

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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Lieutenant  
Cornelius Patrick  
Bradburn

23rd Machine Gun Company



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# AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU)

54, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

Nov 16<sup>th</sup>

H. C. Braithburn 23rd Machine Gun Coy. A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest possible details of the Wounds, Death and Burial of the above who died in your Hospital on 4.10.17. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

With apologies for troubling you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY

**NOTE** 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 that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

The O.C.

44<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station

The above entered 44 CCS on the 4/10/17 and died the same day, shortly after admission. He was wounded in the abdomen, back - was attended by the Chaplain - observed by him. The treatment was very kind and was

B. 9-1.

Prepared by Subunit B. 9-1. with  
Yours to the Red Cross - Birmingham  
St. West End, S. Brisbane Queensland.  
Yours etc.  
(Rev) J. P. Morgan C. 7.  
(R. E. Chapman)

LIEUT. BRAIN

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23 A.M. 9 C

A.I.F.

B.G. 7.

About.

LIEUT. C. BRADBURN

23 A.M. 6 C

A.I.F.

Killed 4.10.17

Inv.

31.12.17

A.I.P. 23rd M.G. Corps  
late 11th M.G. Corps

BRADBURY (HQ)  
BRADBURY

Lieut Cornelius

"D/wds 4-10-17"

D/wds 4-10-17 - 44th C.C. Stn - S.W. Abdomen and back  
Cert. by A.I.P. Mfrs 10-11-17

London  
10-11-17

A.M.G.C. 23.

BRADBURN, Lt C.

D/W Oct. 4th 1917. Dats.

I knew him. He was of medium height and build, fair, and round faced. He was hit by a shell during an attack at Passchendaele. He was carried out and died in hospital. Several men of his section saw him hit and told me this, and it came through officially that he had died in hospital.

Inf: Pte A.B.C. Demeral. 463.  
No. 3 Can Gen Hosp.  
BOULOGNE. 4.12.17.

SGC

B.

23rd Machine Gun Coy.  
A.I.F.

Bradburn.  
Lieut.C.

"Died of Wounds"

The above entered 44th C.C.S. on the 4.10.17 and died the same day, shortly after admission. He was wounded in the abdomen and back, and was attended by his chaplain and buried by him. The Lieutenant was conscious and was prepared to submit to God's will. I wrote to Mr. P. Bradburn Boundary St., West End, S. Brisbane, Queensland.

Letter from:-  
The Chaplain (R.C.)  
44th C.C. Station.

London.  
24.12.17.

B.

A.M.G.C. 23.

BRADBURN, Lt G. *E*

D/W Oct. 4th 1917. Dets.

I was beside him when he got a piece of shrapnel in the stomach. This was at Passchendaele on this side of Hill 40 between 7 and 8 p.m. Some of our men took him out. News came through to C.H.Q. that he had died in hospital and been buried. This news came a day or two after. Lt Bradburn was in D.Section. Lt Brain, in command now, might know where he was buried. He was small, sharp featured, pleasant expression, I think he was a lawyer, very popular and with us from the start.

Inf: Driver. J.Griffiths. 418. 23.

No. 83 Gen Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 11.12.17. *B*

*Written Lt. Blair*

*31.12.17*

WG

23rd M.G.Coy.,  
A.I.F.

BRADBURY  
O. Lieut.

"Died of wounds 4.10.17."

I saw him wounded at Passchendaele. He was caught by a shell fragments of which hit him about, the stomach and back. He was taken away to the dressing station. He was fully conscious when taken away, and he wished us all goodbye and the best of luck. I heard he died a few days later but I do not know particulars, neither do I know place of burial, and cannot refer to anyone. I knew him very well he came from Brisbane, and was th a very popular officer, and very well liked by everyone in the Coy.,

Witness:-

L/Cpl. H.B. Thackeray 428

23rd M.G.Coy.

3rd A.A. Hospital,  
Dartford

W Oman  
London.  
4.1.18.

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23rd M.G.Coy.,  
A.I.F.

BRADBURN  
C. Lieut.

"Died of wounds 4.10.17."

I saw him carried out badly wounded to the D/S at Hell Fire Corner but know nothing further.

Witness:-

Evans .E. 414

23rd M.G.Coy

Dartford

2nd Lt.  
London.  
4.1.18.

B



23rd M.G.Co.  
A.I.F.

BRADBURN  
C. Lieut.

Died of wounds 4.10.17.

L/Cpl. McCarthy of A.I.F.. 23rd M.G.Co.. can supply details D/E.

Informant:- D/C.P.F. Bryson, 483  
23rd M.G.Co.  
Carlisle Hospital,  
Fusell.

Note:- Written McCarthy. 5.1.18 B.

London.  
11.1.18

Mo/9 23. A.I.F.

