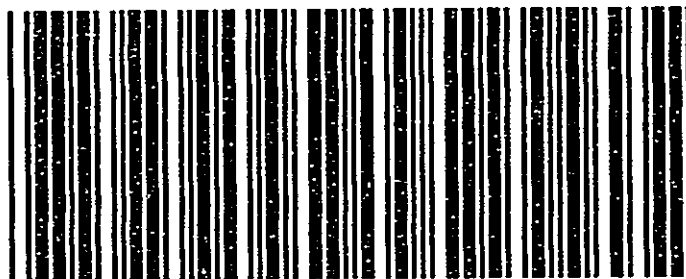


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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**4501 Private  
John Alfred Fury**

**47th Battalion**



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47th Battn.  
A.I.F.,

J.A. Fury  
4501

"Wounded"

"Wounded & Missing 12-8-1916 previously reported Wounded.

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters L.B. 125

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Feb. 7th 1917

AUSTRALIANS 47

FURY J.A. 4501

W. & M. Aug. 12/16

Sgt. Lienberg 47th A.I.F. H.Q. Co. would be able to give information as to what happened to Fury as he was in the same trench with Fury when he was hit. He is supposed to have been hit by a high explosive shell in the early hours of the morning and the trench blown in upon him.

Informant Pte. C.E. Williams 1885  
47th A.I.F. H.Q. Co.  
Duck Rest Camp  
H.M.D.H.

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Written Sgt Lienberg 15.2.17

47 Batt. A. I. P.

PURY J. A. 4801.

" W. & H. Aug 12/16 "

Witness saw soldier killed at Pozieres on Aug. 12th '16. He had just returned to the trenches from fatigue duty, when a shell exploded, blowing him to pieces. It was impossible for him to be buried.

Description. Hgt. 5ft 11. Dark complexion & Hair.

Witness. McNeill L. J. 1690.  
47 Batt. " A " Coy.

March 5th., '17.  
S. W.

Wargret Camp,  
WAREHAM.

B

47th A. I. F.

J. A. FURY, 4501  
T. E. Smith, 4598

Wounded & Missing 12.8.16  
Wounded & Unoff. Missing 12.8.16

They were H.Q. Bombers. At Pozieres at night, the 1st time, they were in the trench, they were a few yards from me in the corner of a bay. Just to the left of them was a Corpl. (now Sergt.) Hallicker and Pte. Evans (still living) and I was on the left of them again. On Fury's and Smith's right, were Sergt. (now Lt.) Bird and a Lieut. (since lost leg and arm). Just before we were relieved, a very big shell came over, a 9 inch, I believe, and burst in the angle. It completely buried Corpl. Hallicker and Evans, partly buried Sergt. Bird and the Lieut. and partly buried myself and mate, Kelly. When we got out, we dug out Hallicker and Evans under very heavy shrapnel fire. My belief is that Fury and Smith are lying there. I knew them both well. They were good soldiers with good characters. Fury was one of the nicest men in the Coy. Everybody liked him. Smith I knew as "Harry" Smith.

Reference: Pte. Hollands, 1780,  
No. 6 General, Rouen, 5.3.17

SW E. K  
RAK. B

Shed  
Kelly, Evans, Hallicker  
Fury, Smith  
Bird, Lieut.

47 Batt. A. I. F.

FURY J. A. 4501.

" W. & H. Aug. 12/16 "

Witness saw soldier at a Clearing Station below Albert, on the 12th August, 1916. He had been slightly wounded in the head, but was suffering mostly from shell shock. Soldier told witness he was being sent to Etaples, France.

Description. Hgt. 5ft9. Very Dark complexion.  
Slight build.

Witness. McLeod. J. 3166.  
47 Batt. " A" Coy.

March 14th., '17.  
S. W. Verne Citadel.

Worgret camp,  
WAREHAM.

W. E. K.

B  
Ed.

A.I.F. 47th Battn

FURY  
J.A. 4501 (H. Q.)

"Wounded"

Wounded 12-8-16 No Hospital stated  
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 8-10-16 & 23-10-16

No further report - enquiries are being made  
Cert. by letter from 3rd Echelon 4-11-16

Wounded & Missing 12-8-16 - previously reported Wounded  
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters I.B. 125

London  
21-3-17

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47th Battn.  
A. I. F.

Fury.  
J. A. 4507.

"Wounded & Missing 12.8.16."

Your letter of the 15.5.17 to hand. I have just got back from the Lyndhurst Bombing School and your letter was here, being redirected from France. Pte. J. A. Fury. He was a H.Q. Bomber. On 10.8.16. (or thereabouts) both Fury and another man Smith were buried. They were dug out, and started for the R.A. Post, which they never reached. Myself, I am quite certain that they were either killed or buried whilst on their way to the R. A. Post. J. A. Fury was a nice gentlemanly chap. Well liked and respected by all. He wrote a beautiful hand. Height about 5 feet 10. Complexion inclined to be dark, hair dark. We all called him Jack.

Letter from:-  
Sgt. Leonard Fienberg.  
47th Battn.

London.  
18.5.17.

B.  
S.



A.I.F. 47th Btn  
late 14/15th Btn

J.A. FURY  
4501 (HQ)

"MISSING"

Killed in Action 12-8-16 - - previously reported Missing  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 19-7-17.

B & S.

London  
20-7-17

10 AM 12.8.16  
J.A. FURY  
B.S. (cd)

12<sup>th</sup> Training Batt.  
Boxford.  
5.5.17.

The Secretary

W. & M. Inquiry Bureau.

Dear Madam.

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He wrote a beautiful hand.

Height about 5' 10"

Complexion inclined to be dark

Hair Dark.

We all called him Jack.

I am afraid this is all the information  
I can supply. Trusting the scribbles  
will be of some use.

Yours in haste.

Sgt.  
Leonard J. Fienberg 47

Pl. J. A. Furry 4501  
47 Ball

see under

Pl. T. H. Smith 4598  
47 Ball

26.4.17.

Pte. J. A. Fury. 45.01  
47 Ball.

See under

Pte. T. H. Smith.  
45.98.  
47 Ball.

24. 4. 17.

15th Feb..

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Sgt. Fienberg.  
H.O. Co..  
47th Batt. A.I.F..  
B. R. F.

4501 J A Fary, 47th Battalion A.I.F  
reported W & H 12.8.16

J A Fary

*JD*  
*Flu*

16.5.17

Sgt. Fienberg.  
47. Battn. A.I.F.  
12. Training Battn. A.I.F.  
Codford  
Wilts.

Dear Sgt. Fienberg

Very many thanks for your letter of May 5th in answer to our  
enquiry about 4507 J.A. Fury, 47. Battn. A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance.

Yours faithfully

V.D.

Secretary.

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