

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**6303 Private
William Wallace
Murray**

2nd Battalion



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2nd Bn
A.I.F.

MURRAY
W. W. 6503

"Died of wounds"

Re Pte. W.W. Murray has been handed to me for reply. In answer I may say that I have already written on Sep. 17th to Mrs. Murray. There is nothing to add. He was wounded in the abdomen and died early in the morning of the 17.9.17. He was buried in the Lijssenthoek Cemetery Belgium and you might get a photo of his grave by applying to the.

Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries,
War Office.

Winchester House,
St James Square,
London S.W.

His personal effects will be sent to his next of kin by the proper Military Authorities in due course. Letter from:- A.P. Dannon Chaplain
London. 31.10.17 S No 3 C.C.C. Stn. France 24.10.17.

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6.03
"D/Wds 17-9-17"

D/WOUNDS G.S.W. left buttock - and penetrating Abdomen at
3rd Canadian C.C. Stn France 17-9-17
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 17-10-17.

London
17-10-17

Letter

7th Nov. 1917.

2nd AUSTRALIANS

MURRAY, W.W. 6303

D/W. 17.9.17. Det. D/B.

I knew Pte. Wal Murray of C Co., 11th Pltn. I think he was a country man from N.S.W. He was about 40 years of age, tall, heavily built, medium complexion, married. I heard him speak of two children. He died of wounds in Sept. and is buried near the Canadian 2nd C.S., Popperhughes, and there is a cross on the grave.

Informant: Pte. S.J. Mitcombe, 7087
2nd Australians, C Co., 11th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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A.I.F. 2.D.

MURRAY, W.W. 6303.
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D/W Sept 17th 1917. Dets.

m I knew Murray personally, we came over together in the 20th Reinf. But with regard to his death and burial I would refer you to Pte A.E. Smith, 6343, 2nd Battn. 83 a friend of his for all details of the same.

Inf: R.F. Tate. 6346.

No. 57 Gen Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 5.11.17. HH

Written Pte. Smith 16.11.17.

2nd A.I.F.

W. W. MURRAY, 6303.

D/W. 17.9.27. Det. D & B.

Wally Murray was wounded by shell in the back early in the morning of Sept. 17, on his way to Tunnel, Clapham Junction, on the right of Ypres. He was taken to the D/S. and died there. The S/B who took him away, told me he was doing well, but I afterwards heard that he had died from his wounds. I don't know anything about burial. I knew him very well. He came from Australia together on Sept. 9th 1916.

Reference: Pte. H. Reynolds, 6330. C Co. 10 pl.

No.5 General, Rouen 12.11.17.

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2nd A.I.F.

Murray Pte. W.W. 6303,
C. Coy.

(D/W Sept. 17/17 Det D/B)

"I saw the grave of Pte. W.W. Murray in a Cemetery at the 2nd Canadian C.C.S. near Poperinghe".

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Height 6ft, very dark, age about 35.

Informant: Pte. W. McCafferty 6294,
2nd A.I.F., C. Coy. 9 Plt.,
Grav Head Hospt.,
Manor Rd.,
Pournemouth.

Home address:
31 Prospect St.,
Sydney,
Australia.

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Nov. 12/17,
H. Marshall.

A.I.F. 2.

MURRAY. W.W. 6303.

D/W. Sept. 17th 1917.

We were near Polygon Wood on Sept 17th. I heard he was wounded and taken to a C.O.S. and died there. I saw the grave of a Murray near there and was told it was the same though I do not remember the name of the man who told me nor do I remember if the initials or number on the grave were the same as those in the book, but the Murray in question I understand did die of wounds and about that date.

Inf: Pte. P. Frost. 2780. 2.C.X
8, Stat. Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 13.11.17.

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2nd A. I. F.

