

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**6619 Private
Joseph Ignatius
Connell**

8th Field Ambulance



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A?A.H.C. 8. Fld Amb.

CONNELL, J.I. 6619.

D. Oct 26th 1917. Dets.

I knew a man called Joe Connell. He was a S/B in A section and his number was about 6619. We came over from Australia together in Nov 1915. I did not know what he was before the war or where he lived. He was about 5ft 10 or 11, dark, clean shaven and about 23 or 24. I heard he had D/W at the CCS at Remy siding. I was present at his funeral which took place some time in October. He was buried at the cemetery in the CCS.

Inf: Dvr C.B. McMahon. 6765. C. section
No. 3 Can. Gen. Hosp.
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A.A.M.C. 8 Fld Amb.

CONNELL J.I. 6619.

D. Oct 26th 1917. Dets.

Connell was a S/B in A section. His christain names were Joseph Ignatius. His number was 6619. Before the war he worked as a joiner and carpenter in the York Street Workhouse, at Sydney. He was rather stout, clean shaven, about 23, 5ft 8 and single. I was told by L/Cpl. Wm. McCallum of A. Section that he and Connell were together near a pill-box and just as Connell was stooping down to pick up a stretcher a shell burst close to them and a bit of it hit Connell in the side and he fell over, mortally wounded. He was afterwards carried down first to the main D/S in Hoge Trench and was then taken on to the CCS at Poperinghe, where he eventually died. I do not know the names of the men who carried him down but they would be our own S/Bs. Connell was buried at the big cemetery just outside the CCS and he had a very big funeral. I know that our Fld Amb subscribed and put a cross up to him. I am not sure of the date of the casualty.

Inf; Pte H.V. Coxon. 6620. A. Section.

No. 3 Can. Gen. Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 14.1.18.

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Taken from 21st
Wm. McCallum 27-2-18

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21st February 1918.

8th Aust. P. Amb.

Connell J. I. No. 6619.

D. 26th Octr 1917. D of D/B.

I was told by Sarge Morris on the 28th Octr when we were coming out from Ypres that they were being relieved on the 26th Octr when a shell came and Connell was badly wounded in the side. They carried him out and he died in the 3rd C.O.C.S. at Remy's siding at Popperinghe. I did not know Connell well, I think he came from N.S. Wales. I cannot give a description of his appearance. He was an E.C. and was buried by the E.C. Padre at the adjoining cemetery.

Inf:- Pte G. Wells No. 10055.
8th Field Amb. A.I.F.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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A.A.M.C. 8 Fld.Amb.

CONNELL, J.I. 6619.

D. Oct 26th 1917. Dets.

I know that Joseph Connell was a S/B in the 8th Fld.Amb. I did not know his number nor did I know him personally. I was told by Pte Matthews, a S/B., who knew Connell, that he had seen him dangerously wounded by a shell on his way back to the unit, after having had his bath at Ypres. This happened in daylight. I afterwards saw it in orders that Connell had D/W at one of the Canadian CCS at Remy Biding. He was buried on the 27th Oct at Remy Biding. I believe there is a cross over his grave.

Inf: Staff Sgt. H. Rawlinson. 14728. 8 Fld.Amb.
No. 3 Can.Gen.Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 30.1.18.

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Written by Matthews 22.2.18.

A.A.N.C. 8:

CONNELL, J.I. 6619.

D. Oct 26th 1917. Dets.

He was a S/B in A section and was stooping to pick up a stretcher with a wounded man on it just outside a pill-box, whilst in action at Ypres, when he was struck by a piece of shell in the small of the back. He was carried to the CCS and was quite conscious at that time and some of the boys visited him the next day when he said that he was going on well but he died about 3 days later. Many of the boys in his section attended the funeral at the CCS Remy and his grave was marked by a cross. L/Cpl. H. McCallum of the same section saw him wounded and told me these facts. Connell was my friend and came from Sydney and worked in a big cabinet makers there.

Inf: M.V. Coxon. 6620. A section A.Co.
No. 7 C.O.
BOULOGNE. 5.2.18.

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Written L/C Mc Callum 22.2.18.

A. J. O.
S. I. Amb.
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CONNELL.
S. I. 6619.

"DIED OF WOUNDS 25.10.17"

Connell was buried at either No. 8 or No. 10.
Canadian C. O. S. Railway Siding near Paperinghe by our
own men. I was present; Cross was arrested.

Informant:- Ward. H. W. 14502.
S. I. Amb.
Rut 12. Westham.

