

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
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7597 Driver
George Clarence Hart

**2nd Divisional Ammunition
Column**



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Hart

Sept
2nd September 1918.

Aust Amm. Col. 2.

Hart G.C. 7597.

D/W 17th June 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well. He came from Sydney. He was about 21, shortish, dark, and used to stutter very slightly. About the 17th June Hart was attached to the 14th Batty and this was at Frachicourt. About 5 p.m. he was in his dug out which was near the wagon lines and Fritz was shelling the position. A shell came close to Hart and he ran from his dugout to a M.G. emplacement when a shell landed right on him. He was very badly wounded, was taken to the C.O.S. and died there the same evening. I saw the body being brought back and attended the funeral at Frachicourt Cemetery where he was buried with military honours.

Inf:- Driver G.G. Warden No. 2232.
A.F.A. 5. 2. D.A.C.
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

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A. I. F. Amm.Col. 2.

HART, G.C. 7597.

D/W. June 17th, 1918. Det.D/B.

Hart formerly belonged to 13th. Bn. and than was transferred to 2 Div. Amm. Col. He was killed at Frechencourt (N.E. of Amiens), both his legs being blown off. His brother, Gnr. W.Hart, of 5th. Bn. 13th. Brig. who was at the funeral, told me this. W.Hart was still with the battery when I left it a fortnight ago.

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Informant:- Mitchell, A.J. 11514. 5th.Bde.13th.Bty.
12 Gen.Hosp.

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17.10.18.

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Written Gnr. Hart 25. 10. 18.

AUST.AMM.COL.2 Div.

HART, G.C. 7597.

D/W June 17th 1918.

About June 17th at Buyencourt, Albert Sector, an h.e. shell burst close to him blowing both legs off, from which he expired in about half an hour. I saw him being carried out and know he is buried at Frechencourt, Albert sector and I feel almost certain a cross was erected as his brother was with the 13th Bty. I knew him very well, we used to go to school together. He is about medium build, fair, age about 21 and a native of Sydney. His brother is with the 5th Bde.13th Bty.

Inf: Dvr.J.D.Waldegrave. 7451.

Billets,

BOULOGNE. 2.11.18. ARD

Note: Dvr.A.E.pearsall. 4985. standing by confirms, place of burial, adding in a British Registered Cemetery.

Also that he knows some who have seen it. *grave*

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A.I.F. 2nd Div. Ammunition Column.

HART
George C.7597

"DIED OF WOUNDS 17/6/18"

George Hart was buried in the trench cemetery at Frechencourt 2
kilos north of Pont Neuvelles on the Amiens. Albert Road. He was badly
wounded in a dugout at the wagon line near Frechencourt. Harts twin
brother and myself were at the funeral next day - A cross and a little
chain to go round the grave were put up a few days afterwards.

Informant:- 10145 Dvr. Walter C. Dickson,
2nd Div. Ammunition Column,
A.I.F.,
Ampton Hospital,
Suffolk.

Home address:- Macquarie Street,
Windsor,
New South Wales, Australia.

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NOTE:- Gnr. W. Hart written to.

C.H.Hawkins,
25/9/18
London
6/11/18.
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AUST. AMM. COL. 2 Div.

HART. G.C. 7597.

D/W 17.6.1918. Dets.

He is buried at Frechencourt, Amiens sector about 10 kilos towards Albert, just off the main road in a registered British Cemetery. I was not at burial, but later assisted to erect cross, which had our diamond red and blue Bn. colours on. At the time he was killed he was attached to the 14th Bty. carting rations and was killed instantly at the back of the waggon lines. This I heard from the battery clerk who has all details. Burial was conducted by the Rev. A.W. Tonge, our Padre. About 5ft 8 slim build, clean shaven, age about 21, came from Australia with the 5th Bde., a real good fellow and very popular with us all.

Inf: Dvr. E.R. Smith. 26075. 2 section
Billets, 2 D.A.C.
BOULOGNE. 4.11.1918.

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5th. November. 1918.

2nd. Australian Ammunition Col. Hart, G. C. 7597.

D/W. June. 17/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew Driver Hart, 2nd. Section (he has a Brother a Gunner 'Stev' Hart in the 13th. Battery) I saw him after he was hit at the 14th. Battery waggon lines at Freshincourt I think in June 1918. He had been hit by a shell and both legs blown off. I was told that he died on his way to the D/Station He was buried in the Freshincourt Military Cemetery.

Inf:- Driver. E. Bradley. 10846.
2nd. Aust. Ammunition Col.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

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A.I.F. 2nd D.A.C.

HART
G.C.7597

"DIED OF WOUNDS 17/5/18"

On date mentioned at Berancourt Gunner Hart had his leg blown off and died at a Casualty Clearing Station. Informant helped to bury him, (he dug the grave) in the French Cemetery at Freschencourt. A cross was erected over the grave. I was an eye-witness.

Informant:- 14491 I.H. Brown, (Intelligent & Reliable)
2nd D.A.C., A.I.F.,
1st Birmingham War Hospital,
Rednal.

Home address:- Perth,
West Australia.

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2nd D.A.C.
A.I.F.

HART.
G.C. 7597

"Died of Wounds 17-6-18."

At Behencourt, was wounded by a shell hit in both legs. I was not there at the time and did not see him. He was buried in Military Cemetery at Freshincourt, cross was erected. I have not seen his grave, but several of the 2nd D.A.C. men I know have. I knew him personally and he came from Sydney - had been in 13th Battery.

Informant:- 4985 Dvr. A.E. Pearsall.
13th Btty, 5th Bgde,
Anzac Buffet. 5-11-18.

A.D.G.
London.
14-11-18.
J.E.A.

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2nd Div: Ammunition Column.
A.I.F.

HART.
G.C. 7597.

"Died of Wounds 17-6-18"

He was wounded by shell badly at Framvillers. and died during the same night. He was taken to a dressing station but his body was brought back prepared for burial, and he was then buried by the Unit at Framvillers in Military Cemetery there, and everything was in order. Grave marked etc. Refer to Bdr. Fairbairn, R.S. 2nd Section 2nd D.A.C. who is now in Hospital somewhere in England.

Informant:- Dvr Murrell. A.A. 34283.
2nd Div: Ammun: Column
3rd A.A.H. DARTFORD

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London.
15-11-18.
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A.I.F. 2nd D.A.C.

HART
George Clarence
7597

Died of wounds 17.6.18

Buried Frechencourt Communal Cemetery 7 miles N.E. of Amiens
Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqrs list for Capt. Spedding.

London
12.6.19

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