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**312 Sergeant
Ivanhoe McCarthy**

32nd Battalion



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A.I.F. 32nd Btn

McCARTHY
Sgt. Ivanhoe 312A

late 10th L.H.

"X/A.13-30-10-17"

Killed in action 13-10-17 no report of burial yet
Cert. by A.I.F. GRS 21-3-18

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London
21-3-18

32nd Battn.
A.I.F. *4th L.H.*

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"Killed in Action 13-10-17"

Re 312A Sgt. Ivanhoe McCarthy. This N.C.O. was badly wounded when in the line with me at Celtic Wood, 13-10-17, but died on the way to the Battn. aid post. He was buried there the following day, as it was impossible to get him out to a military Cemetery. All this territory is now in the hands of the enemy. Sgt. McCarthy was tall, and well built, fair hair and blue eyes. He was married his wife residing in Western Australia. He originally belonged to a Light Horse unit, but was transferred to this Battn. towards the end of 1916. This is without a doubt the man of whom you are enquiring.

Letter from:- The C.C., *J. G. Wakelin, Lt.*
FRANCE. 9-5-18

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Bayre.

14th. May. 1918.

32nd. Australians.

Mearthy, Sergeant, I. 312A.

I. October 13/1917. Date. D/B.

He was in C. Coy, 10th. Bn. I was told by Sergeant Platt, 3rd. Battalion, C. 12, on about October 13th. 1917. when I was with the Battalion that he had seen Mearthy killed at Ypres on October 13th while we were holding the line. He would be buried. Mearthy was about 5 feet 2, thick set, fair, came from N. Australia. Platt is in England wounded

Inf:- L/Capt. H. D. Atkinson. 2596.
32nd. Australians. C. 12.
H. S. "De equibo".

CMS.

A.I.F. 32.

McCARTEY, Sgt. I. 3124.
A. Oct. 13/17. Det. D & B.

McCarthy was my Pl. Sgt., 12 Pl. C Co. I think he originally came out with the Light Horse and joined the 32nd when it was made up in Egypt, since when I have known him. He was killed in October in Polygon Wood, where we were holding the line in close supports. It happened in the morning, and I believe at the time he was lying sleeping in the sun, when he was hit by a piece of shell, which went through his head and killed him outright. I did not see him killed, but I saw his body afterwards, and helped to dig his grave just behind our lines. There was a cross put up to mark it, and it was near where two other of our men were buried, Worthington and Bartlett.

Reference: Pte. Milroy, 1264. C Co.
No. 9 General, Rouen. 27.4.18.

D.L.F.

A. I. F. 52nd Battn.

McCARTHY
Sgt. I. 512A.

KILLED 15/10/17.

He was Sergt. of C XII and on October 13th in the middle of the day had just been round his men in the trenches in front of Celtic Wood at Ypres and had gone back into the shelter they had, and was lying down. when a shell came over the parapet and fell in front of the shelter. He was found with his face blown away and died within 10 minutes on a stretcher they had put him on to take to Dressing Station - Sergt. Thomas was killed in the shelter at the same time - I do not know where McCarthy was buried but Lt. Wakelin of C Company 52nd Battn who was in charge of the Platoon at the time would know all details.

Witness:- Lt. Griffin C Co. 52nd Battn.,
No. 1, Command Depot,
Sutton Veny.

NOTE:- Written Wakelin.
2.5.18.

B. F. German

London
4.5.18

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Hevrs.

7th. May. 1918.

32nd. Australians.

McCarthy, Sergeant, I. ~~12122~~
312 A.

Z. October. 13/1917. Dots. D/3.

He was in C. Company; a South Australian; I think single. He was killed outright by a shell at Polygon Wood. He was taken back to the line and buried nearby.

Inf:- . C. Williams. 6584.
32nd. ~~12122~~ Australians. C.
H. . Guildford Castle.

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C. 12

32nd Battn
A.I.F.

MC CARTHY,
Sgt.I. 312A

"Killed 13.10.17."

I was in the same trench at Celtic Wood as he was when Sgt. Mc Carthy and another were killed and two wounded by a shell but I can't say where he was buried but know that he was.

Informant:- F.J.Ellis, 32,
Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
10.5.18.

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23rd A.I.F.

McCarthy, Sgt. I. 318A
C. Coy.
K. Oct 13/17

Sergeant Macarthy was killed in front of Celtic Wood at Ypres on 13th Oct. by a piece of shrapnel through the head and he died before we could get him out of the line. He was buried at the dressing station near Battalion Headquarters by men of our battalion".

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description:

Informant: Kent, T.Corp. 3578 H.T.
C. Coy. 5th S.General Hosp:
Fawcett Rd., Portsmouth.
Home address 26 Airlie Avenue,
Prospect, S.Australia

H.M.P.
May 11/18

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Station
Ray Haven
West Australia
Jan 10 1918

To The Red Cross
France
Can you get
for me particulars
of my dear brother
H. A. Haulborn
No 312 C. Comp and
32 nd Battalion
813 near
France

we received word the
early part of Jan 1917
killed in action
between the 1917 & 20
of Gen. I will be so
Thankful if you
can let me any
particulars of his
you may be able
to get some of the
places or officers
I may find in his
make sure all the
of late years we
assist. The Red X
well so may be you
could not do something
for me and I would be

Indiscreetly
told to each other

ack. { Bonlogne
18.3.18

I told that the A.R.C.
will apply for photograph
for Green Registration.

2.5.18.

Lieut Wakelin

C. Coy.

32. A. Y. 7.

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312th Serg. McCarthy.

32. A. Y. 7.

12. 13-10-17.

M. L.
2.5.18.

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Sgt. Frank McCarthy
32 Rath Lee 10th Q Coy
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Dear Miss Bickins

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If you should require further
information regarding him
or any other man in my
company, I shall be only
too pleased to furnish you
with it.

Yours faithfully

Frederick Lewis
F. F. Lewis