McNaair*
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? *South Brisbane*
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) *Natural Born*
4. What is your age? *31 years 5 months*
5. What is your trade or calling? *Labourer*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? *No*
7. Are you married? *No*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) *Mr. J. Davidson, 11 Macpherson St, Parkers Pools, B. Land.*
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? *No*
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? *No*
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge *No*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? *Yes*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? *No*
14. (For Married Men and Widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? *No*

I, *William McNaair* do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

*And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children three-fifths

Date *30. 1. 1915*

William McNaair
Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form — Active Service.

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Regimental No. 294 Rank Pte Name McNAIR. W.
 Enlisted (a) 28/1/15 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) 28/1/15
 Date of promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }
 present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.O's. }
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

REPORT		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B 213, Army Form A 38, or in other official documents. The name of the person to whom the report is made must be entered in this case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36 or other official documents.	
Date	From whom received					
		Proceeded to join R.E.F.	Gallipoli	16/8/15.		
29/8/15	B.213/3	"MISSING"	Dardanelles	27/8/15	M.F.C.15998/9	D.O.6/187
19/8/17	Aust. Records ROUEN	Previously reported "MISSING" Now "KILLED" in ACTION by Court of Enquiry at FRICOURT B.E.F. on 9/4/17.		27/8/15 27/8/15	29/155/8 L.P. 1956 A.C. 23 C.E.B.C.904/5 2nd Div Inf Dtls (1917) D.O. 24/A955.	E.30640 E.30832 25/8/17 28/8/17 31/8/17.

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 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. E.E.F.

- (a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.A.O.)

Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Liverpool..... in
 the State of New South Wales.....
 this 30th..... day January..... of
1915..... 19, before me—

Madge Hunt
 Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Army Form B. 2090A.

FIELD SERVICE.

a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from

REPORT		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
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Person Enlisted.

and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

ceived as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to
should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, his Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

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with the Third
initialed by the

Officer in charge
Adjutant-General's
at the Base

Fria 19/9/17.

 $W V(P)$

A.O. 55
Form
B. 2090A

Captain
O.C. Australian Records Section
3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. E.E.F.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

REPORT

From whom
received

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers, and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date *26/1/1915*

Hadley
Signature of Attesting Officer

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, *William Mc Nair*, swear that I will well serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

William Mc Nair
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at *Liverpool* in
the State of *New South Wales*
this *30th* day *January* of
1915 19, before me—

Hadley
Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

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Army Form B. 2090A.

FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } 17th Battalion A.I.F. Squadron, }
OR } Troop, Battery }
CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 294. Rank Private.

Name M c N A I R. W.

Died { Date 27th August 1915.
Place Gallipoli Peninsula T U R K E Y.
Cause of Death * KILLED IN ACTION.
Nature and Date of Report Proceedings of a COURT of ENQUIRY held at
FRICOURT B.E.F. on 9/4/17.
By whom made O.C. 5th Brigade .A.I.F.

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place Unknown.
Date do.
By whom reported do.

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) do.
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) do.
(c) as a separate document do.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge
of Section Adjutant-General's
Office at the Base

A. S. S. Hall

Captain

O.C. Australian Records Section
3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. E.E.F.

Station and Date Alexandria 19/9/17.

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Forms
B. 2090A

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of William McNaair on Enlistment.

31 years 4 months
 5 feet 9 inches
 11 5 12 lbs.
 34 X 39 inches
 Dark
 Brown
 Presbyterian

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.
 None
 Scars on chest

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, to-wit: scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hemorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; any cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his arms and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

27-1-15
 Sydney

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.
 [Signature]

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to "A" Company 17th Battalion 8th April 1915 Liverpool.

Commanding 17th Battalion

Entitled to 1914/15 Star. *arf.*

CARD CHECKED

Statement of Service of No. *294* Name *McNaair William*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
<i>Imperial 8. 4. 15</i>	<i>6wstaying home. 6. 4. 15 Missing 27. 8. 15 B/o 11. 9. 15</i>			<i>Ames. 5/- Lieut. Reiers</i>
				<i>Cof E Reference 81. I. Missing.</i>
<i>17th Bn</i>	<i>Now rep Killed in Action Gallipoli 27. 8. 15. C.E.B.C. 905</i>			
	<i>Prev. rep: Missing. Now rep 27. 8. 15. Killed in action Gallipoli Turkey. 27. 8. 15. Court of Inquiry B. E. I. Cable from A. R. Section Rouen. 19. 8. 17. (A. R. S. E. E. F. 29/55/8). A. C. 23 dated 25. 8. 17</i>			<i>Pt 70 24 A 955. 31. 8. 17</i>
				<i>Cof E Reference 12264 H. SUBJECT Missing. 41. H.</i>

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I have examined the above details and find them correct in every respect.

