

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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1708 Gunner
James Clyde McGrath

14th Field Artillery Brigade



1900802K

A.I.F. 14th F.A.B.

MCCRATH
J.C. 1708

, Killed in action 22.10.18

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Buried La Haie Menneresse 57B.W.14.B.

Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqrs List for Capt. Spedding.

London
18.6.19

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14th Bgde. Fld Art:
54th Battery.

MC GRATH.
Pte. J.C. 1708.

"Killed in Action 22-10-18"

I knew Mc Grath well. He was a tall, fair man, somewhat boyish looking. I recognise this number given as his. He was killed by the same shell as killed W. Hackett. The shell made a direct hit on his dug out. This was just below the village of St Martin, a little to the south. I helped to bring the killed and wounded from the dug out and recognised Mc Grath when he was carried out. He was dead when we found him, having been hit in the head and in several places in the body and must have been killed instantly. I did not see him buried, but afterwards put the cross on his grave with his rank and name and number thereon. The grave is in a cemetery about 2 kilos from St Martin.

Informant:- Saunders. Dvr. J.H. 19090.
14th Bgde. A.F.A.

A.E.B.
London.
4-2-19.
H.G.

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Havre.

12th. Febr. 1919.

14th. A. F. A. 54th. Batty,

McGrath, J. C. 1704.

X. October 22/1918. Det. D/B.

I saw him killed by a shell which burst in a dug-out at St. Martins. A piece of shell went through his head. He came from Queensland. He was buried near St. Martins, alongside Hackett's grave. Both were killed by the same shell.

Inf:- Driver. M. Faragher, 3298.

14th. A.F.A. 54th. Batty.

Australian Demobilization Base.

CRR.

RMB.

See Report on Pte. W. Hackett. 1322.
14th. A. F. A. 54th. Batty.

14th Battn.
A.I.F.

MC GRATH.
J.C. 1708. Pte.

• "Killed in Action 22-10-18"

Mc Grath and Backett were both buried in the same grave near St Martin's E. of Le Cateau. I saw the crosses on their graves.

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:-

Home address:-

181 Hyde Street.

Yarraville.

Victoria.

Informant:- Sectt.D.E.1141.Dvr.

(Intelligent)

14th A.I.F.

Fulham Military Hospital.

F.M.Ward.

London.

27-2-19.

J.E.A.

B.

A.I.F.
54th Batty.

McGRATH, J.C.
17048

K. 22/8/18

At St Martin Revere 22/8/18, in our Waggon Lines McGrath
was killed outright by a Shell burst. I knew him quite well.
He was buried there.
Grave location - Sheet 57 B, W 9 B.
about 5050

Informant:- Lieut. Quinlan,
55th Batty.

W.H.Hacker, Sgt.
H.T. "Orca"

B. ed suff

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