

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**6811 Private
Bartholomew Arthur
Mullaney**

9th Battalion



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9th A.I.F.

Mullaney Pte. B.A. 6811,
D. Coy.

(K. Sept. 20/17)

"Abt. Sept. 21st 1917 I saw Mullaney buried in a shell
hole by two men of the 25th A.I.F. on the left of Polygon Wood."

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Pte. T.P. Collins 6727,
7th A.I.F., C. Coy. 12 Plt.,
2nd Southern General Hospt.,
Bristol.
Home address:
Wood St.,
Dulby,
Queensland.

G.W. Winnington Ingram.

W. J. H.

C O P Y

Statement made by No. 6927 Pte COLLINS T.F. 9th Bn.re No. 6811 Pte MULLANEY B.A. 9th Bn.
Missing 20.9.17

On or about September 20th 1917 at Polygon Wood, I saw No. 6811 Private Mullaneey B.A. 9th Battalion A.I.F. lying dead after going over the top in trying to reach the first objective. He had been hit in several places with shrapnel and was buried by some of the 25th Battalion men on the same day.

Dated at Barton-on-Sea this 17th day of December 1917.

(Sgd) J.F. COLLINS

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) A.F. HOGTON.
Captain

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30 DEC 1917

9th Batt
A.I.F.

MULLANEY,
B. A. 6811

"MISSING"

Killed in Action 20.9.17. Previously reported Missing.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 18.4.18.

London.
19.4.18.

P.I.
S.F.M.

FRANCE.

9th BATT. A.I.F.

MULLANEY. B.A. 6811.

K. Sept 20th. 1917. Det.

he was in D. Coy, XV Platoon. I saw him killed outright by a shell at Polygon Wood. He was quite close to me when it happened. A burying party went up after and he would be buried where he fell, as were most of the men who were killed at that time.

WSI.

Ref ---Pte H.G. Chapple. 6721.
No 2 Can. Gen. Hospital.

N.W.

Le Breport. August 13th. 1918

April 22nd, 1916.

W.D. Mullaney,
249, E. Thompson St.
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania,
U.S.A.

Re: P.O. 6811, Mullaney, 9th Batt. A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We deeply regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported killed in action on 20.9.17.

We are making further inquiries in the hope of learning full details of his death and will immediately forward to you any information that we receive.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

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P.W

Working PLO 2169 38 AIF K May 28/17

He was killed instantly alongside me
by a shell in a night raid out of Polygon
Ploegsteert Wood on May 28 or 29th at
about 1.30 AM in German lines.

We tried to carry the body back but it
was too heavy. Pte W. H. Sullivan of Co B

was on the raid & could confirm. The
body was captured by us a week after.

He was a male of mine. His name
was Percy. He belonged to Co B & came
from Matimuk. Victoria. He has a
cousin Lpl Edward Walker in Co B AIF
Co II (a unit), now in France, who has
written home to his people.

Informant Pte W. H. Atkins 2034 38 AIF Co B

~~He was killed in the raid on May 28/17~~

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At Slough, A. 10/18
Dartford

3/9/1918

Phila Pa

RECEIVED

25 MAR 12 1918

Dear Sir I would like to
make some inquiry about a
brother whose name is Bert A
Mullany with the Australian
imperial forces # 6811-9th Batt
He was reported missing 7/6/17
the British Council inform me
that there was a large battle
on the 9/25/17 - I would like
to know if he was taken Prisoner
or injured or killed. I have
written several letters to the
London Enquiry office but
have received no reply
hoping that you will give
this matter your attention

I remain your truly

W.D. Mullany
249-E. Thompson St Philadelphia
Pa

Philadelphia Pa 3/10/1918

RECEIVED

Dear Sir I have ^{25 MAR 1918} another that has
reported missing on the 9/26/1917
He has been unable to find out
whether he has been killed or injured
or taken prisoner I have wrote several
letters to the London Enquiry office
But have received no reply

His name is Bert A. Mulhany
His number 6811 - 9th Battalion with
Australian Imperial Force

Hoping that you will be able
to give me some information or tell
how to get done

I remain your sincerely

W. D. Mulhany
247 E. Thompson
Philadelphia
Pa

30.9.19.

Final Draft to

W.D. Tullany Esq.
249- E. Thompson St
Philadelphia
P.A.

about

6811 B. a. Tullany
9. B.

The Australian Red Cross Society

(B.R.C.S.)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WOUNDED AND MISSING ENQUIRY BUREAU.