17th BATTALION A. I.
MILITARY FORCES.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No.

Name

Unit

Joined on

28. 1-15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? William McChau
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?
near the Town of South Brisbane
in the County of
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural Born
4. What is your age? 31 yrs. 5 mths
5. What is your trade or calling? Labourer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No cl. b. O.P. Sutherland St. Kedge Street, Sk. Borneo Co., C.R. Ordine for Expt. etc.
7. Are you married? No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)
~~Widow~~ Mrs. J. Danaham
Macpherson St.
Charles Town Island
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy?
~~C/O M. Bennett~~
~~Fruit Street~~
~~South Brisbane~~
~~Ephraim~~
1-5-18 Ann
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge
No CANBERRA KNIGHT ST. IRONCLIFFE SYDNEY NSW
30.12.18 203 M 37/1292
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
14. (For Married Men and Widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service?

I, William Mc Nair do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

*And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife three-fifths

Date 30-1-15'

William Mc Nair
Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers, and am of opinion that they are correct.

(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date. 28. 1. 15

J. Radley Hunt Lewis
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, William McVair swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from 30th January 1915 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

SO HELP ME, GOD.

William McVair
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at London in the State of CR. S. W. this 30th day of January of 1915, before me—

J. Radley Hunt Lewis
Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Description of William McNaair on Enlistment.

Age 31 years 4 months
Height 5 feet 9 inches
Weight 112 lbs.
Chest Measurement 34-37 inches
Complexion Dark
Eyes Brown
Hair Dark Ginger
Religious Denomination Presby.

DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

Unvac
Scars on Chest

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz.:—

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date 27-1-15

Place Sydney

H. Brown
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.
Capt - Adams

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to 17th Battalion

Date April 8th 1915

Place Liverpool

J. Paton
Commanding 17th Battalion

I have examined the above details and find them correct in every respect.

MC. NAIR	WILLIAM (Pte)	33	294	A/17th Bn
Surname.	Other Names.	Regimental No.	Unit.	
PURPORT.		AUTHORITY.		
<p>Embarked at Sydney per H.M.A.T. A32 "THEMISTOCLES" on 12/5/15.</p> <p>Missing 27.8.15</p> <p>Prev. rep. Missing. 27.8.15 Now rep. Killed in Action Gallipoli Turkey</p> <p>27.8.15. Court of Inquiry B.E.F. OCable from A.R. Section Rouen.</p> <p>19.8.17. A.R.S.E.F. 29/155/8 A.C.23 dated 25/8/17,</p> <p>MEFO. 24/2-17</p>				
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17th Btn. A.I.F.

Med.

McHAIR.
Pte W. 294.

Missing.

On 27th August about 6.30 in the afternoon, near Suvla, informant and McHair took part in a charge. They started off side by side and advanced to the Turkish trenches with heavy losses on the way. Later we fell back on our first line of trenches, and when the roll was called next morning, McHair failed to answer. It was impossible in informant's opinion for him to have been made a prisoner. McHair was a bomb-thrower of No. 3 Platoon, A Co., tall, thin faced, about 27 or 28, dark, had first joined the tropical force, but was not actually at Rabaul.

Ref:- Pte A. Nyman, 297,
17th Btn.,

4 A.C.H. HAWDICK.

D.S.
7/4/16.

SYDNEY.

N.H.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

KIT STORE.



ADVANCE AUSTRALIA

110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
FULHAM, LONDON,
W. 6.

Telephone :—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— 294 Pte McNair W. 17th Bn. A.I.F. (Reported Missing)

Forwarded to—

MCNAIR

Mrs. J. Davidson
c/o Mrs. J. McNair
Canberra
Knight St.
Armidale
Sydney
N.S.W.

Effects.

Ex. Kit Store. } Holdall. Brush.
Book B.

No. of Package
National Archives of Australia

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Checked by
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COPY.

17 A.I.F.

McNAIR
Pte William, 294.

M. 27/8/15.

Witness knew McNair well. They enlisted at the same time. Informant noticed that McNair did not return after the charge on August 27th, and on making enquiries was told by several members of the same company that he had been seen to fall.

Ref :-

Cpl J. L. Foote, 213, 17 A.I.F.,
Iuna Park Hospital,
Heliopolis, Cairo.

S.

N. W. Kater,
21/12/15.

COPY.

17 A.I.F.

McNAIR
Pte William, 294.

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N. W. Kater,
21/12/15.

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RECEIPT FOR VICTORY MEDAL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Army Headquarters, one Victory Medal in connexion with the late

No. 294 Private W. McNair, 17th Battalion.

