

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**5746 Private
Francis Douglas
McCann**

44th Battalion



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No Inquiry

A.I.F. 44.

X. 4/10.10.17.

MCCANN P.E. 5746.

Place of burial, $\frac{1}{8}$ mile N.W. of Zonnebeke Village.
Map reading, D.21d.3.5.

Cert. by: 3rd. Div. Burials Officer.
Fauquembergues.

Etaples.
12.11.17.
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Havre.

4th February 1918.

44th A.I.F.

McCann F.D. No. 5746.

K. 4th Octr 1917. Det D/B.

I and McCann were the two Scouts of D.Coy, and he went on a message on the 4th October to B.Coy, from which he never returned. He was buried at Hill 40 by a Padre, and I was present at his funeral. His private property was taken by the O.C. burying party. I knew McCann well, he came from Coolcardie, and was a Blacksmith. He was slight built, about 6 ft 1.

Inf:- Pte W.E.G.Dods No. 876.
4th A.I.F.D.Co. XVI Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Ronelles.

CHS.

44th Battn.
A.I. F.

MCCANN
F.D. 5746

"Killed 4-10-17"

I did not see the casualty, and I cannot refer to anyone for actual details, but I assisted to bury him on the field at place of casualty, which was at Hill 40, near Ypres. I marked his grave with a card, and a piece of wood, and I gave his personal effects to a Padre at Ypres. I did not know him personally, as I belonged to a different Battn. Judging by his condition when I found him, he must have been caught by pieces of shell which hit him about the leg and chest, and broke both arms, death apparently being instantaneous.

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