

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

628 Private
David Ernest McCann

37th Battalion



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A.I.F. 37.

D/W. 14.10.17.

MCANN D.E. 628.

He was wounded in the leg on 12th. Oct. during our attack for Passchendaele, at about 7 a.m. shortly after we went over - I believe by a bullet. I was in a shell hole and he was hit just as he was passing me. We pulled him into the shell hole and put a field dressing on him. He was bleeding badly and asked us to take him out but it was impossible at the time. We were held up there until about 4 p.m. and then carried McCann back to a pill box whence the S/B's should have taken him straight to a D.S. but there were a number of wounded and few S/B's. and he was left there all night and, I heard, he died there.

He was in B.Co. We called him Dave.

RWH.

Reference: L/Opl. Beaumont. 658. B.Co.
L.G. School.

Etaples.
17.5.18.

See also... 17.5.18. 17.5.18.

W.C. Craft.

Dec 18.

~~The~~
The Chaplain.

3rd Aust. Cas. Clg. Str.

B. I. 7.

628 D. E. McCann 37th Bn.

died 7 wounds 14.10.17

24th. Bn. A.I.F.

Fethers, Lieut.P.G.D.
D Co., XVI Plat.

K. May 3/17. Det D/B.

" I knew Lt.Fethers well. He was in my Co. He was killed at Bullecourt on 3/5/17, and he was buried there. I know this for certain because I was told it by some of the men of D Co.who buried him. I do not recollect their names. I know where Lieut Fethers Grave is & could point it out if I were at Bullecourt. I was quite close to Lt.Fethers when he was killed. I saw him put his head over the parapet, watching for a counter-attack when a bullet went through his brain & he fell dead, killed instantaneously."

Eyewitness:- Yes.

Description:-

Informant:- Pte Wm.Hardie, 311.
34 A.I.F. D Co., XVI Plat.
De Walden Hosp., Eastbourne.
Home address:- Wordford, Victoria, Aust.

4/11/17.
Maj. N.C. Perkins.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

B. a. p. o. 401

B. 9. 7.

France.

Jan 5th 1917.

Dear Miss Deallen.

Could you please
let me know any particulars about
private D. S. McCann.
to 6.2.8.

B. Company.

34. Battalion.

A. 1. 7.

His brother heard he was wounded
and is waiting for news.

Y^{rs}

Frank J. Holmesworth

A. Y. M. C. A.

B. a. p. o. 401

B. 9. 7.

PTO

A.I.F. 37th Bn

McCann
D.E. 628

"WOUNDED"

D/Wounds received in action 14-10-17 3rd Aust. C.C.Stn
France

cert. by Hpl Index

London
16-12-17

McCann
Pte. D.E. 628

"Died of wounds"

He was brought in here on Oct 14th wounded in the right thigh and in a state of collapse. He passed away very shortly after reaching us. He did not seem to be in any pain just bewildered, then suddenly lost consciousness and did not recover. He was buried at Nine Elms.

Letter from:-

O.C.
3rd A.C.C.S.
22.12.17.

London.
8.1.18

M

37th Battn.
A.I.F.

McCann.
D.E. 628

"Died of Wounds 14.10.17"

Cpl. E. Hill 37th Battn. H.Qrs. Sig. (with Battn) told me that McCann was getting out of a shell hole a sniper shot him in the head and that he died at Steinwerck Hospital two days later.

Informant:- J.T. Walker 1317
37th Battn. H.Qrs. Sig.
Hut 21 Westham.

W.A. Rand

London.
26.3.18.

NOTE written Cpl. Hill 13.3.18

Boulogne.
M.
P.I.

3rd A.C.C.S.

22/12/17

Dear Miss Beakins,

I am sorry I can

tell you a little about Pte D.E.

McCann. He was brought in

here on Oct 14th wounded in
the right thigh and in a state
of collapse. He passed away

very shortly after reaching us.

He did not seem to be in any
pain, just bewildered, then
suddenly lost consciousness &

did not recover.
at Nine Elms.

He was buried

kind regards Yr. Sincerely,

M. E.C. Murchamp

Miss Maud Molesworth
A.Y.M.C.A.
B.A.P.O. No 1.
B. E. F.

16TH Jan 1918

Dear Madam,

In answer to your enquiry about 628 Pte. D.E. McCann. We regret to inform you that he died of wounds received in action 14.10.17 at 3rd Australian C.C.Stn. We received a letter from the O.C. of this Hospital in which he says "Pte. McCann was brought in on Oct 14th wounded in the right thigh and in a state of collapse.

He passed away very shortly after reaching us. He did not seem to be in any pain, just bewildered then suddenly lost consciousness and did not recover. He was buried at Mine Elms"

This information will have been sent by our Melbourne Bureau to relatives in Australia.

you and his
- Regretting having to send for his brother and assuring him of our sympathy in his loss.

Yours faithfully,

John Baker
SECRETARY

20/3/18.

To

Cpl. J. Hill.

3y^a H. Q. Signal Coy

A. I. F.

B. E. F.

About.
628.

D. E. McCANN.

3y^a Battr.

A. I. F.

D/W. 14/10/14.

25-3-18
A. A. B.