Signature

Jessie Davidson

Date *28 December*

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria, within seven (7) days.

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Being unable to attend in person, I hereby authorize
Mrs John McNaie to collect the Memorial Plaque on
my behalf.

Date *October 1 1922* Signature *Mrs J Davidson*

they are to be sent to Base Records.

RECEIPT FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

I hereby acknowledge having received Memorial Plaque No. *329394*

Signature *Mrs J Davidson*

Date *October 1 1922* Witness *Russie Elliott*

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When both these forms are used

No 294 Pls W. McNaair 17 Bhs

Revised Memorial Page 4329394 G. B. McNaair

William F. Webster

12-10-22

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RECEIPT SLIP FOR MEMORIAL SCROLL.

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of
Defence, one Memorial Scroll and King's Message, in connexion
with the late No 294, Private W. McNair.

17th Battalion.

(Signature)

Gemma Davidson

Gemma Davidson

(Date)

August 29 1921

This slip to be returned to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, Victoria,
within seven (7) days.

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C. H. M. S.

12th September, 1921.

DESPATCH

13 SEP 1921

Dear Sir,

With reference to your communication of the 29th August concerning your brother, the late No. 294 Private W. O. McNair, 1st Battalion, I have to state that your request cannot be complied with as only one Memorial Scroll is issued in respect of a deceased soldier.

If not Delivered within 7 Days please return to

Private W. O. McNair, 1st Battalion, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

Yours faithfully,

Major,

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mr. J. McNair,
50 Knight Street,
Arncliffe, N.S.W.

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B.R. Form No. 12.

In all communications regimental number,
rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred
to are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE.

To

Kindly forward to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, with as little delay as possible (*vide* instructions issued in M.O. 573/1914), Record Book C.M. Form M 7 relating to
Australian Imperial Force, formerly of your
who is reported

C.M. Form M 8 is already in this office.

Major,
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

D.157/3.17.—0.3419.

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50 Knight St
Arncliffe
N.S.W.

29.8.21

Officer in Charge
Base Records

Dear Sir

would you kindly
forward to me a memorial scroll
of my brother the late Private William
McNair 17th Battalion A.I.F.
similar to one sent to my mother
Mrs Davidson any expense incurred
I will gladly pay

Sincerely Yours

John McNair

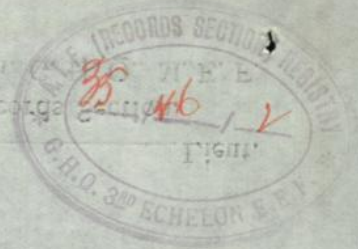
late 56 Batt A.I.F.



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3rd Echelon
for O.C. Australian Records



17th Battalion A.I.F.

294.

Private.

McNAIR.

W.

27th August 1915.

Gallipoli Peninsula TURKEY.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Proceedings of a COURT of ENQUIRY held at
PRIGOURT B.E.F. on 9/4/17.

O.C. 5th Brigade A.I.F.

Unknown.

do.

RECORDS

Backs No

do.

Name

do.

Rank

do.

Number

do.

Unit

Latest Report

RECORDS OF OFFICERS OF OTHER BATTALIONS

Alexandria

19/9/17.

Australian Records Section

O.C. Australian Records Section
3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. E.E.F.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

3rd Echelon, General Headquarters, M.E. F.,
Australian Records Section.

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EFFECTS OF OFFICERS OR OTHER RANKS.

Latest Report

Unit

Number

Rank

Name

EFFECTS

Package No.

Lieut.

for O. C. Australian Records Section,
3rd Echelon, G. H. Q., M. E. F.

PROCEEDED TO JOIN
M. E. F. GALLIPOLI

AUG 16 1915

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form — Active Service.

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Regiment of Corps

Regimental No. 294

Rank

Name

McNair W.

Enlisted (at 27/1/15) Terms of Service (a)

Service reckons from (a) 28/1/15

Date of promotion to

Date of appointment

Numerical position on

present rank

to lance rank

roll of N.C.Os.

Extended

Re-engaged

Qualification (b)

Report

Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case

Remarks

Date

From whom received

Place

Date

taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.

29.8.15

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Missing

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27.8.15

B 213/3

2.0 6/187
m 2.6 1899879

19/8/17
Aust. Records
Knew

Previously reported Missing
Now Killed in Action by Capt.

27/8/15

29/15578 A.C. 28/8/17
E 30640 C.F.C. 904/15. 28/8/17
E 30832 C.F.C. 904/15. 28/8/17
L.P. 1956 2nd Div. 2nd Lt. 20.24/19.955

of Inquiry at Court. BE 8 on 9/4/17.

