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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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7763 Private
Philip Robert Murray

8th Field Ambulance



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Army Medical Corps, A.I.F.

Murray, 7763, P.R
8th Field Ambulance

(K. Sept. 24/17. Det D & B)

"I was in action at Hooge on the 24th Sept 1917, about 2 miles behind the line. I was in B. Sect. and a man named Phil Murray was in C. Section but both sections were together. I saw Murray hit in the mouth with a shell and he was killed instantaneously. I afterwards saw the stretcher bearers carrying his body to the Cemetery in Ypres where he was buried. Subsequently a cross was sent from Poperinghe to put on his grave and I saw the grave in the cemetery at Ypres."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description:

Informant: Pte Thomas Shearer, 8701,
8th Field Amb. Army Medical Corps, A.I.F.,
Southport Infirmary,
Lancs.

10th Dec. 1917.
Hawdsley.

M

A.A.M.C. 8 Fld Amb. P.R. MURRAY, 7763.

K. Sept 24th 1917. Dets.

I knew a man called Phil Murray. He was a S/B in C. section. I don't know his number. I knew nothing of him before the war. He was rather sharp featured, florid complexion, clean shaven and from 22 to 25 and single. I was about 10 yards from him when he was killed by shell fire, close to a place called Hell Fire Corner, on the Menin Road. This occurred between 8 and 10 in the morning on the 25th Sept. He was buried opposite the advanced D/S in a cemetery on the Menin Road, and there is a cross over his grave with his name, number and unit.

Ref: Dvr C.S.McMahon. 6765. C. section,
No. 3 Can.Gen.Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 9.1.18. AGL

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A.A.M.C. 8 Fld Amb. P.R. MURRAY, 7763.

K. Sept 24th 1917.

Phil Murray was a S/B in C section. I did not know his number nor did I know anything of him before the way. He was inclined to be fair, clean shaven, about 5ft 5 or 6 and about 26 or 27. I was told by Pte A.A.Wall of A section who knew Murray, that he had seen his dead body and that of a man called Pte Nat Doyle on one of the tracks leading to the main D/S at Hooge. I believe the Pioneers buried these men. I am not sure of the date when this happened.

Inf: Pte N.V.Coxon. 6620. A section.
No. 3 Can.Gen.Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 14.1.18.

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M.

Arthur Wall
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A.A.M.C. 8. MURRAY, P.R. 7768.

K. Sept 24th 1917. Dets.

He was in C section and was a S/B and was killed together with Pte McDoyle of the same section by a shell which landed right on the stretcher as they were carrying a wounded man during the big push at Menin Road, Ypres. The patient was also killed, and another S/B whose name I don't know and a fourth S/B was veryy badly wounded and is in hospital in England somewhere, but I can't recall his name. I was told this by L/Cpl.P.Ross and others in A. section.

Inf: M.V.Coxon. 6620. A.Co., A section
No. 7 C.C.
BOULOGNE. 5.2.18.

mat. Boyle.

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8th Fld. Amb.
A.A.M.C.

MURRAY.
P.R. 7763

"Killed in Action 24.9.17."

P.R.Murray, 7763, 8th Fld Amb A.A.M.C. was killed on Sept. 24th on the Menin Road near Ypres, and the cause of same was a piece of High Explosive passing through the mouth and entered the brain. He was buried in the Cemetery near the Advanced Dressing station and the number of his grave being one hundred and one (101)

Letter from:- A.A.Wall 6674,
8th Fld Amb.
France, 28.1.18

London.
7.3.18.

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

M.

8th Field Amb.

MURRAY, P. R.
Pte. 7763

"Killed in action 24/9/17."

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 6 ins. dark complexion, about 21 years of age, known as "Phillip". His people live in Ballarat. Casualty was going into support line trenches, Ypres. He was standing alongside of me in a shell hole. An H.E. shell exploded in the front of Casualty killing him instantly. He was buried at the Menin Gate Cemetery, Ypres."

Informant:- V. G. Tickle.
No. 13661.

Private address:-
Allaura,
Queensland.

T.C.F.
28/3/18.

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9th Fld. Amb.

MURRAY, P.R.
Pte. No. 7763

Kld. in act. 24.9.17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 8". slightly built, fair complexion about 20 years of age, known as Phil. Casualty was going up to the front line at Ypres. I was in the same party. An H.E. shell exploded killing Casualty instantly. I was five yards away at the time the shell exploded, and I saw his body immediately afterwards. He was severely wounded in the back. He was buried in a cemetery close to the D.S. in the Menin Road. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- L.J. Gagiero
No. 272

Private address
55 Richmond Terrace,
Richmond.

T.C.F.
23.5.19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

8th Fld. Amb.

MURRAY, P. R.
7763

K/a. 24/9/17.

"Casualty was killed on the Menin Road, Ypres, during the awful day, the 25th September. Commonly known as Black Friday. Crosses placed on graves on the Menin Road."

Informant:- Pte. L. W. Colley-Priest,
8th Fld. Amb.

Private address:-
"Braemar"
Sutherland Street,
Neutral Bay, Sydney, N.S.W.

17/9/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

Lt. A.A. Wall

& Field Amb.

A.A.M.P.

B.E.F.

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P.R. MURRAY

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& Aust. Field Amb.

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25.1.18.

Clk PC 31-1-18
Amt

7763 P.R. MURRAY.
8. Hd Amb: (cancelled)
14/A 24-9-17
25. 1. 18.

Dear Mrs Keating

As per your claim
with the particulars that you
require, and that P.R. Murray 7763
8th Field Ambulance A.S.C. was
killed on Sept 24th on the Menin
Road near Ypres, and the cause
of death was a piece of
High Explosive passing through
the mouth - shattered the brain
the man burned in
the Casualty Clearing Station at the Advanced
Dressing Station and the Number
of this Grave Sixty one hundred
and one (101)

For further particulars
I advise you to communicate with
the Director Graves Registration
War Office Whitehall House St James
Square London S.W.1

Yours faithfully
66th
Officer i/c Records

8th Hd Amb