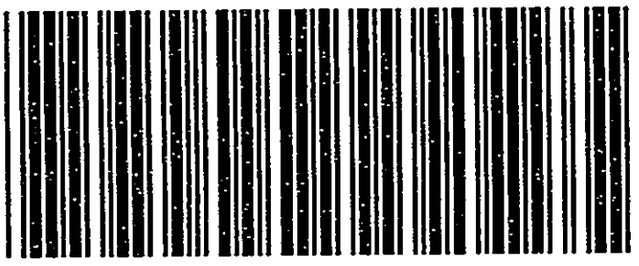
Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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5578 Sapper
George Muir

1st Tunnelling Company



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1st Tunnelling Coy.,
A.I.F.

MUIR
George 5578

"Wounded"

Killed in Action 20.9.17. prev. reported wounded.

Cert. by A.I.F HdQtrs 21.11.17.

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London.
21.11.17.

7th January 1918.

Havre.

1st Aust. Tunn.Co.

Muir. G. No. 5578.

K. 20th Septr. 1917. Det D/B.

I knew Muir well. Sergt. Hadfield of the 1st Tunnelling Co. Who I saw with the Company at Dranoutre about the 28th Decr when I left , told me that G.Muir was buried at Menin Road Cemetery - I presumed from what he said that he was at the burial.

Inf:- Sap. R.T.Bigelow No.3328.
1st Aust.Tunn.Co.
Havre Hospital.

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H.G.

written Hadfield
14.1.18

AUST TUNN COY. 1. MUIR, G. 5578.

Pte Rip W.

K. Sept 20th 1917. Dets.

George Miur was in No 1 section with me. I did not know his number. He came from Victoria. He was inclined to be fair with sandy hair, clean shaven, about 5ft 5 or 6 and about 26. I don't know if he was married. I was told by Sapper Dick Vaughan and Sapper Jarvis, both of No 1 section, that they had seen Muir hit and fall whilst we were advancing on the 20th Sept near Polygon Wood. Muir did not get up again and Vaughan and Jarvis were both certain that he was killed. As far as I know his body was never recovered.

Inf: Spr F.H.Muir. 2604. 1 sect. 1 Sqd
No. 3 Can Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 9.2.18.

AGL

William Vaughan Jarvis
15.2.18

1st Tunn.Coy.
A.I.F.

Muir.
George 5578

"Killed in Action 20.9.17"

Re 5578 Sap.G.Muir of the above unit. I am unable to give any further particulars regarding him than those I have already given to his niece Mrs.W.Woods of Cessnock, N.S.W. He was detailed to go over the top with the 5th Battalion on the morning of the 20th Sept. 1917 and whilst performing that operation was observed to fall by No.5548 Sap.A.V.Hindmarsh of the same unit who is at present in England wounded. It was near Glencorse Wood and from what I can discover he lies in a soldiers' grave in the vicinity of this spot.

Letter from:-
Sap.A.Hadfield 5543
1st Tunn. Coy.
France 22.1.18

London.
11.2.18.

Note Written Spr.Hindmarsh 11.2.18.

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Havre 13th February 1916.

1st Aust. Tunn. Coy. Muir G. No. 5578.

K. 20th Septr 1917. Det D/B.

I saw Muir going with his squad out to do dugout work about 10 a.m. on the 20th Septr up at Menin Road. A shell burst among them wounding Muir badly He was taken to the D/Station where he died. He was buried at the Menin Road Cemetery. He was fair, about 5 ft 8, about medium height.

Inf:- Sapper R.T.Bigelow No.5398.
1st Aust. Tunn. Coy.
Australian Camp.
Rouellen.

GMS.

Havre 16th February 1916.

1st Aust. Tunnellers. Muir G. No.5578.

K. 20th Septr 1917. Det D/B.

He came from a Camp near Newcastle N.S.Wales. He was full faced. He went up to do a job towards Westhoek about the 20th Septr. He went up the Menin Road and has never been seen since. I was up there the same day. They were shelling pretty heavily. I think he must have been caught.

Inf:- Pte C. Parrott No.5597.
1st Aust. Tunn. Coy.
Australian Camp.
Rouellen.

GLT.

1st Tunn.Coy
A.I.F.

MUIR,
George, 5578

"Killed in Action 20.9.17."

Sapper G.Muir was wounded in Action and evidently whilst making his way to the Dressing Station, was killed..We have no further record of this man and I would surmise he was buried in the field.