President Map of Mungah

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) e.g. Signaller, Shoemaker, Smith, etc., and also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Receipt for Consignment from Defence Department.

I hereby acknowledge having received from the Officer in Charge of Base Records the undermentioned (1) Package , being the effects of the late No. 294 Private W. McNair, 17th Battalion
consigned to me. ex "Marathon"

No. 1 Description, Package

Signature

J. Davidson

Date

21. 1. 18.

NOTE:—This Receipt should be Posted to—

The Officer in Charge,
Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne, Victoria.



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D.S.

11th April, 1918.

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Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 4th instant, and enclose herewith, as requested, certificate of report of death of the late No. 294, Private William McNair, 17th Battalion.

The name and address of the person nominated as his next-of-kin is shown on the records as :-

Mrs. J. Davidson, (Mother)
C/o Mrs. J. McNair,
"Canberra",
Knight Street,
Arncliffe,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Yours faithfully,

Major.
Officer i/c Base Records.

(Signature)

The Superintendent,
Savings Bank Department,
Commonwealth Bank,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental number,
rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred
to are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,
MELBOURNE,

Dear

I am in receipt of cable advice to the effect that

is returning to Australia and is due in about
the It is regretted that the movements or name of the
transport on which he is arriving cannot be disclosed.

It is to be noted that owing to possible mutilations in the cabled advice and
other causes this notification may not be correct pending verification from the roll on
arrival of the Troopship.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN, Major,
Officer in Charge, Base Records.

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No. 294.

-----Private William McNair,

17th Battalion,

Australian Imperial Force,

XXXXX was killed in action, -----

27th August, 15.

Gallipoli Peninsula,
Turkey.

Cable No. C.E.B.C.

904, from the Commandant A.I.F. Headquarters, dated Cairo,

28th August 1917, confirmed by Mail from the Commandant A.I.F.

Headquarters, dated Cairo 4th October 1917, and Army Form B.2090A.

11th April, 18.

Major.

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Savings Bank Department,

Sydney, 4th April, 1918.

The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
Melbourne, VICTORIA.

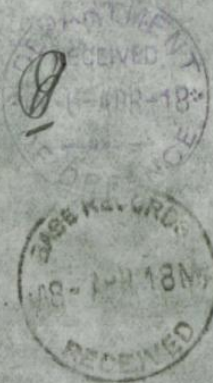
Dear Sir,

re No. 294, William McNair, 17th Batt. Deceased.

We are advised that the above mentioned soldier is now deceased. If you have received confirmation of this, we shall be glad if you will forward the usual Certificate of Death, also please advise us of the name of next-of-kin.

Yours faithfully

W. J. Walker
Superintendent.



FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } **17th Battalion A.I.F.** Squadron, }
or } Troop, Battery }
CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. **294.** Rank **Private.**

Name **MCNAIR.** **W.**

Died { Date **27th August 1915.**
Place **Gallipoli Peninsula TURKEY.**
Cause of Death * **KILLED IN ACTION.**
Nature and Date of Report **Proceedings of a COURT of ENQUIRY held at PRICOURT B.E.F. on 9/4/17.**
By whom made **O.C. 5th Brigade A.I.F.**

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place **Unknown.**
Date **do.**
By whom reported **do.**

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) **do.**
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) **do.**
(c) as a separate document **do.**

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge
of Section Adjutant-General's
Office at the Base

Alexandria 19/9/17.

Station and Date

A.S.C. Hall
Captain
O.C. Australian Records Section
3rd ECHELON G.H.Q. B.E.F.
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Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental No. 294 Pte 17th Battalion A.I.F.

Name M C N A I R. W.

Enlisted (a) 28/1/15 Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a) 28/1/15

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank Numerical position on roll of N.C.O's.

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

REPORT		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form 39, or in other official documents. The case of a soldier who has been reported as killed in action, and subsequently reported as being alive, should be entered in this column.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36 or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
29/8/15	B.213/3	"MISSING"	Dardanelles	27/8/15	M.F.C.15998/9 D.O.6/197
19/8/17	Aust Records ROUEN	Previously reported "MISSING" Now "KILLED" in ACTION by Court of Enquiry at FRILCOURT B.E.F. on 9/4/17.		27/8/15	29/155/8 E.30640 L.P. 1956 E.30832 A.C. 23 25/8/17 C.E.B.C.904/5 28/8/17 2nd Div Inf Dtls (1917) 31/8/17. D.O. 24/A955.
<p style="text-align: center;">H. N. Brown Esq. O.C. Australian Records Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. E.E.F.</p>					

- (a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered, (P.147)
- (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

REPORT	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
From whom received				

B.H.