Bradburn. Lt. C.

D/W. Aoot. 4/17.

Det D/B,

"About 5 a.m. on Oct. 4th at Zonnebeke the Machine Guns were sweeping the German trench preparatory to the British attack. The Germans were putting over a heavy barrage and Bradburn was exposing himself in order to get better observation of gun fire. I warned him to get down, but he would not, and very soon afterwards Bradburn was hit by a piece of shell, which entered his abdomen and came out of his back. He was carried to a dressing station, and died on his way from the latter to another dressing station. Cpl. McCarthy was a friend of Bradburn's in civil life, and had a plan of the place where he was buried. Bradburn was well liked by his men and was "one of the gamest". He lost his life by insisting in taking extreme risks in order to get better sight of his guns target."

Eyewitness: Saw him hit.

Description:

Informant: Capt. M.T. Harris. 415.

23 Mo/g A.I.F.

Home address: Brook St Hospital, Carlisle.

Wardry, English St.

Kogurrah, N.S.W.

14/1/18

H. Bindloss.

23rd Battn.  
M.G.Coy..  
A. I. F.

Bradburn.  
Lieut.C.

"Died of Wounds 4.10.17"

Lieut.C.P.Bradburn was my section officer and was hit on the night of the 4th Oct.by High Explosive shell a piece going right through his body. This was opposite Passchendaele on the Ypres front. He was carried back to an infantry D.S. (42nd I think) I saw him hit but can give no particulars of burial.We carried on.

Witness:-

W.C.O'Reilly 2696  
23rd M.G.Coy.  
Hut 21 Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.  
1.2.18.

B.

23rd M.G.Co..  
A.I.F.

BRADBURN  
Lt. C.

Died of Wounds 4.10.17.

Re Lt. C. Bradburn 23rd M.G.Co. A.I.F., I was with the above officer when he was wounded near Ypres on the 4th Octr 1917 and helped to carry him to the First Aid Post. I have since found out that the died at the 44th C.C.Station, and is buried at Nine Elms Cemetery near Poperinghe. Map reference Sheet 27 L. 10 B 75. There can be no doubt about the identity of the above officer as I was a member of his Section. I have already communicated with his people in Australia and given them these particulars.

Informant:- M. McCarthy, Cpl.  
France,  
14.1.18

W.H.Mathieson.

London. 4.2.18

B.

23rd. M. Gun Coy. A.I.F.  
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Bradburn, Lieut. C.  
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6  
D./W. Oct. 4/17. Det. D./B.  
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He died at the C.C. Station, off the Menin Road, and was buried at the cemetery near Ypres on the Menin Road. I saw his grave after we came out. There was a cross erected with his name and particulars. I knew him well. He was my officer.

Witness. Russell. C. R. Pte. No. 434. 23rd. M. Gun. Coy.  
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Taken at  
No. 4. C. D.  
27-2-18.  
S. W.

S. Whitmore,  
No. 4. C. D.  
Murdcott.

B. C. S. W.

Lt. Col. McPARTHY 9<sup>e</sup>

23. M. G. Co.

A. I. 7

B. S. 4

about

LIEUT. C. BRADBURN

23 M. G. Co.

A. I. F.

D. W. 4. 10. 17.

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MC

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D. c

44 in C. C. S.

B. L. F.

C

L. C. Bradburne 25th May 1907

d 7 wds 4-10-17.

20th Batn  
A.I.F.  
4 Ref.

JOHNSTON  
Arthur Eggleston 2165

"Wounded"

Ad Norfolk War Hpl. 10.1.17.

Cert. by Hpl. Index.

No report of Cas. 30.10.17.

In England 19.9.17. not proc. Overseas

Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqtrs 30.10.17.

Trans back from 61st 19.9.17.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqtrs 30.10.17.

No further report.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqtrs 15.11.17. P.I.

London. 16.11.17

with 1  
p. 2-1-18  
L. C. BRADBURN

23 In. G. Coy.

8/W. 4-10-17

B 3.

France.

14-1-18.

The Secretary

Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau.  
London.

Referring to your letter of 5-1-18.  
enquiring for particulars regarding the death  
of Lieut. G. F. Bradburn 23rd In. G. Coy. P. 17.

I was with the above Officer  
when he was wounded near Hoves on  
the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1917 and helped to carry  
him to the First Aid Post. I have since  
found out that he died at the H<sup>th</sup> C. C. B.  
and is buried at Nine Elms Cemetery  
near Dagenham. War Reference Sheet 24.

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There can be no doubt regarding  
the identity of the above Officer as I was  
a member of his section.

I have already communicated with  
his family in Australia and given them  
these particulars.

Yours faithfully

W. Mathison

Consultant

W. M. Barth

Capt.