Letter from:- O.C. 1st Australian Tunnelling Coy,
6.?.18.

London.
21.3.18.

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1st Tunn. Coy.
A.I.F.

MUIR,
G. 5578

"Killed in Action 20.9.17."

Sapper G.Muir, No. 5578, reported Killed in Action on the 20.9.17. The only thing I can tell you there seems to be little known of what happened to him. Someone said that he was wounded, but he never passed through any dressing station in France. It is thought that he died on the field, from wounds,so that it is probable that he is buried together with many others.I know that this happened on the 20th Sept as I was wounded on the same date. You also ask for a description of his personal appearance. I would say, height about 5ft 6ins, medium build. appearance very fair, also very quiet in his ways.

Letter from:- Sapper A.T.Jarvis, 6884,
1st Aust. Tunnl. Coy,
France 6.?.18.

London.
21.3.18.

S.

1st Tunn.Coy.
A.I.F.

Muir.
G. 5578

"Killed 20.9.17"

I know that Muir was killed and that all casualties then were buried at Cemetery on Menin Road but I cannot say as to,this particular man.

Witness:-
D.Murray 333
1st Tunn.Coy.
Hut 19. Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
27.12.17.

S.

added from letter 12-3-18

1ST AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLING COMPANY A.E.

Headquarters

6/3/18.

5578
George Muir
1 Tunn: Coy
K/A 20-9-17
S3 (ED)

The Secretary
W.M.Enquiry Bureau.

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H Carroll Captain A.E.

for Commanding Officer.

1st AUST. TUNN. COY.
No. a-389.
Date. 6.3.18

21.2.14

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Sapper Jones

1 Sect. 1 Aust Tunn Coy

a/1 F.

Abroad

5.5.15

Pte G Muir

1 Aust Tunn Coy

K. Sqn. 287.2

Aust

16-2-18

23. 2. 18

Sapper Dick Vaughan

1 Aust. Tunn. Coy.

A. I. F.

Abroad.

Cab. nil

S.S. 28

Pte. G. Meier

Free rep. W. 1st Tunn. Co

K. Sept 28/17 A. I. F.

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d 3-2-18

Sgt HADFIELD G.

1st Tun. Coy

A. I. F.

1917

about

C/Nos 55-78

1 Tun. Coy

A. I. F.

K. 20-9-17.

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14.1.18

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5-5-18 Sapper A.V. Hindmarsh
1st Tunnelling Coy. A.I.F.
Abroad

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5-5-18 Pte. George Muir
1st Tunnelling Coy.
K/A. 20-9-17.

12.2.18
A.I.B.

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G Muir Co

Grant

6-3-1918

1 Trans:
K/A 20-9-17 S J (d)

To Miss Vera Deakin

Regarding your letter of the 25-2-1918 enquiring about Mr Clapham & Miss No 5578 reported killed in action on the 20-9-1917

The only thing I can tell you from records I have before me is that Shepherd & Grey formerly said that he was wounded but he must have died through any wounds in France as he brought that he died in the field from wounds & I suppose it is possible that he died from together with many others I have

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that I did subscribe on the 20th last
as I was informed on the same day
you also did for a duplicate of the
former which I have not
received but I put upon this
Sudum Land which you
also very quick in this letter
Sorry I did not send you
Lesser enclosed if Jerry his
identity I remain yours faithfully

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Christian Lumbing Esq
Troon

Ack. P.C. 24-1-18 5578 5543
Ackr.
George MUIR Sap. A. Hadfield
1st Tunnelling Coy.
A. I. F
France
1 Tunn: Coy.
K/A 20-4-17
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To the Hon. Secretary
Red Cross Inquiry Bureau

Dear Madam

Left Written Spt. Hindenburg 11.2.18. In reply to yours of the 14th Inst. I am sorry to narrate that I am unable to give any further particulars regarding 5578 Sap. G. Muir of the above unit than those I have already given to his niece Miss W. Woods of Cessnock. N. S. W. He was detailed to go over the top with the 5th Battalion on the morning of the 20th Sept 1917. & whilst performing that operation was observed to fall by Pte. 5548 Sap A. V. Hindmarsh of the same unit who is at present in England wounded.

It was near Glengorse Wood & from what I can discover he lies in a Soldiers grave in the vicinity of this spot.

Sorry I cannot inform you further on the subject

I am
Yours Sincerely
Sap. A. Hadfield 22/1/18