B.R. Form No. 2.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

In all communications regimental number,
rank, full name, and unit of Soldier referred
to are to be stated.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
MELBOURNE, 1918.

Madam,

Dear

Forwarded herewith, per separate registered post, ^{is one}
the late No. 294 Private W. McNair,
containing personal effects of
17th Battalion, received ex "Marathon"

as per inventory attached.

(Enclosure.)

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether
come safely to hand, by signing and returning the enclosed printed receipt slip.
same

Yours faithfully,

Registered Packet No. 122.....G. P. O. Melbourne,

J. M. LEAN, Major,

Officer in Charge, Base Records.

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Mrs. J. Davidson,
c/o Mrs. J. McNair,
"Canberra",
Knight Street,
ARNCLIFFE,
N.S.W.



M.M.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

KIT STORE.



ADVANCE AUSTRALIA

110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
FULHAM, LONDON,
W. 6.

Telephone:—HAMMERSMITH 1899.

Inventory of Effects of— 294 Pte McNair W. 17th Bn. A.I.F. (Reported Missing)

Forwarded to—

MOTHER

Mrs. J. Davidson
c/o Mrs. J. McNair
Canberra
Knight St.
Arncliffe
Sydney
N.S.W.

MARATHON

Effects.

Ex. Kit store. } Holdall. Brush.
Book 8. }

No. of Package
National Archives of Australia

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Checked 435, MCNAIR W

C.M.

7th August

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Dear Madam,

I return herewith the letters, etc., which accompanied your report of the 1st instant, concerning the case of No. 294 Private W. McNair, 17th Battalion.

Representations have been made to London by cable, and as soon as any further report is to hand you will be again communicated with.

Yours faithfully,

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. J. Davidson,
C/o Mrs. J. McNair,
"Canberra"
Knight Street,
ARNcliffe, N.S.W.

McNair

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,

Melbourne, 23rd July, 1917.

Mrs. J. Davidson,
C/o Mrs. J. McNair,
"Canberra"
Knight Street,
ARNCLIFFE, NSW.

Dear ~~Sixxxx~~ Madam,

I regret to have to inform
you that no further official
news has yet been received of

No. 294 Private W. McNair,
17th Battalion,

who was reported missing on
27/8/15.

I shall be glad if you will
return this letter to me with
a statement as to whether you
have obtained any news of the
soldier from any other source.

If letters or post cards
from the soldier have reached
you SINCE THE DATE THAT HE WAS
POSTED MISSING, the last you
have received should be en-
closed; it will be returned to
you.

If you have received from
soldiers or others reports that
the soldier is dead or a pris-
oner of war, you should state
the names and addresses of the
people who informed you; if
they were soldiers you should
give their names, numbers, and
regiments; if they sent you
letters, the letters should be
forwarded. Any letters you
send will be returned to you
in due course.

J. M. LEAN, Major, *MB*

Officer i/c Records.

National Archives of Australia

August 1st

1917.

To

Officer i/c Base Records,
Victoria Barracks,
MELBOURNE.

(Kindly submit your reply hereunder.)

*Dear Sir. We have not received
any word concerning my
son Private Ch^c McNair.*

*We did not receive any
letters or post cards since
the date he was reported
missing. I am enclosing
with this note a few*

*reports ascertained
by the Red Cross Society*

*I am also forwarding
you parts of two letters
received from his
brother who is in France
where he has been making
inquiries re the above.*

*Hoping to hear of some
definite information
concerning the above*

*I am.**Yours. Respectfully**Mrs J Davidson* (Signature)*1st August 1917* (Date)

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17th Batt. A.I.F.

McNAIR,
Pte. W. 294.

(Missing)

McNair was in informant's Company, and after the fighting at Hill 60 on August 27th, Private W. Annett, a mate of McNair's, told informant that McNair had been hit in the charge. Annett spoke to him without receiving a reply, and then examined him and satisfied himself that he was dead.

No. 155 Private W.J. Annett, 17th Battalion, returned on the "Ascanius".

Ref. Chisholm, Sgt. K.B. No. 187,
17th Battalion,

No. 4 Australian General Hospital,

D.W. 8/5/16.

RANDWICK,

SYDNEY BUREAU.

17th Batt. A.I.F.

(MISSING)

McNAIR, Pte. W. 294.

On 27th August about 6.30 in the afternoon, near Suvla informant and McNair took part in a charge. They started off side by side and advanced to the Turkish trenches with heavy losses on the way. Later we fell back to our first line of trenches, and when the roll was called next morning McNair failed to answer. It was impossible in informant's opinion for him to have been made a prisoner. McNair was a bomb thrower of No. 3 Platoon, A. Coy. tall, thin faced, about 27 or 28, dark, had first joined the tropical force, but was not actually at Rabaul.

