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Lieutenant George Edward Buchanan Munro

24th Battalion



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Havre. 8th. July. 1918.

24th. Australians. Munro, 2/Lieut. G. E. B.

D/W. May. 22nd. 1918. Dets. D/B.

This Officer was O.C. of A. Coy. in the attack at Le Sugle (?) right of Mellincourt. He was hit by a M. G. Bullet across the hip. I saw him on the ground. He was carried away to the D/Station & then to the C.C.S. at Senoy where he died. He was buried at the Cemetery there. I have seen the grave. A Cross was put up.

N.W. Inf:- Private. C. Fichman. 6801.
H. S. 'St. Patrick'.

WHB.

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

MUNRO.
2/Lieut. G.E.B.

"Died of Wounds 2265-18"

He was of A.Company. At Ville Sur-Ancre during our attack on morning of 19th May - wounded in groin. He was removed in same ambulance as me to 5th Fld Amb D/S- that was last I saw of him. Was conscious, only spoke in connection with the fighting, appeared to be suffering a good deal. I had a letter from Lieut.Kopsen of A.Coy, that he had died, but this letter did not mention where.

Informant:- Sgt.J.F.Burton. 1665.
24th Battn. A.Company. 1st Pl.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London.
15-7-18.
N.W.
Note:- Written Lieut Kopsen. 12-7-18. P I.

24th Batt.

Munro. 2nd Lt. A.I.F
D/W May 22nd 1918.

I knew G.E.B. Munro. He was my Company Commander I believe he was buried at Penoy Station and I have seen the cross bearing his name and date of his death.

Eye witness :

Description. age about 23. 6ft height. came from Ballarat

Informant:- 6801a. Pte. C.C. Fischmann,
24th Batt, A.I.F.
Cleveden Hospital,
Taplow.

Home address:-
345 King Street
West Melbourne.

W. Robert Bott,
13.7.18.

A.I.F. 24. MUNRO, 2/Lt G.E.B.

D/W May 22nd 1918. Dets.

Lieut Munro was second in command of A.Co. He was mortally wounded about the 22nd May, soon after going over the top and he was attended to by S/B Eastwood of A.Co. I know that Mr Munro ~~xxx~~ afterwards succomed to his wounds. He was buried at Begnicourt (?) and there is a cross put up to him.

Inf: Pte J.Corboy. 6801. A.III.
No. 1 C.C.
BOULOGNE. 13.7.1918.

AGL

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

MUNRO.
2/Lieut. G.E.B.

"Died of Wounds 22-5-18"

He was hit by a German "potato masher" bomb which broke his leg during our attack at Ville-sur-Ancre just before daybreak on May 19th 1918. Sgt Jim Collary of A.II. 24.A.I.F. was alongside of him and had his rifle hit by the bomb. He took charge when Lt Munro was hit and was with the Battalion in France when I left. I was about 20 yards off but did not see it happen owing to the darkness. Lt Munro was, I think, the only officer of the name. He had a dark moustache. He was in A.Co and was called "Percy".

Informant:- Pte.H.P.Carron.757A.
24th A.I.F. A.II.
DARTFORD.

A.G.Campbell.
London.
17-7-18.
N.W.

P I.

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

MUNRO.
Lieut. G.E.B.

"Died of Wounds 22-5-18"

At Ville(rs)-sur-Ancre he was wounded by machine gun bullet in the groin, during the advance. I saw him wounded but had to go on. He was a splendid fellow - every one of us liked him.

Informant:- Thompson. 6902.
W.43.HAREFIELD.

D.P.Dickson.
London.
17-7-18.
N.W.

P I.

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

MUNRO.
2/Lieut. G.E.B.

"Died of Wounds 22-5-18"

Lieut.G.Munro 24th Battn.A.I.F. was admitted to this C.C.S. 19-5-18 suffering from G.S.W.Buttock left and thigh left. His condition on admission was very grave and although slight changes took place no real improvement was made and he died at 10.30.p.m. on the 22nd ult. He passed away quite peacefully, unconscious of his condition and without leaving any message.

The burial took place in the local military cemetery on 23rd May.

Letter from:- O.C.
61st C.C.S.
B.E.F.

London.
17-7-18.

P I.

24th A. I. F.

Munro, 2/Lt. G.E.B.

