

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2409 Private
Brice James McCarthy**

33rd Battalion



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33rd Bn.
A. I. B.

MC CARTHY
Brice James 2409.

"Killed in Action 13.10.17"

No trace Germany
Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
20.10.19.

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33rd Battn.
A.I.F.

Brice James. MC CARTHY.
2409.

"Wounded and Missing".

Killed in Action 13-10-17. Previously reported Wounded and Missing.

Cert: by A.I.F.Hqrs. 27-5-18.

London.
30-5-18.

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53rd Battn. A.I.F.

MC CARTHY B. J.
2409.

"Killed 13.10.17."

At Passchendaele was hit in the hip by a bullet. I bandaged him up left him in a shell hole. We advanced past him but had to retire we came back past where we left him, but he was not in same shell hole, when we came back.

D. P. Dickson,
London.
21.7.18.

Inf. Sgt. Mc Donalds, 1434
W. 23.
HAREFIELD.

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A.I.F. 33rd Btn

McCARTHY
Brice James - 2409

"Wded 2nd occ:"

Wded 2nd occ: 13-10-17 - No further report
Cert. by A.I.F. Hore 2-2-18

No further report
Cert. by Rouen letter 7-2-18.

London
11-2-18

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A.I.F. 33rd Btn

MCCARTHY
Brice James 2409

"Wounded"

Wdad 2nd occ: 13-10-17 - No further report
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 2-2-18

No further report
Cert. by Rouen letter 7-2-18

No further report - A.F. - last paid in France 6-10-17
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 13-3-18

Now reported Wounded & Missing 13-10-17
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 16-3-18.

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London
18-3-18

A.I.F. 33rd Btn

MCCARTHY
Brice James 2409

"WOUNDED"

Now reported Wounded & Missing 13-10-17 - previously reported
Wounded.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 18-3-18.

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London
21-3-18

A.I.F. 33rd Battn.
D Coy.

13-10-17

McCARTHY
B. J. 2409

"Wounded & Missing 2409"

Did not see him hit - he was found in a shell hole. I saw two German prisoners carrying him into dressing Station - Sergt. McLean (now Lieut. McLean) told me that McCarthy was at the dressing station. We were at Passchendaele at the time - I knew him well - we came over in the same reinforcements.

Informant 2306, *Pte. H. G. Fowler.*
33rd Battn., D Coy.

NOTE:- Written Lt. McLean,
29/5/18

London
1/6/18

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33rd Battn.
A.I.F.

McCARTHY
Bruce James 2409

"Killed in Action 13-10-17"

Re 2409 Pte. B. J. McCarthy. Pte. Benjamin Joseph McCarthy was transferred from Broadmeadows Camp to 3rd Rfts. 33rd Battn. at Rutherford Camp in May 1916. He embarked from Australia 24-8-16 and disembarked England 11-10-16. I was C/S/M of the 3/33rd Rfts., and was personally acquainted with Pte. McCarthy. - His height was 6' or over, proportionately built, he was dark, and clean shaven. I do not remember seeing him for the last 8 months.

Letter from:- Casey. Walter W.O.
33rd Battn.,
4-6-18

London
4-6-18

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A.I.F. 33rd Battn.

MCCARTHY
Brice James 2409

Killed in Action 13/10/17

Re No. 2409 Pte. B. J. McCarthy of 33rd Battn., this man was reported missing after the battle of Passchendaele on 13/10/17. As no further information was forthcoming a court of Enquiry was held on 23rd May 1918, and this man along with several others was officially reported as killed in action. I did not know the man myself nor do I know of anyone now with the Battalion who could give you any information regarding his death. My Warrant Officer knew the man in the 3rd reinforcements in Australia and England, and I enclose a letter from the W.O. giving particulars which may help you to prove his identity.

Letter from:- O.C. *St. Malan.*
33rd Battn., A.I.F.,
France.
5/8/18.

London
14/8/18.

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A.I.F.
33rd Bn.
D.Co.

McCARTHY. Pte.
B.7. 2409.

"M/A 13.10.17."