Ref. Pte. A. Nyman, No. 297,
17th Battalion,

No. 4 Australian General Hospital,

RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

85 Pitt Street,

SYDNEY, 9th March, 1916.

No. 294 Pte. W. McNair, 17th Battalion.

Dear Sir,

Our agents have just sent us a short report of which the following is a copy, and which is based on the statement made by the Soldier whose name appears at the foot of the report.

We thought you would like us to send you this copy, although you will notice that to some extent the account given is a matter of belief.

17th A.I.F. (MISSING 27/8/15)

McNair, Pte. William, 294.

Pte. W. Anette, of A. Co. told witness that the trenches were reached on the 27/8/15, that he had seen McNair fall during the charge, and added "I believe Bill is gone."

Witness :- Pte. C.A. Parsons, 305, A. Co.

17th Battalion,

Tel-el-Kebir Camp, 18/1/16. EGYPT.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) Langer Owen.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Base Records Office,

Melbourne, 23rd July, 1917.

Mrs. J. Davidson,

C/o Mrs. J. McNair,

"Canberra"

Knight Street,

ARNCLIFFE, NSW.

Dear ~~Sir~~ Madam,

I regret to have to inform you that no further official news has yet been received of

No. 294 Private W. McNair,

17th Battalion,

who was reported missing on 27/8/15.

I shall be glad if you will return this letter to me with a statement as to whether you have obtained any news of the soldier from any other source.

If letters or post cards from the soldier have reached you SINCE THE DATE THAT HE WAS POSTED MISSING, the last you have received should be enclosed; it will be returned to you.

If you have received from soldiers or others reports that the soldier is dead or a prisoner of war, you should state the names and addresses of the people who informed you; if they were soldiers you should give their names, numbers, and regiments; if they sent you letters, the letters should be forwarded. Any letters you send will be returned to you in due course.

J. M. LEAN, Major,

C.9145.

Officer i/c Records.

August 1st

1917.

To

Officer i/c Base Records,

Victoria Barracks,

MELBOURNE.

(Kindly submit your reply hereunder.)

Dear Sir,

We have not received any word concerning me son, Private McNair, We did not receive any letters or post cards since the date he was reported missing. I am enclosing with this note a few reports ascertained by the Red Cross Society. I am also forwarding you two parts of letters received from his brother in France, where he has been making inquiries re the above.

Hoping to hear of some definite information concerning the above,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. J. Davidson, (signed) (Signature)

1st August, 1917. (Date)

Proceedings of a Board of Inquiry assembled at New Farm on the 2nd June, 1916, by order of Major Martin, C.O. 17th Battalion, for the purpose of inquiring and reporting on men missing in the 17th Battalion, the Board consisting of:-

President. Lieut. C. A. McBride.

Members. 2/Lieut. C.C. Finlay.

" W. H. Ravell.

The Court having assembled pursuant to order herewith attached, proceeded to enquire and examine available witnesses.

No. 166 Pte. Browne, A.B. missing since 27/8/15 at Gallipoli.

No. 1522 L/Cpl. Campbell, C. states:-

In the charge which took place on this date, Pte. Browne was with me for about 40 or 50 yards. I do not know what happened to him, I missed him and did not see him again. I am of opinion that Pte. Browne was killed by a shell which killed Pte. Chapman and blew me up in the air.

(Sgd.) C. Campbell.

No. 371 Pte. Hall, T. missing since 27/8/15 at Gallipoli.

No. 256 Pte. Hamilton, A.H., states:-

When we were ordered to charge Pte. Hall was with me. We got over the parapet together. When we had advanced about 15 yards as instructed, we took cover to wait for the rest to come over. Pte. Hall was then with me. On being ordered to charge I charged forward and saw no more of Pte. Hall. I am of opinion that Pte. Hall was killed and did not reach the enemy trenches.

(Sgd.) A. H. Hamilton.

No. 1525 Pte. Chaplin.

" 412 " Abbott, J.W.

" 183 " Christopher, J.

" 282 " Muntion, T.

" 300 " O'Byrne, T.P.

No. 1555 Sgt. Gilbert, A.P. states:-

I was a Sergeant of No. 1 Platoon on 27/8/15, and took part in the charge of that afternoon. Pte. Chaplin left the trench with me and got within 30 yards of the Turkish trench. I then lost sight of him. Sgt. Chisols, K.R. who is now in Australia, told me that he saw Pte. Chaplin severely wounded, but still fighting. The wound was apparently in the stomach. I am of opinion that Pte. Chaplin was killed.