(D/W. May 22/18.
Dets: D & B)

"I know that Munro was wounded early in the action at Ville-sur-Ancre and was taken down to the C.C.S. and that he died there. Pnr. Sgt. Lang was sent down to see about his burial at Dollens."

Eye-witness: No, told by Pnr. Sgt. Lang, 24 A.I.F. H.Q.

Description:

Informant: Pte E.B. Rawlins, 2063,
24th A.I.F., A. Coy,
King George Hospital,
Stamford St, S.E.

17th July 1918.
P.C. Parry.

Havre. 19th. July. 1918.

24th. Australians. Munro 2/Lieut. G. E. B.

D/W. May. 22/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was in A. Coy, 2nd. in Command, & had got his second Star some time before. I saw his Grave in the Vignacourt Military Cemetery with a Cross on it.

Inf:- Private. P. J. Corboy. 6801.
24th. Australians. A. 4.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

CP.

Havre 28th July 1918.

A.I.F. 24. Munro 2nd Lieut G.E.B.

D/W 22nd May 1918. Det D/B.

He was in A.Coy. He D/Wounds at No. 61 C.C.S. at Vignacourt and would be buried in the Military Cemetery close at hand. He was wounded at Ville sur Ancre a few days ~~after~~ before. I did not see him but was told by men of his Company.

Inf:- Pte W.W.Skidmore No. 772 A.
A.I.F. 24. A. I.
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

~~08308~~ RDM.

PP.

Havre. 1st August. 1918.

24th. Australians. Munroe. 2/Lieut. G. E. B.

D/S. May. 22/1918. Date. D/D.

He was in A. Company. He was a full Lieut. He was temporarily in Command of the Company at Villo-Sur-Ance in May 1918 when I heard that he was hit & died of wounds at Vignicourt. I saw his Grave in the Military Cemetery at Vignacourt with a Cross on it. His Christian name was George.

Inf:- Corporal M. McCullicuddy. 1930.
24th. Australians. H.Q.
Hospital. Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

CP.

ACH. 1. 6. 18.

4 Stanley Rd
East Finchley N 2.
31st May

Dear Miss Deakin.

With reference to my request yesterday, that you would kindly write to the Padre in any news of Lieut G.E.B. Munro - 24th Batt - who died on the 22nd. I feel now that I would so much like to write him myself, if you have not already done so.

If you have not, I would be so grateful if you could let me know how to address the envelope to him.

Sorry to trouble you,

Yours Sincerely
(Miss) C. K. Young

4 Stanley Rd
East Finchley N2
30th July

Dear Miss Deakin,

I am very grateful for your letter of 24th inst. concerning the late Lieut. C.E.B. Munro, 24th Battalion.
I think I now know all that is to be learnt for I have seen, + had letters from some of his brother officers - + best of all a very fine letter from the Chaplain at the 61st C.C.S, who was with him nearly all the time, + buried him in the Cemetery at Bignacourt - & was able to tell me all I wished to know, & he states that he has also written very fully to Mrs Munro - as have his brother officers -
I am sending your letter out to her as well -
Again thanking you,
I am
Yours sincerely
C.L. Young.

Telephone
Finchley 317

4 Hanley Rd
East Finchley N.2
22nd May

Dear Miss Deakin,

I called this morning to try & get further news of Lieut C. E. B. Munns 24th Battalion reported dangerously wounded on 19th & now at the 61st C.C.S. France.

I am sending you the number of a neighbours telephone so that you can communicate with me if you receive any news which I am anxiously waiting for.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely

(Miss) E. K. Young

(C5585) Wt. W11510/M331. (E 1454). 60,000 Pads. 7/17. M.B.Co.,Ltd. Army Form C348 (Pads.)

MEMORANDUM.

No 61

- 6 JUN 1913 QUALITY CLEANING STATES

From.

To Secretary Aus Red Cross Society

Date 191

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Lieut G. Munro 24 Bn A.I.F. was admitted to No CCS. 19/5/18 suffering from G.S.W. Buttock L and Thigh L. His condition on admission was very grave and although slight changes took place no real improvement was made & he died at 10.30 pm on the 22nd inst. He passed away quite peacefully, unconscious of his condition and without leaving any message. The burial took place in the local military cemetery on 23rd May.

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Tel.: VICTORIA 8575 8577 8578

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SECRETARY." WOUNDED AND MISSING — ENQUIRY BUREAU — AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE.
LONDON S.W. 1.

2nd Lieut. G.E.B. Munro. 24th Batt. A.I.F.

