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337 Gunner John Richard McCarthy

1st Field Artillery Brigade



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1st Bgde A.I.F.
3rd Bty AFA.

McCarthy
J.R. 537

"Killed in Action 17.8.17."

He was killed on 16.8.17. a t Zillebeke Lake. He was caught by a shell and killed instantly. I assisted to bring him in the cemetery at Renninghurst and the grave was marked by a cross bearing all his particulars. I knew him well. He came from Sydney and was the only man of that name in the Batty,

Witness:-

Dr. E. Turnell 327
1st Bdge 3rd Batty
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
1.10.17.

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Havre 9th October 1917

AUSTRALIAN FIELD ART: McCARTHY, J.E. 337
1st Brigade

K. 17th Aug 1917 Det D/B

Gunner J. E. McCarthy was buried in the Military Cemetery at Roninghelst in August 1917. There is a cross on the grave.

In ormant: Gunner T. Lees 3083
1st Brig. 3rd Battery A.F.A
Australian Camp, Rouelles

EJH

3rd Battery,
1st Bgde
A.I.F.

McCarthy
J.R 337

"Killed 17.8.17."

I cannot give any particulars of casualty and I cannot refer to anyone but I saw his grave at Renninghurst in the Ypres sector, and it was marked by a cross bearing all his particulars. The cemetery is a pretty one and evidently very well looked after.

Witness:- Driver T.N. Crow 453
1st D.A. HdQtrs
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
10.10.17.

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3rd Battery
1st Bgd
A.I.F. AEA

MCCARTHY
J.R. 337

"Killed 17.8.17."

I buried him at Lillebake along with two men which we removed to to the cemetery at Renninghurst after and each grave was marked with a cross bearing particulars of each man. I did not see him killed but I heard that he was assisting to carry out a wounded man when a shell caught him, killing him instantly.

Witness:- Dr. F.W. Long. 5Cho
3rd Battery 1st Bage
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
17.10.17.

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A.F.A. 1.Bde. McCARTHY. J.R. 337.

K.Aug.17th 1917. D ts.D/B.

McCarthy was a gunner in 3 Batty and was killed in front of Zillebeke in action. I cannot give the date. The shell killed 3 or 4. McCarthy was killed right out. I saw him killed, and was present when he was buried in the big cemetery at Ypringhelst.

Inf: Driver H.Rix. 361. 1/3.
54, Gen.Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 22.10.17.

JT.

F.A. 1st Bgd
A.I.F.

McCarthy,
J.R. 337,
Linton. J. 12502

"Killed 17.8.17"

Was present at burial of both the above at Kenninghelst Cemetery. They were both 3rd Bty (Records produced I.F.J)

Reference:- P. McDonnell 417.
F.A. 1st Bgd
3rd Bty A.I.F.
Southall 15.10.17

S.

London 22.10.17

A.F.A. 1st Bde.

McCarthy J.R. 337.

(K. 17.8.17. Det D/B asked)

I have seen McCarthy's grave at Reninghelst near Ypres. I was sent down to Wagon Lines for a rest and was detailed to put up crosses in the Cemetery. I put up a cross on his grave".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description:

Informant: Gnr. Thomas Stewart 2428,
A.F.A. 1st Bde., 101 Battery,
2nd Southern General Hospt.,
Bristol.

Home address:
Woodend Cottage,
Whins Rd.,
Alloa,
Scotland.

23.10.17,
H.W. Ward.

A.I.F.
Field Artillery.

McCarthy. Gnr: J.R. 337.

(K. Aug: 17/17)
Det D/S.

"I know that McCarthy was killed by a shell on Aug: 17/17 at Zillebecke and he was brought back to the waggon line and buried at a place called Rennenhirst (?) He has a nice grave with a good cross, given by the men of his section who paid ½ a franc each for him to have a nice Cross with his name and number on it. He was buried by men of his battery and the Roman Catholic Priest took the service and arranged about the cross for the grave."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Light and thin - about 5ft 6 or 7. 10 stone in weight - nicknamed "Mackie."

Informant: Gnr: James Winters. 4937.
A.I.F. Field Artillery
Norfolk & Norwich Hospital. Norwich.

Home address: Bathurst Street.
Condobolin. N.S.W.

31.10.17.
Margaret Revill.

Sd

Havre 5th Nov. 1917.

FIELD ARTILLERY, A.I.F. McCARTHY, J.R. 337 1st Bge.
Fourd, 476, 2nd Bge.

K. 17.8.17. Dot. D/B.

I knew a Seigt. "Paddy" Fourd of the 1st Bge., 3rd Btty. His number would be about as stated. The number mentioned is a 1st Bge. number. He, with two others, Pte. Bill Mountain, and Pte. McCarthy, both of the 1st Bge., 3rd Btty. were killed by a direct hit in the gun pit at Zillebeke,-from a 5.9 shell I think. We were told to evacuate. The three of them were buried in Reninghelst Cemetery. I have seen the graves.It is just behind the O.C.'s grave-Major Ringsmill, D.S.O. Fourd's grave has a white cross on it with a round top. This cemetery is directly behind the Dressing Station.