Murray, Pte W.W. 6303,
C. Coy, 11th Pltn

(Rep. D/W's Sept. 17/17. Det D & B)

"I was in the Menin Road near Hooge on Sunday Sept. 17/17, we were going to hold the line, when the enemy noticed us moving up and sent over a couple of high-explosive shells one of which burst close to Platoon II, and wounded Pte W.W. Murray on the right hip, he walked after that and was directed back to the dressing station on the Hooge road. From there he was evidently taken to No. 2 Canadian Clearing Station. He died there ~~he was evidently taken to No. 2-3~~ before he could be sent to the General Hospital and was buried in the Cemetery just outside Abeele near Poperinghe. I told Pte W.W. Murray's brother these particulars, about Sept. 30/17, (d) at Poperinghe."

Eye-witness: To the extend related above

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Description: Age about 33, height about 5'10", medium build and upright, dark hair and small dark moustache, no distinctive marks remembered

Informant: Q.M.S. Harry Ross Gall, 1352, 2nd A.I.F. C.Coy.

Home address: Red Cross Hospital, Bannow, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

20.11.17.
Riley.

Gwydirfield, Moree, N.S.W.

2nd A.I.F.

Murray Pte. W.W. 6303,

(D/W Sept. 17/17 Det D/B)

"Murray died of wounds which he received when with a fatigue party. I saw his grave shortly after. He was buried close to Poperinghe."

Eye-witness: No

Description:

Informant: Pte. C.S. Harbron, 6525,
2nd A.I.F., C. Coy. X Plt.,
Hapsbury War Hospt.,
St. Albans, Herts.

Home address:
Old Junee,
N.S.W.

Nov. 24/17,
D. Worssam.

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S. 2nd

2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

MURRAY.
W.W. 6303.

"DIED OF WOUNDS 17.9.17"

W.W. Murray 6303. was a pal of mine, and got wounded in the side as we were going into Ypres, about 8 miles this side of the front line, it was a peice of shell. he seemed allright and walked to the dressing station and afterwards, I came out of the line and heard that he had died. Well about 2 weeks afterwards I was walking in the cemetery at the Canadian C.O.S. near Poperinge, when I came across his grave same name, number, battn. and me and a mate of mine, S.C. Woods of the same battn put a wreath upon his grave. I am sure it is the same man. He was about 6ft high, dark, and going bald, rather big built..

Letter From;- A.E. Smith. 6343.

2nd Battn. A.I.F.
Ward 2, Up. East.
Lord Derby W.H.
Warrington.

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.

London.
25.2.18.

P.I.S.

Not in Q. Enquiries

Act 13.12.17 6303

2nd Batt. A.I.F.

Newbury, W.V. 6313 ✓

Reported killed in Sept. 1917. Can you obtain
any details of D/13 for this brother.

G. W. Griffiths

8-12-17.

6303 W. M. Murray 2nd Bn R.I.F.

No 3. Canadian Casualty Clearing
Station.

Do not write

B.E.F. France.

Oct 24th/17

Miss Vera Denkin:

Your letter to the C.O.
re ^{WW} Pte W. M. Murray has
been handed to me for
reply: In answer I
may say that I have
already written on Sep 17th
to Mrs Murray: There is
nothing to add: He was
wounded in the Abdomen and
died early in the morning of
the 17/9/17: He was buried

in the Lijssenthoek Cemetery
Belgium & you might get
a photo of his grave
by applying to the,

Director of Graves Registration Enquiries
War Office.

Winchester House

St. James Sq.

London S.W.

This personal effort will
be sent to his next of kin
by the proper Military Authorities
in due course:

Yours sincerely

A. H. Denwood
Chaplain.

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(16-11-17)

6343 - Pl. A E Smith

10 Coy

2nd Batt. A.I.F.

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6303 - Pl. W W Murray

10 Coy

2nd Batt. A.I.F.

D/W 17-9-17

16.11.17.
A.I.F.

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About 6303
Pte. W. D. Pueras
2nd Bn. A 77.

Died 17.9.17.

11th Batty
A.I.F.

Dyson
A.H. Lieut.

"Died of Wounds 8.6.17."

