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# 797 Private Charles Gilbert Munford

## 4th Battalion



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MUNFORD.
C.G. 797.

"Killed in Action 15-6-18"

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Cert; by A.I.F.Hqrs 7-8-18.

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Havre. 30th. August. 1918.

4th. Australians. Mumford, C. G. x 797.

K. June. 15/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was killed during a raid on a German outpost & his body lay in 'No Man's land' for a week. I saw him just before he was recovered but cannot say where he was ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ buried. He came from Sydney, 22, dark, about 5 foot 8.

Inf:- L/Corporal. D. E. Kinipple. 320.
4th. Australians. C. 10.
Hospital Ship.

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4th BATT. A.I.F. MUNFORD. C.G.797.

K. June 15th.1918. Pet

Charlie Munford was one of the old boys and was in my Platoon, No 16. We tried to raid a post at Merris one morning but failed. Two nights later we tried again and Charlie Munford was one of four who went from my Platoon. He did not return and nothing was known about him. But eight or ten days later another Battalion captured this post and found Munford and told us that they had buried him on the spot.

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No 2 Can. Gen. Hospital.

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4th Battn.
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MANFORD.
G.G. 797.Pte.

"Killed in Action 15-6-18"

I was told by comrades, that Pte Munford was picked up in No Man's Land among the wheat crops, about a week after he was killed. He met his death by a machine gun bullet when raiding an outpost at Strazeele.

Eye-Witness:-
Description:- 5ft6. dark compleion, thick set, clean shaven, about 25 years of age. "Charles".

Home address:-

Informant:- Kimipple Donald.320.Pte.
(Intelligent & Accurate)
4th Battn.A I.F. C.X.
II Pennsylvania Hpl.
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MUNFORD.

A.I.F. 4. MUNFORD C.C. 797.

K. June 15th 1918.

Mumford who is missing, believed killed, was in a day light trench raid at Merris. An order was given to retire on the blowing of a whistle and we don't know whether he heard that order but he was seen a few moments before the whistle went and he did not come back with us and may have gone forward or been killed and taken by Fritz for identification but we never saw him again and another patrol which went over a couple of days after searched for graves but couldn't his. Mumford was a very good soldier and very well liked. He came from Parramatta Rd. Leichhardt. Sydney.

Inf. Bgl. E. Table 3899. D. Coy. H.Q.
No 3 Aus Gen Hosp.
ABBEVILLE. 11.10.18.

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4th Battn.
A.I.F.

MUNFORD.
C. G. 797.

"Killed 15.6.18"

I know that this man was out on a daylight raid at a place near Meteren about the middle of June, and when his party returned he was missing. Search was made for his body the same day but nothing was found. The returning party could give no information as to what had become of him. Our Battalion could find nothing further about him until they were relieved.

I think that he was the only man missing of the party. The ground was held.

Eye-Witnesses:- No.

Informant:- Lieut. A.L.Malone,
(Reliable)
4th Battn. A Coy, H.Q.
3rd London General,
WANDSWORTH.

C.G.Thomson,
London,
15.10.18.

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A.I.F.
4th Battalion.

MUNFORD, Private
C.G. No. 797

"Killed 15/6/1918"

Informant described Munford as about 5'7or8" high, thick set, very dark, aged about 22, came from Leichhardt. Informant states that they both belonged to "D" Company, 16th Platoon.

On or about 15/6/18 the Battalion was holding the line to the right of Strazeele. Informant did not see Munford hit, but was told that he was killed while out on patrol, or in a raid, in the morning. He, however, saw him buried in an open field with others in front of Meteren. The Service was read by a Church of England Padre, and a small wooden cross, with name, etc. was put on his grave. Informant had last seen Munford alive about a week before.

Informant added that Munford was a fine chap and one of the best liked men in the Company.

Informant:- No. 320, Cpl. D.E. Kinipple,
"D" Company - 4th Battalion.

Private address:- Hampden Road,
ABBOTSFORD, Sydney.

W.E.G.
Ansac Information Bureau,
Sydney.
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4th Btn.
not 28th Btn.

MUNLORD
Charles Gilbert 797

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No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
18.10.19.

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