5'4", fair, age 19. From Horce, N.S.W. I went to school with McCarthy. I was in same stunt with him on morning of 13.10.17 at Passchendaele. Sgt. Hjr.H.Shatwell of same Bn told me that McCarthy was wounded badly in hip in shellhole. Shatwell saw him in shellhole but had to leave him as we had to move forward. We had no stretcher bearers and it is quite possible he died there - especially as it was a very cold night. McCarthy was a Co. runner at time he got hit. Shatwell has gone back to Australia.

Informant:- Pte.G.P. Williams 903.

Home address:-
19 Ferndale St.
Newtown.
Sydney.

33rd Bn.C.Co. 10th Pln.

A.I.F. Ward 18.

3rd A.I.Fpl.3.5.19.

G.S.W.
London.
19.5.19.

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wounded and missing 14th October VL651.

Refers to 2409 MCCARTHY Bruce James 33rd Bn.
Australian Reco. Co. Royal.

passed for action to.....

Miss Brotherton
Australian field force

W.O. Oliver has your 2 files concerning
~~Brotherton~~ Walelland + Jennings

File HQ.

Chapman
S.H.C.
16/3/18.

[21-5-18]

Lieut McLean
33rd Batta. A.1.7.
abroad

abt
2409

Pte B. J. McCarthy
33rd Batta. A.1.7.

W/M. 13-10-17.

21-5-18
2.1.18.

Class of Chapter 70

~~2409~~

~~Mr. Carthy~~

~~33B~~

~~B. J.~~

~~po 3. 6. 18~~

Wm J. Harris

O. S. Sal. Army

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BE. F.

news already sent by the
and duplicate work to send
it to you - advise
parents: apply to
115 Pitt St. S. Aug.

NO.

Call Vesp

CLASSIFICATION

Other Information:

Inquirer's Name and Address.

Mrs. Emily Lane,
Alexander Street,
Prospect,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Relation.

Official next-of
kin.

Mother.

Instructions: Cable Commissioners, for all available particulars relative
to the above soldier's death and burial.
Photo of grave if obtainable, desired by next-of-
kin as above.
Religion:-- Baptist.

Call Again.

YES.

NO.

Cost of Cable, &c.

Ask. P.C. 10/11/18
Anst.

2409 McCarthy 33rd Bn.
Buss 33rd Bn. 15.10.17 4-6-18.
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The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross Society.

Re Reference your enquiry dated 29-5-18.
of 2409 Pte. B. J. McCarthy.

Pte Benjamin Joseph McCarthy was transferred from Broadmeadows camp to 3rd Reinforcement 33rd Battalion at Rutherford Camp in May 1916. He embarked from Australia 24-8-16 and disembarked England 11-10-16. I was Co. Sq. of the 3/33 Reinforcement and was personally acquainted with Pte McCarthy. His height was 6ft. or over, proportionately built. He was dark and clean shaven. I do not remember seeing him for the last 8 months.

Walter Casey
W.O.F.
33rd Bn.

THE SALVATION ARMY
WITH THE
BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE,
ARMY POST OFFICE 3
B.E.F.

May 31st, 1918.

pc-3.6.18

The Secretary,
Australian Red Cross,
36, Grosvenor place,
S.W.1.

Sir,-

~~2409. Pta E.T. McGarvey,
1 Coy. 3rd Battalion,
Australian I.F.~~

Can you please give me any information
respecting the above named. His people has
written from New South Wales, saying they
have just heard he is wounded and missing
(their letter is dated 24.3.1918) and ask if
we can obtain any news for them.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Wm. J. Keating

O.C.
Salvation Army with B.E.F.

Ask P.C. 10/16/18
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2409

Bruce James McCarthy
33rd Battalion France.

Recd A13-10-17 S 5/6/18
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The Secretary.
Australian Red Cross Society.
London

In reply to your enquiry of
29th May re. No. 2409. Plé. P. J.
McCarthy of 33rd Bn. This man was
reported missing after the battle of
Passchendaele on 13/10/17. As no further
information was forthcoming a Court
of Enquiry was held on 23rd May
1918, and this man along with
several others was officially reported
as killed in action. I did not know
the man myself nor do I know of
anyone now with the Bn. who could
give you any information regarding
his death. My warrant officer knew
the man in the 3rd Reinforcements in
Australia & England. I enclose a letter
from the W.O. giving particulars which
~~may~~ may help you to prove his
identity.

Yours faithfully
W. J. Kelly Lieut.
33rd Bn A.I.F.