W. A. Rand.
London.
19. 8. 18.

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8th Field Ambulance. A.I.F.

Connell, J. I. Pte. NO. 4619.

D. Oct 24th 1917. Det. D.B.

He died of wounds at the C.C.S. at Poperinge. He was buried at Bony Siding, in a cemetery there. A Canadian R.C. Padre officiated at the grave. I do not know his name. A cross was erected bearing full particulars. Most of his mates from the Ambulance attended the burial. I knew him in the coy, he was an original 8th man. He came from Sydney.

Description. Age. 24. Height. 5-7. Complexion. Dark. Well Built.

Witness. Pte. Knowles, R. NO. 4726. 8th Field Ambulance.

Taken at
NO. 4. C.D. Hurdcott.
25-2-18.
P.G.H.

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Ca sub
S. Whitree.
NO. 4. Command Depot
Hurdcott.

6th Fld Amb.
A.A.M.C.
A.I.F.

J.I. CONNELL,
J.I. 6619

"Died 26.10.17."

He was wounded at Ypres by a shell. The men of our unit were present at his funeral at 10th Can.D.C.S. Poperinghe. Cross was erected. Hearsay only.

Informant:- L/Cpl. L.V. Townsend 6753,
8 Fld Amb.
Hut 17,
Westham.

W.A. Rand.
London
6.3.18.

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Note We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

8th Fla. Amb.
A.A.H.O.

Connell.
J.I. 6619

"Died of Wounds 26.10.17"

The reports you have about Connell are all about correct. The S/E who carried him were Ptes. Corrigan, Crome, Foote and another. There were several C.O. Stations together but he was taken to the 17th C.C.S. I spoke to him before they started carrying him out and he said "I know I'm done" I heard he was unconscious when he reached the C.C.S. He was buried in the Lijssenthoek Cemetery.
Informant:- L/Cpl. McCallum
8th Fla. Amb.

I was present when Connell died unconscious at the 17th C.C.S. I have written twice to his people at 46 College St. Drummoque.

Informant:- 6654 Pte. Musman E.
8th Fla. Amb.

Note These soldiers called in reply to our letters to
L/Cpl. McCallum.

M.I.S.

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London.

8.3.18.

8th Flg. Amb.
A.A.H.C.

Connell.
J.I. 6619

"Died 26.10.17"

re 6619 Stretcher Bearer J.I. Connell, who died of wounds in a San.
C.C. Stn. Belgium. He was buried in a soldiers' cemetery named
Lysenthoek, near Siding Poperinghe, Belgium. Pte. Connell was about
5'10" well built and of medium complexion.

Letter from:- 6733 Pte. R.G.A. Mathew
28.2.18.

London.
22.3.18.

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8th Fld. Amb.

CONNELL, J. I.
Pte. 66192

D. of Wounds 26/10/17.

"Casualty died of wounds at Remy Siding near Poperinghe. He was wounded at Ideal House, Relay Post, near Menin Road, on the 25th October, 1917. He had a Military funeral and was buried at the cemetery next to the C.O.S. at Remy Siding."

Informant:- Pte. L. W. Colley-Priest,
8th Fld. Amb.

Private address:-

"Braemar"

Sutherland Street,

Neutral Bay, Sydney, N.S.W.

17/9/19.

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8th Fld. Amb
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CONNELL
J.T. 6619

"Died Oct 26th 1917"

He was wounded and died of wounds at Popperinge and was buried on 27th at Renny Siding Cemetery. Cross is erected. I saw his burial. (Dates checked in Book. W.A.R.)

Witness:- F.T. Cardiner 6716
8th Field Amb
20 Hut
Westham

WA Rand
London.
18.1.18

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6619. J. I. CONNELL.

23.2.18

The Secretary

8 FLD. AMB.

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ack. p. 6.
5.3.18.

Dear Mrs. DIED. 26.10.17.

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I have much pleasure in being
able to answer your letter of enquiry dated
22/2/18 // Re. 6619 Stretcher Bearer.

J. I. Connell 8th Aust Field Ambulance
A. I. H. who died of wounds in a Canadian
Casualty Clearing Station Belgium
He was buried in a Soldier's Cemetery
named Lissenthoeck. Remy Siding. Poperinghe
Belgium. Mr Connell. was about five feet ten. well
built & of medium complexion // Hoping that this
will assist you in your enquiries.

I am

yours Faithfully

6738. Pte R. G. A. Mathew