I saw Pte. Abbott on the parapet of the Turkish trench. He was wounded in the groin and unable to walk. He told me that he was going to try and crawl back. I did not see him again and of the opinion that he was killed.

I saw Pte. Christopher leave the trench and last saw him near Pte. Chaplin some 50 yards from the Turkish trenches. I saw no more of him. I am of opinion that Pte. Christopher was killed.

Pte. Muntion got over our parapet with me and took cover some 15 yards from the parapet as instructed. When we were ordered to advance he did so with us, I did not see him again from that time and I am of the opinion that he was killed.

Pte. O'Byrne was first seen by me on the Turkish parapet, he was then firing into the Turkish trench, whilst still firing he was apparently struck and fell back outside the parapet. He had a frightful wound in the head and the top of his head seemed to be completely shattered. I have no doubt that this man is dead.

(Sgd.) A. W. Gilbert.

No. 373 Pte. King, C.V. missing since 27/8/15.

No. 1505 Pte. Baxter, A.H. states:-

I was lying on the Turkish parapet firing into the Turkish trench. Pte. King was also lying there about 2 yards from me. I saw him get up as if to move away, when he was hit and fell down. He was only 2 yards from me when he fell, and I am quite sure that he was killed instantly.

I also saw Pte. O'Byrne killed, he being about 2 yards on my left. His head was shattered and I have no doubt as to his death.

(Sgd.) A. W. Baxter.

No. 307 Pte. Proctor, W.W.G. All these men were missing

" 220 " Gavin, C.

" 530 " Stewart, J. since the 27/8/15.

" 260 " Lyons, J.

No. 182 Pte. Clifford, F. states:-

I saw Pte. Proctor in the Turkish trench firing, when he got a bullet in the side of the head. I am of opinion that he was killed instantly for I stooped down and could see no sign of life in him.

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Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th ult., addressed to the Honour the Minister for Defence, and regret that so far no report finalizing his case has been received concerning your son, No. 294 Private W. McNair, 17th Battalion, who is still officially posted missing. The whole question of these missing cases was recently referred to Austral Imperial Force Headquarters, abroad, with a view to expediting a definite finding in their cases.

No will was left in charge of this Department and as you are the registered next of kin, his affairs will, in due course, be settled with you.

Yours faithfully,

Maj
Officer i/c Base Record

Mrs. J. Davidson,
"Canberra",
Knight Street,
Arncliffe,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

DEFENCE		
A.I.F.		
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am

"Canberra"
Knight St
Crimcliffe
Sydney
Dec 29 1916

R. Hon. Minister for Defence
Melbourne

Dear Sir,

My son, No 294 Private
W. McNaair, 14th Battalion
has been posted as missing
since 24/8/15. He was a bomb
thrower in No 3 Platoon, C. Company.
Surely after the lapse of time
something authentic should be
known by the Military authorities
considering the evacuation of
Gallipoli occurred over 12 months
ago. There is to my mind no
doubt that he was killed in
action and being his mother
would like to know whether
there was a will left in charge
of the Military authorities
or not. He gave me to understand
as well as his brothers & sisters
that he was leaving a will
in my favour. I am a widow



13/1/17

I trust that the authorities
will see that justice is done to
me. Trusting that the matter
will receive your prompt attention.

I am,
Yours faithfully
Jemima Donaldson.

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FORMAL ACKL.
SENT JAN 11 1917

Mc Nair Sheet-
attached

Canberra
Knight St
Arnccliffe
Sydney.
29/4/16.

To the

Officer in Charge
Base Records
Victoria Barracks
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

I wish to inform you of my
change of address as I am the
mother of Private William Mc Nair
No 294. A Company, 14th Battalion
(missing since August 24th 1915) also
Private John Mc Nair 14th Reinforcements
of the 4th Battalion. Late address
(Mc Pherson St. Ch. Towns.) also to the
M^{rs} Mrs Mat. Bennett. Frith St.
A. Brisbane) My present address is

M^{rs} Gemina Davidson
M^{rs} James Mc Nair
"Canberra"

Knight St

Arnccliffe

Sydney. N. S. Wales

where I have taken up permanent
residence.

Change of Address
Noted for CAIRO & D. P. Ms.



2-MAY.16

C O P Y.

17 A.I.F.

McNair,
Private, William, 294.

M. 27/8/15.

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Witness:- Pte.Chas.A.Parsons, 305, A.Coy.

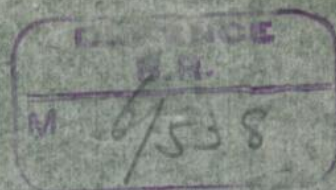
17 Battalion,

Tel el Kebir Camp, 18/1/16,

Egypt.

