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Lieutenant
Herbert Roy Musgrove

56th Battalion



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A.i.-. 6th tn

Lieut. H.R.

"K/A.31-8-18"

Date of death uncertain N.F.R.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 17-10-18.

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Musgrove Lieut H.B.

K. 31st August 1918. Dot D/B.

He was killed on the 1st September at Peronne, and is buried in Peronne Civilian Cemetery. I saw the grave and it was marked by a small temporary cross. The Padre buried him.

Inf:- Pte W.E.Upward No. 3156.
A.I.F. 56. C. X.
Austra. Conv. Depot.

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56th.Bn.A.I.F.

Musgrove,Lieut.H.R.

K. Aug.31/18. Det.D/B.

Lieut. Musgrove,who had only held that rank about 12 months,was killed instantly by a shell at ~~Perrone~~.X He wasthen buried in the nearby cemetery there and the usual cross put up over his grave.
He was very popular with the men.

Age 23. Height 5-6. Slightly built and dark com.

Witness. Forbes,H.H.5378. "B"Coy.56th.Bn.

Taken at
No.4 C.D.
Hurdcott. Nov.12/18.

By
C.H.Brown,
No.4 C.D.
Hurdcott.

X Perrone should read - Mont St Quentin.

56th Battn.
A.I.F.

MUSGROVE
Lieut. H.R.

"KILLED 31-8-18"

I saw him get a piece of shell through the chest and killed instantly. I was right alongside him. It was in the afternoon of 31st August and we were waiting to advance, just on the left of Peronne. He was about 5ft 7' - inclined to be dark and slim built. I went on and do not know what became of him.

Informant - Hodge.Pte.D. 3057
56th Battn. C.Coy.
DARTFORD.

Home Address:-
Northcote Street
Aberdare
N.S.W.

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Havre. 6th. November. 1918.

56th. Australians. Musgrove, Lieut. H. R.

K. August. 31/1918. Dets. D/B.

In B. Company, temporarily in Command at the time, September 1st. 1918, just outside of Peronne. I was close to him - about fifteen yards in daylight - when he was killed instantly by shell. His body was un-recognisable after. We were holding the line at the time getting ready for the attack which developed thesame day. We took our objective and held it. We were relieved the same night by the 60th. Battalion. A Burial Party was sent out from our Battalion. Private. W. Stirton, B. 7. batman to Mr. Musgrove, and was with him when he was killed will probably know where he is buried. He got Mr. Musgrove's personal belongings and brought them in.

Inf:- Private. J. Robbie. 2720.
56th. Australians. B. 7.
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

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RDM. K.A. Willen W. Stirton 18.11.18 CP.

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MUSGROVE, Lt.H.R.

K.Aug.31/18. Det. D/B.

Mr.Musgrove was killed by a shell on the morning of the 1st September at Mont St.Quentin during an attack on Peronne. I was quite close and saw what happened. Mr.Musgrove was buried near the civilian cemetery between Mont St.Quentin and Peronne and a cross was erected over the grave which I gave seen. Mr.Musgrove arrived in France 30.6.16 and I had known him for 2 yrs.8 months. I think he was a clerk in civil life. He stood 5 ft.8, dark and of medium build.

Reference: Sgt.B.M.Johnson, 1849.
No.11 Con,Camp Buchy Nr.Rouen. 13.11.18.

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56th Battn
A.I.F.

MUSGROVE
Lieut. H.R.

"KILLED 31-8-18"

Of B.Coy. On morning of 1st Sept. at Peronne, he was killed outright by shell during our attack. Hit in head - was not knocked about.
I did not see it happen, but was in burial party. He was buried in German Military Cemetery, near Sugar Factory at Peronne. Cross erected.

Informant - Alborn.Sgt.W.G. 3508
56th Battn. A.Coy.
Anzac Buffet.

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5-11-18
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56th Batn.,
A.I.F.

MUSGROVE,
H.R. Lieut.

"Killed in action - 31-8-18."

"He was hit in stunt at Peronne by shell I think. I saw his grave in the military cemetery next to Civilian cemetery at Peronne near main road near railway and canal. There were a number of 53rd, and 56th there and the grave was well cared for. I saw a friend of his in Light House waiting to take a picture of grave, but do not know his name. I knew him personally and he was previously a Sergeant in our A.M.C.; he had won a D.C.M. with our lot at Fleurbaix. He was a great sport and was popular.

Informant:- L/Cpl. Lessing R, 1696,
"A" Coy., 56th Batn.,
3rd A.A.H., Dartford.

