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**2nd Lieutenant
Stuart Munro**

55th Battalion



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A.I.F.
55th Btn.
late 3rd Btn.

MUNRO
S/Lieut. Stuart

Killed in Action 20.8.16.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
20.10.19.

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A.I.F. 55th Btn
late 3rd Btn

MEMRC
2/Lt Stuart

"MISSING"

Killed in action 20-7-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 17-8-17.

London
21-8-17

55th Battalion A.I.F. MUNRO R. 2nd Lieut.

K-a
Missing 20.7.16.

I knew Lieut. Munro-- had known him for some time -- he was a little fellow about 5 ft. 5 ins., and dark. I believe he was a solicitor in Sydney. He had been Quartermaster-Sergeant At Gallipoli. He was leading us at Fleurbaix on the 20th July. He led us out of the trench and was hit and fell. I think he must have been killed. We were in the reserve trenches when he told us to get over. We all hopped over then. The communication trenches were blocked and all our own saps were so smashed up that we had to pass across the open ground to our own front line of trenches. No Germans got over our front line, but I think a second shell must have come and hit him. I was hit there myself.

Informant:-- Pte. GIFFERT, 2599,
55th Battalion A.I.F.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

H.S.N.
9.7.17.

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18d-1/2 Ek

55th Battalion A.I.F.
(late 3rd Battalion)

MUNRO 2nd Lieut. S.

K-a
Missing 20.7.16.

After Fleurbaix, whilst at Harefield, I was told by Sergeant Harrison of D. Company, 55th Battalion, that Mr. Munro and Blackburn were killed at Fleurbaix.

Sergeant Harrison knew both these men and seemed quite certain of what he said. I left Harrison at Harefield, convalescent.

Informant:-- G.H. NEAL, 3588,
55th Battalion, D. Co., XIV Platoon
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

H.S.O.
10.7.17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

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18d-1/2 Ek

th Battn., A.I.F.
(Late 3rd Battn.)

MUNRO, S.
2nd-Lieut.

KILLED IN ACTION. 20/7/16.

Lieut. Munro was killed by machine gun fire at Fromelles on 19th July, 1916. A party under Lieut. Munro was told off to go over the trenches on a raid into No Man's Land. Lieut. Munro was killed just as he left the sally port. I saw him lying there as we went out on the raid. I was in his Platoon.

He was very popular with all the men in his Company, and was a really good Soldier - very game.

Informant:- DOWNEY, Pte.R., 479,
55th Battalion,
No.4 Aust.General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

C.E.W.
3/10/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

T. L. V.
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"D" Coy.
55th Battn.

2nd Lt. S. Munro.

Killed in Action 19/7/16

Eye-Witness.

"During the advance at Fromelles on the night of the 19th July 1916 ~~xxxxx~~ at about 6.30 p.m. I was about five yards behind Lieut Munro when he was hit by a "whizz-bang" and fell apparently instantly killed. We passed on and I am therefore unable to say what became of his body, but as we retired next morning I am of the opinion that he would not have been buried.

Lieut. Munro was a dark, slightly-built man, about 5'4" in height and, to my judgement, about 30 years of age.

Informant:- Pte. E.J. Bridgham
No. 2493
55th Battalion

J.F. Tassie
A.M.A.T. Cronies

4/11/19

French Casualty

55th Battn. A.I.F.

Munro 2nd Lt. Stuart.

Pte. Berry was seen talking to Lieut Munro, out on Noman's
Land, Fleurbaix, when Lt Munro was killed by Machine Gun fire.
Berry is in hospital at Epsom.

References: Pte Short 6558, Battn 55.
Ward 18. *Harefield*

August 17th 1916

D.B. Dickson.

off M.

53rd Battn.
A.I.F.
Coy. D

Munro, Lieut.

Missing:

Informant states that on 19th July/16 opposite Neuve Chapelle in the charge he saw Capt. Gibbon and Lt. Munro killed - they were carried past him.

Ref.: - H.S. Howard, 2445, 55th Battn. A.I.F.
Bevan Military Hospital, Danegate, 26/7/16.

Home address - C/o Mr. Lancaster, 28 Greenhill, Eastmoor
Wakefield, Yorks.

F. Muir,
26/7/16.

Exd/16.
28/8/16.

55th Battn

No enquiry.

55th Australian Imperial Force

Munro, 2nd Lieut S.

(M. July 20th 1916)

Informant states that on 19th July 1916 at Fleurbaix Liet. Munro was in charge of the ammunition and in bringing it across he was shot down. Informant passed him and saw him lying dead. He has since had a letter from the front, corroborating Lieut Munro's death.

Reference: Pte F.J. Thompson, 2493,
55th A. I. F.,
Woodlawn Red Cross Hospital,
West Didsbury,
Manchester.

24th August, 1916.
L.M. Ashton.

55 A.I.F.

Munro , 2nd. Lieut. S.