Informant: Gunner V.C. Wilson, 29181
1st Bge., 3rd Bty., A.F.A.,
No. 10 Amb. Train. Havre.

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A.F.A. 1 Bde. MCCARTHY, J.R. 337.

K. Aug17th 1917. Dets

Gunner McCarthy, known as "Smacker", was in 3 Bty. He was killed by on Friday August 17th up at the battery position in front of Zillebeke. The battery was just coming out for a three days rest behind the wagon lines at Dickebusch. They were shelling pretty heavily and I saw McCarthy killed outright with others. The bodies were brought down next day and buried ar Reninghelst. I was at his burial. We put up a cross about three weeks ago.

Inf: Bomdr N.E.Lillyman. 5276 ~~13/~~ 1/3
No. 14 Gen Hospital.
BOULOGNE 7.11.17.

JT

Havre

7th November.1917.

1st Bgde.
AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

No.CARTHY, J.R. 337

K. Aug. 17th.1917. Det. B/B.

He was in the 3rd Batty. He came from Sydney, and used to work in the Sydney Council. He was killed by a shell fire at his gun position at Zillebeke, during the afternoon. His body was brought and buried at Reninghelst Cemetery.

Informant: J. King. 336
1st Bgde., 3rd Batty.
Australian Field Artillery.
N.B."Merilda" Havre.

BBB.

1st A.F.A.	K. 17th August 1917.	McCARTHY J.A.	No. 337.
		Dvt D/B.	
ditto	3 Batty.	McNamara A.E.	No.321.
	D/s 31st July 1917.	Dvt D/B.	
ditto.		Sampson. A.	No.3132.
	K. 15th August 1917.	Dvt D/B.	

These three men are all buried at Roninghelst. I have seen their graves.

Inf:- Gunner Loxley No.2057. 3rd Batty.
Amb.f. 'Pieter de Coninck'.
Calais. 10.1.17. RAK.

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Field Artillery A.I.F. McCarthy, J.R. 337,

1. Bde (K. Aug. 17/17. Det D & B)

"McCarthy was killed instantaneously by a shell on the Batty position at Zillebeke. He had just got back to the Batty from F.O.O. He was killed on Aug. 17th and I helped bring him down. He is buried at Reninghelst Cemetery, near Poperinghe. McCarthy was in 3 Battery and came from Sydney."

Eye-witness: Saw him after death

Description: Called "Mac", about 28, fair, medium hei ght

Informant: Driver Caldwell, 4350,
Field Artillery, A.I.F.
1 Bgde, 3 Batty.
5th Southern General Hospital
Portsmouth.

Home address:
150, Cremong St,
Richmond,
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

10th Nov. 1917.
Gully.

1st. Bgde.Field Artillery, A.I.F. McCarthy, J.R. 337.

K. Aug.17/17. Det. D/B.

" I saw Gnr.McCarthy (1Bgde 3 Batty) just after he had been wounded by a 5.9 shell, while in the Battery position at Zillebeke, in August. I saw him being carried away & I think he died at the dressing-station, a quarter of an hour later. I do not know where he was buried. There was a memorial service one Sunday afterwards & the Chaplain read out the names."

Eyewitness:- Yes.

Description:- N.S.W., out since Oct.1914, I can give no particulars as to home etc.

Informant:- Gnr. Fred Barrah, 1692.
Field Artillery A.I.F. 1 Bgde., 3 Battery.
3rd. Southern Genl Hosp., New College Gardens, Tents, Oxford.

Home address:- 431, William St., Perth, W Australia.

13/11/17.

H.M.P.Cambridge.

1st A.F.A.

McCarthy Pte. J.R. 337.

(K. Aug. 17/17 Det D/B)

"McCarthy was killed by a shell at Maplecopse and buried in the Reninghelst Military Cemetery".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Abt. 5ft 7, called him Mack".

Informant: Sgt. H.A. Smith 341,
1st A.F.A.
V. Hospt.,
Exeter.

Home address:
37 William St.,
Redfern,
Sydney.

Nov. 18/17,
H.J. Fraser.

1st A.F.A.
A. I.F.

McCarthy
J.R. 337

K. 17. 8. 17

"~~Died of wounds 31.7.17.~~"

ditto Killed 15th August 1917 Sampson A. No 3152 Det. D/B

ditto " 31st July 1917 McNamara A.H. No 321 Det. D/B

~~ditto~~ "

These three men are all buried at Reninghelst. I have seen their grave,

Inf:- Gunner Loxley No 2057 3rd Battery
Amb. T. Pieter De Conick
Calais. 10.11.17.

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London.
25.11.17.

A.I.F. 1st F.A.B.
not 3rd F.A.B.

McCARTHY
Gnr John Richard 337

"K. in A 17-8-17"

Killed in action 17-8-17
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 25-9-17

London
25-9-17

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