M.Burns Priddle,
London,
18-11-18.
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56th Batn.,
A.I.F.

MUSGROVE,
H.R. Lieut.

"Killed in action - 31-8-18."

"He was in B. Coy., and I saw his grave in a small cemetery between Mont. St. Quentin, and Peronne and grave was marked by a durable cross, having full details marked thereon.

Informant:- Sgt.Henderson, N.J., 3137,
A.Coy., 56th Batn.,
3rd A.A.H., Dartford.

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London,
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56th Batn.,
A.I.F.

MUSGROVE,
H.R., Lieut.

"Killed in action - 31-8-18."

"On morning of 1st September at Peronne during our attack was killed outright by shell. full issue. I was about 60 yards away when it happened. I saw his body after. he was badly knocked about. Know nothing of burial.

Informant:- Cpl.A.R.Charlton, 4750,
56th Batn., A. Coy., III.Platoon,
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.G.,
London,
22-11-18.
J.E.A.

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A.I.F. 56th Battn. MUSGROVE
H.R. Lieut.

"Killed 31/8/18."

He was in B. Coy, and I was alongside him and saw him wounded by shell that blew his head off, death being instantaneous. Not long afterwards another shell landed and knocked him about badly. Casualty happened at 6.30 a.m., at which time we were about to counter attack and take a Sugar Mill, such casualty happening behind a bit of a bank. He came from Sydney, New South Wales, and was a popular Officer. He had been promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant in the Battalion. I gave his Pay book and effects to his batman, who in turn would pass them on to B.H.Q. He would I think, be buried in the vicinity. Refer to L/Cpl. Evans, "B" Coy, who knew him before the war and was a friend of his.

Informant:- Pte. J.J.Way, 2759,
B. Coy, 56th Battn.,
3rd A.A.Hospital,
Dartford.

M. Priddle.
London
23.11.18.
H.G.

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A.I.D. 56th Battn. MUSGROVE
Lieut. H.R.

"Killed 31/8/18."

He was in B. Coy, and came over in "Makuini". Refer to his batman 5110 Pte. Fred Hayes, "B" Coy, and mention Informant:-

Informant:- Pte. A.J. Irwin, 5130,
Headquarters, 5th Divn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford

M. Burns Priddle.
London
24.11.18.
H.G.

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a.I.F. 56th Battn. MUSGROVE
H.R. Lieut.

"Killed in Action 3/9.18."

Re the death of Lieut. H.R. Musgrove, of this Unit. I must inform you that he was killed in action on the 2nd September, during the capturing of Peronne. He was buried in an orchard in that town with all our men who fell in the engagement. A large wooden cross is erected over the grave, with a white railing round the edge. Near by, is a larger cross, erected in memory of our Officers and men who fell, giving their names on a slab at the base of the cross. His personal appearance is:- Height about 5ft.8ins., dark complexion, large brown eyes with long eyelashes, well built and of good physique, front teeth have gold fillings. His parents and brother have been notified, and full particulars have been given by our Colonel, Company Commander and myself. Pte. W. Stirton, to whom you addressed your enquiry, requested me to answer it, being a personal and very close friend of the deceased Officer.

Letter from:- 3302,L/Cpl. F.T. Evans,
A. Coy, 56th Battn.
France.

London
10.12.18.
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To

Pte W. Sterlon

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Lt H.R. Hunsperger

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Lt. H.R. Musgrove, 56th Bn. K.in A. 31.8.18

Jersey, 2.12.18

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To The Secretary,
Graves Registration & Enquiry Bureau,
Imperial Institute,
London, S.W.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your enquiry concerning the death of Lieut. H.R. Musgrove of this unit, I have pleasure in informing you that he was killed in action on the 2nd of September, during the fighting at Peronne. He was buried in the orchard in that town, together with all the men who fell in the engagement. A large wooden cross is erected over the grave, with a suitable inscription upon the edge. Near by is a larger cross, erected in memory of our Officers, and those who fell, giving their names and the date at the head of the

Dear,

His personal appearance is:- height about 5'-8", dark complexion, large brown eyes, with long eyelashes, well built and of good physique; age: 23 years shown, and his home up North until lately.

His parents and brother, have been written by me, and particulars have been given by myself, a fellow officer, Company Commander, and myself.

He was obliged to return your address for enquiry, regarded can be seen as being a forged one, very likely one of the deserted Officer.

Trusting I have given you all the particulars you require

I am etc.

(3302 Lt. E. T. Brand)
A Company
56th Battalion
A.I.F.

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