Refer to Gunner Arken East Betty 8th Bde who is now in France
and who saw him killed at Hill 63 and can give all particulars.
Heard that he was taken to Mc Coy out of a new place when it
went off the bullet entering his stomach.

Witness:

Gnr. John A. 20023

East Betty 8th Bde

3rd A.I. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Owen
London
10.9.17

Note written Gnr. Aiken
10.9.17

P.I.

4th March, 1918.

G.W.Griffiths., Esq.,
No 3 Command Depot,
Hurdcott Camp, Wilts.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry concerning :-

6303 Pte. W.F.MURRAY, 2nd Battalion, A.I.F.

We have received the following unofficial report from No 6343
Pte. A.E.Smith, 2nd Battalion, A.I.F., Ward 2, Up East, Lord
Derby War Hospital, Warrington.

He states that Pte. Murray was a friend of his, and he was
wounded in the side as they were going into Ypres, about 3 miles
this side of the Front line. The wound was caused by a piece
of shell, but Pte. Murray seemed alright, and walked away to the
Dressing Station, but when Pte. Smith, came out of the line he
heard that Pte. Murray had died. About a fortnight afterwards
when informant was walking in the cemetery at the Canadian
Casualty Clearing Station he found Pte. Murray's grave, with a
cross erected bearing his name, number and Battalion, and he and
a mate put a wreath upon it.

We have now concluded our enquiries, and have applied for a
photograph of the grave, on behalf of the next of kin.

Yours faithfully,

K.C.

Dec
11.5.12

6303
W.W. MURRAY
2nd Batt
8/11/17-9-17
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Private. A. E. Smith
No 6343 2nd Batt A.I.F.
Ward 2, 24th. East
Lord Derby War Hospital.
Warrington

Dear Madame.

Your letter to hand of the 16-11-17
regarding W.W. Murray 6303. 6. Comp 2 Batt
A.I.F. Died of Wounds 17-9-17. He was a
pal of mine and got wounded in the side as
we were going into Ypres about 3 miles this side
of the front line. It was a piece of shell. He seemed
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afterwards I came out of the line I heard that
he had died. Well about 2 weeks afterwards I was
working in the cemetery at the Canadian C.C.S.
near Poperinge, when I came across his grave
same name, number, bait, and me and a mate
of mine. S. G. Wicks of the same Batt put a
wreath upon his grave. I am sure it is the same
man. He was about 6 ft high, dark, and
young bald. rather big built.

I remain yours obediently

A. E. Smith

14th, December, 1918

G.W. Griffith Esq.,
Officers Mess,
No. 8 Command Depot,
Hampstead Works.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry about 6303 Pte. W.W. Murray 2nd A.I.F. Battalion, who died of wounds 17.9.18. We have some records of his death given by his comrades 6330 Pte. H. Reynolds C. Company, says "Wally Murray was wounded by shell in the back early in the morning of September 17th. on his way to Tunnel, Clapham Junction on the right of Ypres. He was taken to the D/S. and died there. Then/Bwhe took him away, told me he was doing well, but I afterwards heard that he had died from his wounds. I don't know anything about burial. I knew him very well, we came from Australia together on September 8th, 1916."

6294 Pte. W. McCafferty, 2nd A.I.F. Batt. says "I saw the grave of Pte. W.W. Murray in the Cemetery at the 2nd Canadian C.C.B near Poperinghe".

"I 6346 Pte. R. F. Tate, says "I knew Murray personally. We came over together in the 20th. reinforcement: but with regard to his death and burial I would refer you to 6343 Pte. A.E. Smith 2nd A.I.F. Batt., a friend of his for all details. To have written to 6343 Pte. A.E. Smith, and directly we get his report will send it on to you at once.

With reference to your enquiries about 4305 Pte. S. Williams 20th. A.I.F. Batt. and also 17 Pte. Wilfrid Muller 20th. A.I.F. Batt. we have nothing to report at present, but are doing our best to trace and will send any information we get on to you.

Yours faithfully,

Herbert Deane

Secretary.

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