

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**1654A Lance Corporal
Leslie John McGrath**

4th Machine Gun Battalion



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A.I.F. 4th M.G.Btn (HI)
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McGRATH
L.J. 1654A

"D/Wounds"

Died of wounds @ 8th C.C.S 24-6-18 - S.W.Back
Vert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 6-8-18 & Hpl Index.

London
6-8-18

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4th M.G.Coy.
A.I.F.

McGRATH
L.J. 1654A

"Died of Wounds 24-6-18"

Re 16544 Pte.L.J.McGrath, 4th M.G.Battn. He was admitted here seriously wounded in the back and died 10-50 p.m. on 24-6-18. I wrote his next of kin full particulars on that date. He is buried in Crouy - Plot 3 - Row C - Grave 6.

Letter from:- The Matron,
5th C.C.S.,
B.E.F.

London
22-8-18
H.W.

S.

4th M.G.Battn.
A.I.F.

McGRATH
L.J. 1654A

"Died of Wounds 24-6-18"

He was in 12th M.G.Coy. Refer to L/Cpl.W.Howard, 12th M.G.Coy., now in France, for he saw him wounded at Sailly le Sec.

Informant. Kinnon. Cpl.J.D. 381
12th M.G.Coy.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
1-10-18

J.E.A. Note:- Written Cpl.Howard 28-9-18.

Letter returned marked 'not with limits' 3.10.18.

4th Battn. 4th M.G.Ccy.
A.I.F.

McGRATH
L.J. 1654A.

"Died of Wounds 24-6-18"

About this date at Sailly le Sec holding the line was hit by piece of Shell. I did not see it happen. Was taken out by S/B to D/Stn., was conscious, but was pretty bad when they left him. Word came through that he died at C.C.S. near Longpre, would be buried there.

Came from Mudgee N.S.W., and Pte. J. Randall 4th M.G. Battn., who comes from same town would know details.

Informant - Fowler. Cpl. Z.C. 1734
4th M.G. Battn.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London
24-10-18
J.E.A.

S.

FRANCE.

4th AUST. M.G.Co.

McGRATH. L.J. 1654A.

D/W June 24th.1918. Det.

We were in 12 Coy. He was wounded by a bullet which struck him in the spine; it was near the canal side at Sailly-le-Sec. He was carried back and died at a C.C.S. near Corbie.

WSI.

Ref -- Gnr:W.R.Strubie. 609. 4 Batt. 12 Co.
No 16 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. Oct 25th.1918

3rd M/G. Battn. A.I.F.

McGrath
L.J. 1654 A.

Died of Wounds 24.6.18.

At Sailly-le-Sec he was wounded in the back by shell while in Reserve Gun positions. He was taken back to C.C.S. I saw him wounded, but I do not know where buried.

Informant:- Sinclair. 296.
On Leave.

D.P. Dickson,
30.10.18.
London,
8.11.18.
M.H.S.

S.

12th Machine Gun Company.

4 M.G. Platoon 458

McGrath, L.J.

L/Cpl. No. 1654 a.

"Died of Wounds, 24.6.18".

Informant described McGrath as about 5'4" high, heavy build, fair complexion, aged about 22. Came from Mudgee.

Informant states that they both belonged to the 12th Machine Gun Company. On 23.4.18 the Company was advancing in front of Hamel, but Informant was not there having been wounded two days before and sent to England. Private Jack Large wrote to him however that McGrath was hit by a High Explosive Shell while on the tape just at the hopover. He was taken to the Dressing Station at Corby where he died.

Informant added that McGrath was a very warm chum of his. He has a photo of him taken at Paris. He would like to know McGrath's people if they care to write to him, and send their address.

Informant:- Private A.E. Horne, No. 4808,
12th Machine Gun Company.

Home Address:- "Kyles", Hawthorn Parade,
Haberfield.

T.B.G.

Anzac Information Bureau,
SYDNEY.

27.11.18.

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SYDNEY BUREAU.

12th Machine Gun Company, A.I.F.
late 45th Battalion.

(4 M.G. Platoon)

McGrath, L.J. L/Cpl. No. 1654a

"Died of Wounds, 24/6/18."

McGrath

Informant described McGuire as about 5 feet 6 inches high, fairly stout build, fair complexion aged about 22. He had been a horse-trainer in civil life, and was thought to have come from Dubbo.

