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17148 Gunner
Myrtle James Healy

10th Field Artillery Brigade



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AUST. F.A. 10 Bde. 39 Batty. HEALY. M.J. 17148.

K.Sept 25st.1917. Det.

He was a signaller and he and another signaller had left their tunics in a dug-out when a shell landed close to it. As their pay-books and papers were in their tunics they thought that they had better go and get them out of the dug-out in case it was destroyed. They had gone into the dug-out when a shell landed right onto the top of it and blew the whole place to bits. Their remains were left there. It was by Chateau Woods.

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Ref ---Pte Kinghorn. 27850.
No 47 Gen. Hospital.

Le Treport. Jan 5th.1918

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10th Bgde.
A.F.A.

Healy.
M.J. 17148

"Killed 25.9.18"

He was in my Bty.39th Refer to Lieut.Brown and Cpl.Norman Anderson of 39th Bty.who can give details as they were with him at the time.

Informant:- Sig.W.N.Biddles
10th Bgde. 39th Bty.

L.P.J.

London.
7.2.18.

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10th Bgde,
A.P.A.

Healy.
M.J. 17148

"Killed 25.9.17"

His name was Jim. He was a signaller to my Bty.39th. I helped to bury him with his mate Sig.Williams of same Bty. in separate graves, in front of Chateau Wood to the right of Idiot Corner. Lieut.Parkes of same Bty. was present at the burial. Healy was killed at the observation post in No Man's Land.

Witness:-
L.Offley-Court 2001
10th Bgde.
Dartford.

S.L.P.J.

London.
10.12.17.

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Note Written Lt.Parkes 4.12.17.

10th Bgde. Field Artillery.

Healy. M.J. Gnr. NO.17148

Killed Sept 25th 1917. Det. D.B.

He was killed instantly by a shell, He was badly knocked about. We were in the Batty position about 200yds to the right of Hell Fire corner, polygon Wood. He was buried close to the gun pit by mates from the batty, a cross was erected bearing full particulars I knew him in the batty, He was a late reinf, he had only been with the batty a few weeks. I could not say where he came from.

Description. Age. 35. Height. 5-9. Complexion. Dark. Slight Built.

Witness. Gnr. May. F. NO.10063. 10th Bgde. 39th Batty. F.A.

Taken at
NO.4.C.D.Hurdcott.
7-I-18.
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NO.4.Command Depot.
Hurdcott.

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4th Divisional Artillery, A.I.F.
12th Field Artillery Brigade, late 11th Field Artillery Brigade.

HEALY M.J. Gnr. No. 17148.

"Killed In Action, 25/9/17."

Informant described Healy as about 5 feet 8 inches high, medium build, aged about 25.

Informant states that they both belonged to the 39th Battery. On the 25/9/17, the Battery was in action in front of Zillebeke between the Lake there, and Westeek Ridge. Healy and another chap named Williamson, both of them being Signallers, were at the telephone about mid-day, when a shell dropped throught some cupolas about 50 yards from the guns, and near the place where the two men were, and killed them both outright. Informant did not see them hit, but saw them about three or four hours after they were killed. They were then on stretchers, being got ready for burial. Informant could not say where they were buried, but thought it very probable that it was at Wipres Cemetery.

Informant - Corporal C. Burrows, No. 1753,
39th Battery.
Home Address - Wyena Road,
Wentworthville.

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Anzac Information Bureau,
SYDNEY.
30/12/18.

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39th Batty
10th Bgde.
A.F.A.

M HEALY,
M.J. 17148

"Killed in Action 25.9.17."

The battery was in action (Ypres sector). On the morning of the 25.9.17. The signallers dug-out received a direct hit with a 5.9. knocking it completely in. No. 17148 Signllr M.J. Healy with another signaller, were both killed instantaneously. He was buried in small soldiers' cemetery in front of "Chateau Wood" (Ypres) but not a registered cemetery. Padre Stevenson of our Bgde conducted the service, and might be able to give fuller particulars, as to location of his grave.

Letter from:- R.P.Parkes, Lt.
39th Battn A.F.A.
12.1.18.

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NOTE We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we havebeen obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.

London
28.2.18.

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Entry letter 22-1-18

(Cancelled)

In the Field
13/1/18.

To Secretary Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau.

Madam,

Yours of December to hand, re late Gunner M.J. Healy. (17148) I can only give the following particulars:-

No 17148 Signaller M.J. Healy
39th Battery. 10th A.F.A. Bgde.

Killed in Action 25/9/17 S3

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Padre Stevenson of our Brigade Conducted the Service, & might be able to give further particulars as to location of his grave.

Faithfully Yrs R.L. Parkes Lt/39th Bde A.F.A.

Lt.R.G.Parkes,
39th Battery, A.F.A.
Australian Imperial Force,
B. E. F.

January 24th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning :-

17148 Signaller M.J.HEALY, 39th Battery.

The information and details you have supplied will be of much assistance to us, and of value to our enquirers. Thank you very much also for supplying Chaplain Stevenson's name as one who can probably give us further information.

Your reply to our enquiry concerning :-

4641 Dvr.J.W.WALKER, 39th Battery.

for which we also thank you. This information also will be of much assistance to us. It will be a comfort to the relatives to learn that this soldier's death at least was instantaneous.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.