

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2166 Private
Francis Joseph
McCartin**

5th Pioneer Battalion



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A.I.F. 5th Pioneers
3rd Rfts

McCARTIN
F. 2166

"K. in A. 8-12-16"

Killed in Action 8-12-16 - Buried 450 yds. S.S.E. of Waterloo
Farm $\frac{1}{2}$ mile W. of Guillement $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles W.N.W. of Combles
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 19-4-17.

London
20-4-17

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5th Pioneers, Australian Imperial
Force.

McCartin, Pte. F. 2166

(K. Dec. 8/16. Dots D & B).

" I was in the next dug-out to Pte. McCartin when a shell struck his dug-out and instantly killed him at Waterloo Farm, Delville Wood, and he was buried near the Farm. He came from S. Australia. "

Eye Witness

Description

Informant :- Pte. A.E. Cousins, 4147,
D Coy. 15th Pltn. 5th Pioneers,
Australian Imperial Force,
Queens Hospital,
Birmingham.

Home address :-
31, Dudley Street,
Puddington, Sydney.

21. May. 1917. New South Wales.
F. Jarvis.

Pioneer
5th A.I.F.

McCarton F. 2166,
D. Company, XVI Plt.

(K. Dec. 8th 1916 Det. D/B)

"On the 8th Dec. 1916 at 9 o'clock at night I saw McCartney dead and helped to bury him and put up his cross and the Sgt. Major took his disc".

Eye-witness:

Description: Always known as Mac.

Informant: Pte. Ivor Leland Gurney 2119,
5th A.I.F., Pioneers, D. Coy., XVI Plt.,
Napsbury War Hospt.,
St. Albans.

Home address:
Alexandra St.,
Millicent,
S. Australia.

May 24th 1917,
H. Cooper.

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7th June, 1917.

PIONEER BATTALIONS, AUSTRALIANS MCCARTIN, F. 2166
5th Bty.

K. 8.12.16. Det. D/B.

He was in D Co. I saw him buried at Waterlot Farm early in December. He was buried with Pte. Panny and another man, and three crosses were put up a fortnight later. He was killed by a shell in our dugout with the other two. McCartin was dark, medium height.

Informant: Pte S. Duffy, 1850
5th Bty, Australian Pion., D Co.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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5th Australian Pioneers.

McCartin, Pte. F., 2166,
D. Company,

K. Dec. 8/16. Dat: D/B.

"I do not know McCartin's Pltn. Pte. Peatman (don't know No.) and Pte. Gurney (do not know No.) both of D.Coy., 5th Aus: Pion: (I do not know Pltn) told me that Pte. McCartin was killed by a shell in a dug out on Waterlog Farm on the Somme in December. Two others were also killed at the same time, Pte. Giles and Penny. I saw their three graves with three crosses erected at Waterlog Farm. I think it was McCartin's second night on the Somme. They said he was really killed by concussion and it would be instantaneous."

Eye Witness:

Description:

Informant:-- Pte. J.A. Mc Vea, 2171,
5th Aus: Pioneers, A.Coy., II Pltn.,
2nd London General Hosp:
Chelsea.

Home address:-- Fitzroy Terrace,
Prospect 8.Australia.

17.6.17.
K.G.Hamilton.

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5th AUST. PIONEERS.

F. McCARTIN, 2166.

Killed 8.12.16. Det. D & B.

He was buried by the side of Jury and Binnie in three graves side by side, about 200 yards on the right of Waterlot Farm, and 600 yards from the sugar mill. The dug out that he was in was blown up by a shell and the three killed instantly.

Reference: Pte. W. C. Cahill, 1842.

No.1 Australian, Rouen. 18.6.17.

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McCartin, F. 2166,
5th Pioneer Batt.

(K. 8th Dec./17. Det D & B)

"On Dec. 8th 1916 I saw Pte F. McCartin killed at Watterlot Farm near Devil's Wood in a dug out, he was buried at Watterlot Farm and a wooden cross put as a mark of the grave. His body will never be moved out of its resting place as we have held the ground ever since."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description:

Informant: George Lawson,
A.I.F. 5th Pioneer Batt.
Kitchener Hospital,
Brighton.

Home address:
26, Argyle Square,
Carlton, Melbourne.

23rd June 1917.
M. Graham.

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5th Pioneer A.I.F.

McCartin Pte. F. 2166,
5 Company.

(K. Dec. 8/16 Det. D/B)

"I knew McCartin No. 2166 well. He was killed by a shell landing on the corner of his dug-out. He was buried with two others named Jury and Penne who were killed at the same time at Waterlot Farm South of Delville Wood near an old sugar refinery. I have seen his grave which is marked by a wooden cross with his name and Jury and Penne on it".

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Pte. Walter Leaker 2146,
Pioneer A.I.F.,
5 Coy.,
1st Southern General Hospt.,
Birmingham.

Home address:
Pyap West,
River Murray,
South Australia.

June 22/17,

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5th Pioneer Battn.
D. Coy. 15th Pl.
A. I. F.

McCarten.
F. 2166.

"Killed 8.12.16."

I saw him buried about 200 yards from the Longueval Guillemont Road half way between the sugar refinery and railway line towards Trones Wood, with two others, killed the same time. E. Jury and E. C. Bennie same battalion. The Salvation Army Captain, Chaplain Grimes read the burial service. He is still in France. I left there May the 10th 1917. His parents address is, T. J. McCarten, Cobden Street, South Melbourne, Victoria.

Witness:-

Cpl. J. McHay, 1820.

5th Pioneer Battn.

D. Coy. 15th Pl.

3rd Aust. Aux. Hpl.

Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.

25.6.17.

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Pioneers.
A. I. F.

McCartan.
2166.

"Killed 8.12.16."

At Waterlogg Farm he was killed by a shell when in his dug-out. Benmie and Jury were killed same time. I saw his body after and there was not even a scratch on him or Bennie. The three were buried side by side - 3 crosses put up in a row. I knew him well, came same reinforcements as I did and went in March and saw the grave again.

Witness:-

B. A. McGullack. 2168.
W.41. Harefield.

D. P. Dickson.

London.
25.6.17.

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5th Pioneer Battn.
D. Coy. 15th Pl.
A. I. F.

McCartan.
F. 2166.

"Killed 8.12.16."

I saw him dead. The casualty happened at Waterlot Farm late in the evening 8th Dec. 1916. A high explosive shell fell into his dug-out and killed him and two others named J. Jury and L.M.C. Bennie, whilst they were sleeping. I saw him buried the next day about 200 yards from the farm and I and another man G. Dowdall marked his grave with a cross 3 feet x 18 inches with his name, Battalion and number. No other of same name.

Witness:-

Pte. J. L. Gurney. 2119.
5th Pioneer Battn.
16th Pl. D. Coy.
3rd Aust. Aux. Hpl.
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.
25.6.17.

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5th Pioneers Aus. Imp Force

McCartin, Pte. F. 2166
D Company.

(K. Dec. 8th, 1916).

" In December, 1916, McCartin was in a dug-out at tea-time when a shell came over and killed him with two others, Julian and Benny. He was buried at Wanalog Farm. His grave was marked. For further information refer to - Pte. Peterman.

D Coy. 5th Pioneer A.I.F.
France.

who was with him at the time. "

Eye Witness - No.

Description Of medium height, fair and clean shaven.

Informant :- Pte. J. A. McVea, 2171.
A Coy. 2nd Pltn. 5th Pioneer A.I.F.
Bermondsey Hospital (Milit),
London, S. E.

Home address :-
Fitzroy Terrace,
S Australia.

June 28, 1917.
Rand Hammond.

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