Informant stated that on, or about the 17/6/18, the Company was helping to hold the line at Sailly-le-Sec. About 11 p.m. McGrath was at his gun firing spasmodically, when he was hit by a piece of high explosive shell. Informant was with him at the time, as well as a chap named Large, who came from the same place as McGrath. Informant saw him struck. McGrath spoke to him, and was in good spirits. He saw him go to a Dressing Station at village not far away. Informant did not think that the wound would prove fatal, but heard later on that he was dead.

Informant added that McGrath was an excellent lad, in fact one of his best boys. He expected that he would soon have been promoted.

Informant - Lieutenant G. Martin,
12th Machine Gun Company.

Home Address - "Deuba",
47 Chapel Street,
East St. Kilda, Melbourne.

T.B.G.

Anzac Information Bureau,
SYDNEY.

31/12/18.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

AND

ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

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16544
Pl. McGrath L.F.

in the
back 10-50pm 24/6/0

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L.J. McGrath

4th G. Coy

N.W. Dq 10 24/6/0

O.C's Draft.

Aug. 7th

O.C.
V.I.H.
Sgt. H. H. H.

Casualty Claiming
France.

J.E.
Set
To

16547. Pte L. J. M. GRATH.

Machine Gun Bn. A.I.F.

(O.C. 24.6.18)

16547. Pte L. J. M. GRATH.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the above named soldier. The same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,
O.C.

O.C.

B.I.

16547. Pte L. J. M. GRATH.

33rd Battn.
A.I.F.

W.P. MOLLOY.
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"Died of Wounds 18-4-18"

I regret to inform you that No 131. Pte. W.P. Molloy
33rd A.I.F. was admitted to this C.C.S. on 17-4-18. suffering
from the effects of gas poisoning and died the following day.

Everything possible was done for him while he was in
this Hospital, but he passed away peacefully on the date
specified, and was buried in the Military Cemetery, Namps-au-Val.
(Somme) where a cross has been erected to mark his resting place.

So far as I know he left no message behind.

Please convey my deepest sympathy to his relatives
in their sad bereavement.

Letter from: - O.C.

1st C.C.S.
B.E.F.

London.
26-7-18.
J.E.A.

P.1.

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To
Lt Cpl W. Howard
12th M.G. Co
A.I.F.

Account
1654 Apt. J. McGraw
12th M.G. Co
and 4th B. Co
A.I.F.

S/W June 24/18

Written 28.9.18

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HOSPITAL

Norfolk was Horn

INFORMATION

Fill in exactly as List.

SURNAME. <i>Zorcher Potter</i>	Christian Name. <i>C. O.</i>	Regtl.No. <i>7091</i>	Ra
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GIVEN

SURNAME <i>Rance</i>	Christian Name. <i>F. A.</i>	Regtl.No. <i>753</i>	Ra
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STATEMENT OF

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NOTE.

In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

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Mr. Rance was with
him on our way to the
in the 27th June 1918
was wounded -

PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

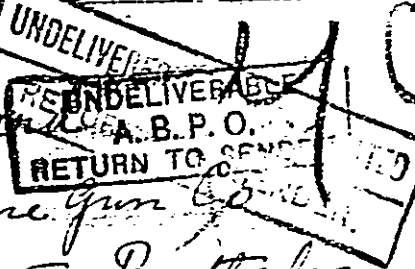
1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? <i>Yes</i>	2. If not of
3. Was the ground held or lost? <i>—</i>	4. If Inf (a) w (b) w
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? <i>Yes</i>	6. Was name
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. <i>25.5.18, in</i>	
8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence <i>Reliable</i>	

Reports should always be written very clearly in ink, or typewritten.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
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38, GROSVENOR PLACE
LONDON, S.W. 1.



L/Cpl W. Howard
12th Machine Gun Co
att^d 4th Infantry Battalion
Australian Imperial Force
B. E. F. London

NOT WITH 4th AUST. INF. BN.

3 OCT 1918

Tel.: VICTORIA { 8576
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO

"THE SECRETARY."

WOUNDED AND MISSING

— ENQUIRY BUREAU —

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

28.9.18

*Lt Cpl W. Howard
12th M.G. Co
att'd 4 Batta A.I.F.*

C Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

*1654 Pte L.J. McGrath 12 M.G. Co. 4 Batta A.I.F.
who is reported died of wounds June 24/18*

and have been told that you may be able to help us by
supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can
send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially
to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the
field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be
registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short
description of his personal appearance or any points that
might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number,
as without these particulars delay and confusion might be
caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have
written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

per Mrs

*Letter HQ sent 28.9.18
7.11.18*