

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

**283 Private
Rollo Moncrieff Muir**

16th Battalion



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16th Batt,
A.I.F.

Muir,
A. Rolle, 283.

"Prisoner of War"

Reported Died - Res Lazarette Verden,

Cert, by information from German death List dated 12.6.17

London
16.7.17

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16th Batt,
A.I.F.

Muir,
A. Rolle 283.

"Prisoner of War"

"Regret to say Pte. Muir is dead"

Extract from Post-Card from Sgt. Lake Verden A/Aller
dated 27.7.17

London 27.8.17

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16th Batt.
A.I.F.

Rolle, Muir,
283.

"Prisoner of War"

Died 30.4.17 - Personal effects forwarded.

Cert by German Nachlass List dated 20.8.17

London 17.9.17

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16th Batt.
A.I.F.

Muir, 283
A. Rolle,

"Prisoner of War"

Died 30.4.17 in Res Laz Verden, am Aller, death following on
grenade wounds in left arm, left thigh and right leg - Born
Southern Cross, West Australia - Died 30.4.17 24 years 9 months 24 days
old. Former occupation workman in Southern Cross -

Cert, by German death list dated 20.8.17

These two entries appear on the German death list 20.8.17 referring to
Muir, Christian, 16. Batt, of whom Headquarters reports no trace

London 25.9.17

P.I. & P

A.I.F. 16th Bn.

MUIR
Rollo 283

"Prisoner of War"

Translation of German Death Certificate received from Capt. Mills and passed on to A.I.F. Hqs September 1st 1919.

In accordance with the principal register of this place it is hereby certified that the private in Infantry regiment, Australian Force, Workman, Christian Muir, Protestant Religion, died on 30th April 1917, at the age of 24 years - months - days. Reg. No. 89/1917

Verden 15th July 1919.

The Official in Charge,

(Seal)

Represented by (Signed).

This death Certificate was returned to have Christian name altered. No doubt the man buried at Military Cemetery Verden s/Alber in Grave 49 is Rollo Moronieff Muir; the German Hospital list got hold of the word Christian from the entry, Christian Names. Rollo Moronieff. The German Registrar therefore could not alter name on Death Certificate.

(Copy of note received from Capt. Mills and passed on to A.I.F. Hqs September 1st 1919.

London
25-9-19

P & P.I.

August 17th 1947

Dear Madam

283
N. ~~1518~~ Private R. Munn

I am deeply obliged by your letter of
the 15th giving me information regarding
my nephew. Then is, I am afraid, no
doubt that he died of wounds,
in Germany.

I am yours sincerely
M. M. Pattison, M.D.

Answered
14.8.17

August 8th 1917

The Secretary

Australian Red Cross Society

Wounded & Missing Enquiry Bureau

Dear Sir

283. Private R. Muir 16th Battalion A.I.F.

taken prisoner in France on or about April 21st 1917.

reported wounded & in hospital at.

Verden-am-Aller (Hanover); later.

Reported dead.

Could you be so good as to inform
me whether you have official
confirmation of the death of the
above Australian soldier? I should
be exceedingly grateful for definite

information of my nephew's fate.

I am

Yours sincerely

M. M. Pattison Muri

15.3.17.

The Rev. M.M. Pattison Muir,
Heigham Rectory. Norwich.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your enquiry for 255 Pte. R. Muir, 16th
Batt. A.I.F. who is reported to have died as a prisoner, in Germany
and we very much regret to state that we have received this news
from three different sources so fear it is only too true.

Pte. Muir's name came through on a German list dated 18.6.17
which stated that he died at Reserve Lazarett, Verdun. Prof Noeller
the interpreter at the hospital, sent a card on 7.7.17 confirming
this news and it was also verified by a German War Office List dated
17.7.17.

We should like to point out that your nephew was previously
reported by A.I.F. Headquarters as "killed in Action on 11.4.17"
which probably means that he was seen by men of his battalion to be
so severely wounded ~~and~~ that they believed he would not recover and
on the strength of their unofficial evidence he was reported killed
in action.

We believe that he was picked up severely wounded by the German
and subsequently succumbed to his wounds.

We regret that the news is so distressing and would like to offer
our very sincere sympathy in your loss.

If any further news concerning your nephew's death should come
to hand, we shall at once advise you.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary.

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2/9/17

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Mandurah

West Australia

14th July 1917

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Australian Red Cross

Commissioners

54 Victoria St

London S.W.

Dear Sir.

Dear Sir. Decd 02.

On 11th inst I received a cable
from the Perth branch of your Society
as follows -

(Copy)

283 Pte Rollo Allier 16 Battalion
Prisoner of war, wounded progressing
favorably writing
29th Red Cross

The above was sent to Mr. Dalrymple of
Mandurah, at her request, on my behalf.

As I do not yet know the address of
my son Pte. Rollo Allier in Germany
would you, if you know it, on receipt
of this, address & forward to him the
enclosed P.C.

Yours faithfully,
Jno. M. Muir

P.O. Mandurah
WA

September 24th, 1917.

Mr. John M. Muir,
P.O., Mandurah,
W. Australia.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 14th July has crossed our cable to Perth of that date in which we very much regret to have had to ~~repeat~~^{report} that your son had died of wounds whilst a Prisoner of war in Germany. Any further details of his death that we can obtain we will do our best to get and will send it to you through our Perth Office.

We are enclosing your Post Card and wish to assure you of our deep sympathy with you in the loss of your son.

Yours faithfully,

J.D.

SECRETARY.

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283 Pte R. Muir

16 Batt.