Private Joseph Bryant McKenna (XC 1907-'09)

Commemorative Roll
Joseph Bryant McKenna
Service Number: 39042
Rank: Private
Unit: 2nd/8th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers
Service: British Army
Date of death: 10 August 1917
Place of death: France
Cause of death: Died of wounds
Age at death: 21
Family: Son of Richard and Emily Burge McKenna, of Grosvenor St., Moonee Ponds, Victoria, Australia.
Commemorated at: Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport, France

From “The Xaverian” 1917 p. 69
Joe McKenna—After nearly two and half years’ service, poor Joe was wounded while serving with the Lancashire Fusiliers in France, and passed away peacefully in the 3rd General Hospital towards the end of the year. The going of his bright and cheery nature (happy event for him, since his good life went to its big reward) left Alf. to fight on alone, deprived of the sunshine Joe brought with him to anyone he met, let alone to one who was brother, both by nature and in arms.

From the website of the Lancashire Fusiliers, UK: “An Aussie in The Lancashire Fusiliers”.
And further: “Private Joseph Bryant McKenna, 39042, 2nd/8th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, British Army, who died of wounds on the 10 August 1917, age 21.”
The dedication on his headstone says: “TO MEMORY EVER DEAR MOTHER”

During the First World War, Le Treport was an important hospital centre and by July 1916, the town contained three general hospitals (the 3rd, 16th and 2nd Canadian), No.3 Convalescent Depot and Lady Murray’s B.R.C.S. Hospital.
As the original military cemetery at Le Treport filled, it became necessary to use the new site at Mont Huon.
There are now 2,128 Commonwealth burials of the First World War in the cemetery.