

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**770 Private
Frank Murton**

19th Battalion



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19th A. I. F.

Murton, Pte. Frank, 770.
B Coy. 7. Pl.

(K. Nov: 14/16. Det: D & B.)

"I knew Pte. Frank Murton. He was in my Coy, and Pltn. Near Fleurs my Battalion charged the German trench about 7 o'clock in the morning of the 14th November 1916. On reaching the German first line I was wounded in the right knee. I crawled back to our line and on my way I saw Pte. Murton lying on the ground dead. He had evidently been struck by a piece of a shell on the side of the head and neck. I looked at him closely and I could see that he was dead. I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:-- Pte. Martin Morrissey, 737.
19th A. I. F. B Coy, 7 Pl.
1st. Southern General Hospital,
Monyhull Section, Birmingham.

Home address:-- Kopu, Thames,
Auckland,
New Zealand.

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19th A. I. F.

Murton, Pte Frank, 770

(K. Nov. 14th/16)

"Murton was killed near Flers on 14th Nov/16 by a shell and buried where he fell."

Informant: Lieut J.J. Blumer,
19th A. I. F.,
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth, S.W.

Homeaddress:
Paramatta,
Australia.

18th January 1917.
W.R. Manning.

P.L.

B.Co.,
19th Batt.
A.I.F.,

MURTON
Frank

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"K. in A. 14.11.16"

Informant states that on Nov. 14/16 on the Somme, Murton who was slightly wounded was walking to Dressing Station being assisted by a man named Springett of the same Batt. when he was killed by a Sniper. Murton had the D.C.H. for carrying wounded under fire at Pozieres.
Informant intelligent. *Springett told informant.*

Reference:- 4418 J.S. Glenn,
19th Batt. A.I.F.
Kitchener Hospital,
Brighton.
25.1.17

Home address:
Sydney.

London
30.1.17
A.H. Lay

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Capt Murton D. C. M.

B. Coy

19th Batⁿ

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Mrs Chesbire,
54 Grosvenor St.
S.W.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your inquiry for No. 770. Pte. Frank Murton, D.C.M. 19th, Battn. A.I.F. who is now officially reported "Killed in Action" on Nov. 14th. We regret to inform you that we have received the following unofficial report from No. 737. Pte. Martin Morrissey, 19th Battn. who on January 15th, was No. 1. Southern General Hospital, Mynyhall Section, Birmingham.

He says:-

" I knew Pte. Frank Murton. He was in my Coy. and
" Platoon Near Fleur's my Battalion charged the German
" trench about 7 o'clock in the morning of the 14th
" Nov. 1916. On reaching the German first line I was
" wounded in the right knee. I crawled back to our
" line and on my way I saw Pte. Murton lying on the
" ground dead. He had evidently been struck by a piece
" of shell on the side of the head and neck. I looked
" at him closely and I could see that he was dead. I
" do not know where he was buried."

We are continuing the inquiry and will advise you if any further reports are received.

Yours faithfully,

V.B.
Secretary.
A.A.W.

Telephone N° 5521, Gernard.

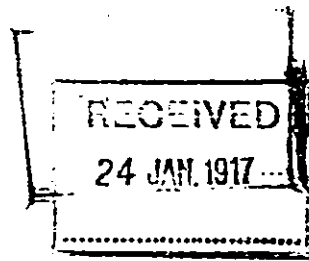
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London, W.

Jan 23. 17

To The Secretary
Australian Red Cross
Dear Sir



I thank you for your letter
of this morning relating to 770 P.th & Hurst
I know it will be a great comfort to his
mother & family to know he did not suffer.

It is most kind of you to take so
much trouble.

Yours faithfully
(W^m) E. Chestre

29th January

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Mrs Cheshire,
54 Grosvenor Square.
Grosvenor Square.
S.W.

Dear Madam,

Since writing you on January 22nd. a further unofficial report has been received about No. 770. Pte. Frank Hurton, D.C.M. 19th Batta. A.I.F. Informant, Lt. J.J. Plumer, who on January 18th, was in the 3rd London General Hospital. Wandsworth, says that Pte. Hurton was killed by a shell near Flers on Nov. 14th. and buried where he fell.

We are continuing the inquiry and will forward you any further information which we receive.

Yours faithfully,

V.O.

Secretary.
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1st February

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Mrs Cheshire,
54 Grosvenor St.
S.W.

Dear Madam,

We have received an unofficial report from No. 4418.
Pte. J. S. Glenn, 19th Battn. who on January 25th. was in the
3rd Australian General Hospital, Brighton, about No. 770. Pte.
Frank Merton D.C.M. 19th Battn.

He says that he was told by Pte. Springett, 19th Battn.
that Pte. Merton, was slightly wounded on the Somme on Nov.
14th. He was walking to the Dressing Station with Pte.
Springett's help when he was killed by a sniper. Pte. Merton
had the D.C.M. for carrying wounded under fire at Pozieres.

Should any further reports come to hand about him we
shall at once inform you.

Yours faithfully,

V/L

Secretary.
A.W.

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London, W. February 1st 1917

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Thank you very much for your
kindness in sending me the particulars
of Prince F. Imperial's death.
Again thanking you.

Yours Faithfully
L. Cheshire