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

3926 Private
James Patrick Purcell

3rd Trench Mortar Battery



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3rd. Trench Mortar,
A. I. F.

PURCELL,
Gnr. J.P. 3926.

Killed in Action 3-7-16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 18-9-16.

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London,
19-9-16.

~~A. I. F.~~

L.T.M.B. 3rd Bty. PURCELL,J.P.3926.

K. July 3rd, 1916.

He was killed at Fleurbaix on July 3rd. A big piece of shell struck him in the head andkilled him outright, while he was with the battery. I saw his dead body about 10 minutes after he was killed. The body was buried next morning in the cemetery at Fleurbaix. I helped to bury him. We put a cross on the grave with his name on it. He came from West Australia. Sgt. J.McSweeney, 3 L.T.M.B. could give any further particulars, if they are required.

SA.

Reference:- Pte. G. Wilson. 1608.3rd Bty.LTMB.
A.G.B.D.

Etaples
27.4.17.

Written Sgt. McSweeney 16.5.17

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A. I. F.

Light T. Mortars. 3rd Bty. PURCELL,J.P.3926.

K. July 3rd, 1916.

While we were in action at Flers I saw a shell come over into the battery and kill him. He was buried in Eaton Hall cemetery and cross was erected on grave with details.

FJE.

Reference:- McSweeney,J. 572. 3rd Bty.
Liverpool Hosp.

Etaples
9.5.17.

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2/UST.Lt.T.M.B. 3/Bty. J. P. PURCELL, 3926

Killed 3.7.16. Det.D/B.

Informant knew him well. He was killed instantly by a shell. Informant saw his body. He was buried next day by a burial party from the 52nd Batty. near "Heaton Hall" at Fleurbaix.

Reference: J.Shepherd, 3956, 3rd M.B.

No.11 Con.Camp, Buchy nr. Rouen, 9.6.17.

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A.I.F. 3rd L.T.M.Btty.

PURCELL.
J.P. 3926.

Killed in Action.3.7.16.

Purcell was killed in action by shell at Fleurbaix at midnight 2/3 July 16 and wasburied in British Cemetery at Fleurbaix. All the gun crew were killed except Cpl Nichols (informant).Purcell was man of medium height, ruddy complexion and was an Irishman.

Informant. Cpl Nichols W.W. 1879.
Hall Street,
Castlemaine,
Victoria.

C.S.Gray Sgt.
T.S.Kildonan Castle.
7.5.19.

London.
12.9.19.

B.

Sgt. J. McSweeney, 1-3. L. T. M. B. A. L. F.

for

3926

J. P. PURCELL

3rd L. T. M. B. A. L. F.

K. July 3rd 1916

H. M.

16. 5. 17.

HOSPITAL Horton

INFORMAT

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	Robinson	A.	1084	

GIVE

SURNAME	Christian Name.	Regtl.No.	
Parkhill	D.C.M.	1593	

STATEMENT O

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

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PLEASE ALSO ANSWER

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3. Was the ground held or lost?
4. If Informa was deat the body
5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? Yes.
6. Was there name in
7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. Short thick set
8. *Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence* Intelligent