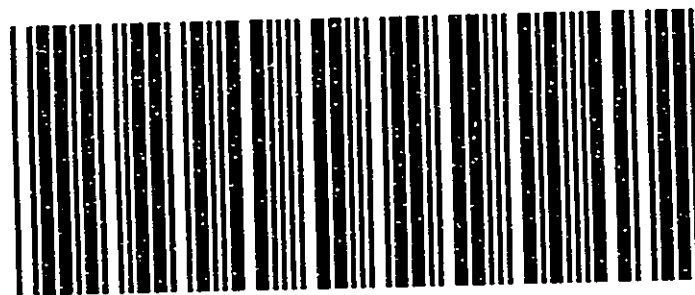


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**3189 Private
Norman Albert Murphy**

45th Battalion



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A.I.F. 48th Btt.

MURPHY.
Norman A Bert. 3189.

Killed in Action, 7.6.17.

No trace in Germany.

Cert by Capt. Willis. 10.10.19.

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A.I.F. 45th Bn

MURPHY
N.A. 3189

"MISSING"

Killed in action 7-6-17 - previously reported Dead & Missing
cert. by A.I.F. Mors 2-4-18.

London
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5th October.1917.

45th AUSTRALIANS

MURPHY, W.A. 3189

M. June 10th.1917.

He got severely wounded all over his body, especially in the neck by a shell, about dusk on June 7th, not the 10th. I ~~helped~~ helped him along for about 50 yards when he fainted. I went up to get the stretcher bearers, but could find none. Later on I heard he died. A friend of Murphy's told me he was going to write to Murphy's mother, and tell her all the details. He came from H.S.W. I do not know anymore details.

Informant: L.J. Armstrong, 2859
45th Australians, B.Co.
Ambulance Train 33.
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Statement made by No. 2859 Pte ARMSTRONG R.G. 45th Btn

re No. 5189 Pte MURPHY M.A. 45th Btn
Missing 10.6.17

I last saw Private Murphy M.A. in the support trench on Messines Ridge at about 7 p.m. on 7th June, he was severely wounded in head, neck and arm; he was very low suffering from loss of blood and with the best of treatment I don't think his life could have been saved.

Dated at Bath War Hospital. This 22nd day of October, 1917.

(Sgd) R.G. Armstrong.

Statement made and signed before me

(Sgd) E. Tyler.
Registrar Bath War Hospital.

A.I.F. 45th BATTALION.

MURPHY, Private,
N.A. - 3189.

"KILLED 7/6/17."

Informant described Murphy as about 5ft. 4 or 5 high, Negrity build, dark complexion, aged about 23. Came from the country. Left Australia with Informant per "Port Nicholson" on 8/11/16.

Informant states that they both belonged to "B" Company. On 7/6/17 the Battalion was in action at Messines. They hopped over at about 3 p.m. Informant did not see Murphy on the day he was hit but the next day saw him lying wounded in a trench, waiting for Stretcher Bearers to take him away. One of Murphy's mates named Bob Cox told Informant that Murphy was round a corner of the trench and Informant found him there with his head bandaged up. He had been given a piece of paper and pencil and wrote something on the paper but on account of the bad state he was in the writing could not be deciphered. Informant imagined that he had tried to write a message to his people. The paper with the writing on it was taken by one of Murphy's mates named Munro who belonged to the 7th Reinforcements and has since returned to Australia. Murphy was taken away that day by Stretcher Bearers and Informant saw no more of him but heard that he had died of his wounds.

According to Informant Murphy was a very well liked chap.

INFORMANT - Private W.H. Thompson - 2990,
B Company, 45th Battalion.

45th BATTALION.

MURPHY, Private,
N.A. - 3189.

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W.E.G.
No. 21 Australian Auxiliary Hospital,
MOSMAN.
10/12/18.

SYDNEY BUREAU.