R.C.C.

18/1/16.



COPY.

17 A.I.F.

McNAIR
Pte William, 294.

M. 27/8/15.

Witness knew McNair well. They enlisted at the same time. Informant noticed that McNair did not return after the charge on August 27th, and on making enquiries was told by several members of the same company that he had been seen to fall.

Ref :-

Cpl J. L. Foote, 213, 17 A.I.F.,
Luna Park Hospital,
Heliopolis, Cairo.

S.

M. W. Kater,
21/12/15.

*pa
gm*

18th November

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Dear Madam,

With reference to your inquiry dated 8th instant, forwarded to me for reply by the Assistant Adjutant-General, Victoria, I beg to inform you the name of your husband, William Arnold McNair, does not appear on the rolls of units of the Australian Imperial Force which have embarked to date.

There is, however, a No. 294 Private William McNair, 17th Battalion, who enlisted as a single man in New South Wales on the 28th January, 1915, stating his age at that date to be 34 years and 5 months, occupation, labourer. He was born at South Brisbane, and next-of-kin is shown as mother resident at Charters Towers, Q. Personal description is, above medium height, with dark complexion, brown eyes, and dark ginger hair. His religion is Presbyterian.

I cannot state whether this soldier is identical but, if so, he is reported as missing on the 27th August, and with the exception of the names of 6 officers and 54 men of other ranks, no complete list of members of the Australian Imperial Force who were taken prisoner and are at present interned in Turkey is yet available. However, the Turkish authorities have established a War Information Bureau at Constantinople, and the American Ambassador is advising the Imperial authorities of all obtainable information concerning prisoners, etc. Any particulars relating to Australians will be communicated to relatives immediately upon receipt.

The "missing" list is, I am informed, revised daily at Alexandria, and it is hoped the department will shortly be in a position to afford more definite information.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. B.E. McNair,
C/o Mr. V. Firmin,
Yinnar,
Cippeland, Vic.

Capt.
Officer i/c Base Records.



O. i/c/ Base Records... Herewith is a letter received from Mrs. E. E. McNair, giving a description of her husband, and is forwarded in continuation of your minute of 2nd instant addressed to H.Q. 3rd M.D.. Can you please state where this man has been sent to?

11.11.15.

S.E. 2 Captain.
for A.A.G. X 3rd M.D.H.Q.C.S.

FHI/VEB

A.A.G.,
3rd M.D.H.Q.C.S.,

28371

The name of William Arnold McNair is not indexed here, but I have furnished particulars to Mrs. McNair of No. 294 Private William McNair, 17th Battalion, who is the nearest to the subject of her inquiry.

Capt.
Officer i/c Base Records.
18/11/15.

C O P Y.

17 A.I.F.

McNair,
Private, William, 294.

M. 27/8/15.

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17 Battalion,

Tel el Kebir Camp, 18/1/16,

Egypt.

R.C.C.

18/1/16.

294 Pte McNair W^o 17th Bn
Missing 27-8-15

C O P Y

17th A.I.F.

McNAIR,
Private W. 294.

M. 27.8.15.

Witness states that he belonged to the same company as McNair. He remembers seeing McNair during a charge on 27.8.15, but has not seen him since. He made inquiries afterwards and was informed by McNair's chum that McNair was killed. This informant is Corporal J.L.Foote, 213, A Company, 17th Battalion, A.I.F. now in camp at Ismailia, who said he saw the dead body.

Reference:- Corporal F.J.McGinty, 374
A Co. 17 A.I.F.
O/S Base, Giza, Cairo.

J.L.K.
17.2.16.

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C O P Y

17th A.I.F.

MCNAIR,
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M. 15999/2 2510 dated 1/9/15

Previously reported missing

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DATE.	A.F. B. 103 Received	PURPORT.	A.F. B. 2090A Received	REF. No.
16.9.15	M. 6 2 advised (Missing)			
11. 11. 15	R.R. 53 M.D. privd letter from M. 6 2 asking any trace of his band.			
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4. 5. 16	Reply sent.			
25. 1. 17	Cont of Inquiry 9/16 - no evidence			BRM 14/116
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14-9-17	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS			
3. 1. 18	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. 11/1/18			
CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF				
Cable No. C.B.B. 904 vide 1/37 D. 4/10/17				
Circular B.R.M. 461868 & Booklet re Graves despatched 12/12/17 by printed card. 14/7/20				
10/9/20	1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229/1154			
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25.3.26 REGISTER ORDER FORM despatched
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MEMORIAL
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To mother 2nd Lt
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L.D. DESPATCHED. 17.4.26.