Enquiry No.

7010

Date

May 28 - 1918

Regimental Details of
Soldier enquired about.

No. 3998

Pte F. J. Boardman,

572nd Bn.

Details of Casualty.

{ Killed in Action Apr. 25 - 1918

Information wanted.

{ Details Death & Burial

Information

6511
P.O. Box 4
9th Batt A.I.F.
Whila Pa 9/23/18
Australian Red Cross Society
Wounded & Missing Enquiry Dept
to the Secretary London England
#36 - Grosvenor Place S.W.1
Dear Madame I beg to announce
Receipt of your Letter of the 8/30/18
& to convey my deepest thank
for your efforts to ascertain
my brothers fate also my
my Mother & Sisters thanks.
for one who has fallen in
the noblest of Causes the
London War office has notified
us that my Brother has
been killed in action on or
about 9/20/17 & officially pronounced
Dead it is some satisfaction
to know that his death was
instantaneous I would like to
make one more request would
it be possible for me to
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Write to private H. S. Chapelle
Canadian base Hospital # 2
B. C. F. to see if he would
possibly be able to locate
some of his personal effects
for instance kit bag and letters
or anything personal belonging
to him or if he could
tell me some acquaintance
of B. A. Mullane #6811 ^{94th} A. I. F.
that I could communicate with
for such information I
would like to send private
H. S. Chapelle tobacco but
am not allowed to except
upon request of soldier if
in need of same please
let me know I am a member
of American Red Cross I
admire your organization

very much for its Great
work in the Cause of Humanity
I remain with Deepest Gratitude
also a Mother & Sisters Gratitude
I remain yours with thanks

W. D. Mullany

249 E. Thompson St
Philadelphia

Pennsylvania
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27th March, 1918.

Mr. W. D. Mullaney.
249, E. Thompson St.,
Philadelphia, P.A.,
AMERICA.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry for your brother :-

3811 Pte. B.A. MULLANEY, 9th Battalion, A.I.F.

We regret to inform you he is officially reported Missing on 20-9-17. We have an unofficial report made by a comrade in the same Battalion, 6727 Pte. Collins who says ^{that} on or about 20-9-17, at Polygon Wood he saw Pte. Mullaney lying dead after going over the top, in trying to reach the first objective. He had been wounded in several places with shrapnel and was buried by some of the 25th Battalion, men the same day.

We have no further information but will continue our enquiries and should we hear anything further will at once advise forward it to you, as we can well understand your anxiety.

Assuring you of our deepest sympathy and regretting that this report is so distressing.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Baker

SECRETARY.

August 30th, 1918.

W.D. Mullaney, Esq.
249 East Thompson St.
Philadelphia.
Pennsylvania.
United States.
AMERICA.

Dear Sir.

In further answer to your enquiry for -

6811 Pte. B.A. MULLANEY. 9th Battalion. A.I.F.

We beg to inform you of another unofficial report given by a man of his unit when in No 2 Canadian General Hospital, B.E.F.

Informant - 6721 Pte. H.G. Chapple, stated that he saw Pte. Mullaney killed instantly by a shell at Polygon Wood, and he was quite close to him when the casualty occurred. A burying party were sent up the line afterwards and he thinks that he would be buried where he fell as were most of the men who were killed at that time.

We are continuing our enquiries for details of his death and burial and as soon as we receive further particulars we shall advise you.

Trusting that it will be some consolation to know that his death was instantaneous and with our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) L.A.

Secretary.

Mr. W.D. Mullany.
249 E Thompson Street,
Philadelphia. Pennsylvania.
United States. America.

October 17th, 1918.

Dear Sir.

We beg to acknowledge and thank you for your kind letter of 23-9-18 concerning - 6811 Pte. B.A. MULLANEY, 9th Battalion. A.I.F. who is officially reported "Killed in Action" on 20-9-17.

With reference to your enquiry, we beg to inform you that all personal effects recovered on the field are sent to the A.I.F. Kit Stores in London and thence to the next of kin of the fallen soldier. For further information application may be made direct to the

A.I.F. Kit Stores.
110 Greyhound Road.
Fulham. S.W.
London.

If you wish to write to 6721 Pte. H.G. CHAPPELLE, 9th Battalion A.I.F. We would advise you to address the letter to his Battalion C/o A.I.F. Headquarters.
130. Horseferry Road.
S.W.1. London.

Again assuring you of our sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

Miss Ryan