(M. July 20th., 1916)

Informant states that on July 19th., 1916, at about 5 or 6 p. M. S. of Armentieres 2nd. Lieut. Munro and Sergt. Houldard and L. Cpl. Wood all in D. Coy. went out together to carry sand-bags to the fellows who had already advanced to the German lines in the attack, and both Sergt. Houldard and 2nd. Lieut. Munro were killed about the same time by Machine Gun.

Reference: Pte. Fred Holland, 4825
55 A.I.F. D.Coy.
Wharncliffe War Hospital, Sheffield.

Home Address:
Gulirzabone,
New South Wales,
Australia. S

September 1st., 1916.
Agnes Drew.

55th Australians

Munro 2nd Lt. S.

(M. July 20th 1916)

Informant states that on the 20th July 1916 at Levantie, 2nd Lt. Munro was killed in first line German trenches and his body was not recovered.

Reference: Sgt. S.W. Marshall, 345,
55th Australians, A. Coy., 1 Plt.,
St. Mark's Hospital,
King's Road,
Chelsea. S

Sept. 20th 1916,
E.W. Willcocks.

55th Australians.

Munro, 2nd Lieut S.

(M. July - 20th 1916)

Informant states that on 20th July 1916 at Fleurbaix he saw all three killed in the charge by shell fire. Lieut Munro and Sergt. Taylor were both killed absolutely instantaneously and Moore died within two minutes of being hit.

Reference: L/Cpl Webb, 2463,
55th Australians,
Northumberland War Hospital, Ward 14/16
Newcastle.

Home address:
No English address.

20th Sept. 1916.
E. MacLeod.

S.

London
26-9-16

55th Battalion A.I.F. 2nd Lieut. S. MUNRO
(late 3rd Battalion)

Missing 20.7.16.

I knew Mr. Munro. He had been in the 3rd Battalion and was a Sergeant in the Orderly Room, and I knew him as such when I was storeman. I can remember distinctly the word being passed along on the evening of 19th July, 1916, at Fleurbaix, that Mr. Munro had been killed in the trench before the charge. He was the only Officer of that name in the 55th Battalion and was, I think, attached to C. Co. and had been Transport Officer previously.

Informant:-- F. Johnston, 3098,
55th Battalion A. Co.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

A careful witness.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

H.S.O.
3/4/17.

On E.K. S b d

55th Battalion A.I.F.
(late 3rd Battalion)

MUNRO S. 2nd Lt.

Missing 20.7.16.

I knew Mr. Munro -- he came from the 3rd Battalion, and was a 2nd Lieutenant in charge of D. Co., XIII Platoon, on the night of 19.7.16, at Fleurbaix. He was the first man in our platoon to fall. He was leading about 30/40 of us over, and I saw him fall as I charged by. This was as we charged up from the Support to the front line trench, which we never lost, so he could not be a prisoner. The bombardment was so heavy that everything was blown to bits, and we therefore charged from the support trenches. He fell quite close to me, but I cannot say how or where he was hit. I am quite sure it was he. He was a lawyer from Sydney -- very short and inclined to be dark.

Informant:-- F.T. Geppert, 2599
55th Battalion A.I.F., D. Company
(late 3rd Battalion)
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

A careful reliable witness.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

H.S.O.
11.5.17.

On E.K. S

55th Battn., A.I.F.
(Late 3rd Battn.)

MUNRO, S.
2nd-Lieut.

Kia
Missing 20/7/16.

I knew Munro well- we joined up in Egypt at Ferry's Post - he was the only Officer of that name.

At Promelles on 19/7/16, I saw him killed instantly in No Man's Land - it was in the attack, and I was about 50 yards away. I am quite sure it was Munro and that he was killed instantly. I have an entry in my diary of his death, written up about 21/7/16. I understood that he was posted as killed not missing. He was short, had been dark haired and was going grey, and was not good looking - he wore a small scrubby moustache. He was a plucky little fellow and was a decent little chap. The Germans never crossed this No Man's Land. I think he was in "D" Company.

Informant:- ROBINSON, Lieut.H.A.
55th Battalion, "C" Company,
No.4 Australian General Hospital, *Cy*
RANDWICK.

NOTE: A reliable witness.

H.S.O.
24/7/17.

6^d C.E.K
SYDNEY BUREAU.

55th Battalion A.I.F.
(late 3rd Battalion)

MUNRO S. 2nd Lieut.

Kia
Missing 20.7.16.

I knew Mr. Munro. He was a 2nd Lieutenant and I heard he had been a Sergeant in the 3rd Battalion.

I was wounded at Fleurbaix on 19.7.16 and was told by Private A. Jensen of B. Co. in October in England, that he had seen Mr. Munro killed at Fleurbaix about 19th or 20th July. Mr. Munro belonged to the Battalion Orderly Room.

Jensen knew Mr. Munro and told me he had been killed by a shell. The last I heard of Jensen, he was at Wareham, England. This was on 10th November. There was only one Mr. Munro in the 56th Battalion. Jensen did not say where it happened.

Informant:- W. Ridgeley, 3603,
55th Battalion A. Co.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.

A careful witness.

H.S.O.
31.5.17.

S. 6^d
SYDNEY BUREAU.