31.5.18.

The Officer Commanding
61st Casualty Clearing Station. B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 22-5-18. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

7.Sig.

24th Battn.
A.I.F.

MUNRO.
G.E.B. 2/Lieut.

"Wounded".

Admitted 61st C.C.S. 19-5-18.

Died of Wounds 22-5-18. Cert. by Rouen Wire 29-5-18.

London.
30-5-18.

P I.

12.7.18.

Lt. E.W. Kohsen
A Coy
24th Battn. A.I.F.
Abroad

Asst. Brattn officer
2/Lt. G.E.B. Munro
A Coy
24th Battn. A.I.F.

D/W 22.5.18.

12.7.18.
A.I.F.

Enquiry

2/Lieut. Munro
24 Bn. 9 S.B

dangerously ill C.C.S. 19.5.15

Mrs. Young.
4 Stanley Pl.
Govan
Glasgow

22.5.15.

O.C. Draft. 31.5.18.

The O.C.

61st Cas. Cl. Stn. B.E.F.

2nd Lieut. G.E.B. Munro.

24th Battn. A.J.F.

D. of W. 22-5-18. ~~19.6.18.~~

Miss C. Young,
4, Stanley Road,
East Finchley.N.2.

June 3rd, 1918.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your letter concerning -

2/Lieut. G.F.B. MUNRO, 24th Battalion, A.I.F.

We beg to inform you that we wrote to the O.C. of 61st Casualty Clearing Station, B.E.F. yesterday requesting him to supply us with any details he may have. If you desire to write to the Padre yourself his address would be:-

The Chaplain,
61st Casualty Clearing Station,
B.E.F.

Hoping that you may be successful in communicating with him.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Mrs Craven

SECRETARY.

Miss Young,
4, Stanley Road,
East Finchley, N.2.

July 24th, 1918.

Dear Madam,

In further answer to your enquiry for.-

Lieut. G.F.B. MUNRO, 24th Battalion, A.I.F.

We regret to inform you of unofficial evidence given by men of his unit when in hospital in France and England.

757a Pte. H.P. Arron who was interviewed in the 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford stated that Lt. Munro was wounded in the leg by a German "Potato masher" bomb during our attack at Ville-sur-Ancre, just before daybreak on May 19th, and Sgt. Jim Collary took charge after the casualty occurred.

Informant was about 20 yards off but did not witness in the darkness. This report is confirmed by 6902 Pte. Thompson who adds that Lt. Munro was a splendid fellow whom everyone liked.

1665 Sgt. J.F. Burton when in No 1. Australian Auxiliary Hospital, recently stated that he was removed in the same ambulance as Lt. Munro to the 5th Field Ambulance dressing Station. He had been wounded in the groin during the battalion attack on the morning of May 19th, at Ville-sur-Ancre and when they were in the ambulance he was quite conscious and they spoke of the fighting. The following reply has also been received from the O.C. of the 61st Casualty Clearing Station in which Lt. Munro died :-

"Lt. Munro 24th Bttn, A.I.F. was admitted to this C.C.S. 19-5-18, suffering from G.S.W. left buttock and thigh. His condition on admission was very grave and although slight changes took place no real improvement was made and he died at 10-30 p.m on the 22nd ulto. He passed away quite peacefully, unconscious of his condition and with leaving any message. The burial took place in the local Military Cemetery on 23rd May."

Should we obtain further particulars of Lt. Munro's death we shall immediately advise you and trust that it will some consolation to you to know that he died peacefully and without pain.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

Munro & Lieut-
G. E. B.
D/W. 21-5-19
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36th A.I.F. Kellaway, Pte. F.J. 1916.

(M. May 5/16.)

"I knew F.J.Kellaway. He was a signaller in D Coy. 36th Battn A.I.F. (the Battn. is now absorbed in the 3rd) I was with his brother Pte. Jack Kellaway 36th A.I.F. D Coy. at the school in Devons (Wilts) whilst there (about last May 1916 he received official notification that Pte. F.J.Kellaway had died of wounds in France.

Eyewitness: No, See reports.

Description: Age about 20, medium height, dark complexion.

Informant; Pte. F.F. Maltwood, 133
36th A.I.F. A Coy.
C/1st Southern General Hospital,
Ember Rd, Birmingham.

Home address:
Canary Road,
Lukonba, N/S/W.

28.6.16.
H.H.Copsland.