

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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7201 Private
Arthur Norman
Brunton

15th Battalion



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A. I. F. 15.

BRUNTON, A.N. 7204

E. August 9th, 1917.

Brunton and I were on the railway line fatigue for 10 days on the left of Hill 60 when Brunton was killed outright by shrapnel. We were pushing different trucks so I did not see him actually killed but I saw him being carried away on a stretcher and his mate, Sheehan, was killed at the same time. They were both buried close to where we were working and crosses with their names on have been put up.

BH.

Reference:- J.P. Sheehan. 7027.
No. 56 Gen. Hosp.

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Etaples
18.9.17.

Hayre

25th Sept. 1917.

15th AUSTRALIANS

BRUNTON, A.N. 7201

K. 9.8.17. Det. D/B.

I knew Pte. A.N. Brunton. He came over in the 24th to the 15th Reinforcements. His number would be in the 7000, not 720 as stated. He was from Queensland. I saw his grave at the side of the road from Neuve Eglise to Messines Ridge. It is alongside the grave of Pte. Sheehan of the same Battalion. I could point out the spot.

Informant: Pte. J. Johnston, 15241
15th Australians, D Co., 13th Pltn.,
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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RDM

Asking HQ to verify a map

A.I.F. 15th Btn

BRUNTON
Arthur Norman 7201
not 720

"K. in A 9-8-17"

Killed in action 9-8-17
Cert by A.I.F. Hqs 8-9-17.

London
6-10-17

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26th Sept. 1917

15th AUSTRALIANS

BRUNTON, A.E. 720/ (114.)

K..9.8.17. Det. D/B.

His number is 7209 not 720. He was in D Co. He came from Queensland, and was a single man and a farmer. He was on fatigue in Messines in a ~~wooden~~ truck when a shell killed him. He was hit in the lungs and died instantly. He was buried with others on Messines ridge and his grave is marked.

Informant: Pte. J. Jacky 6789
15th Australians, D Co.,
H. S. Carisbrook Castle.

RBS

A. I. P. 15.

BRUNTON, A.N. 7201 (H9)

K. August 9th, 1917.

He was killed at Messines on the 9th by a shell while he was doing fatigue duty pushing trucks up on light railway and was buried beside the railway not quite on top of the Ridge with one other man. He has a black cross with white writing on his grave and I have seen it.

BH.

Reference:- C.M. Johnston. 6994.
No. 7 Can. Gen. Hosp.

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Staples
28.9.17.

Hayre

6th October 1917

15th AUSTRALIANS

BRUNTON, A.N. 7201

K. 9th Aug. 1917 det D/B

I was not with him at the time but I have been told by his mates that he was killed by machine gun fire on Messines Ridge at night time. The body was recovered but I do not know where he was buried. Private Currie of the 15th Bn. A.Co., still with his unit, could give further details. Brunton came from Ellarney in Queensland - A single man.

Informant: R.J. Hollison 6823
15th Australians C. Co.
H. B. General Hospital (nail) Hayre

RBS
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9th October.1917.

15th AUSTRALIANS

BRUNTON, A.M. 7201

K. Aug. 9th.1917. Det. D/B.

I knew Pt. Brunton of D.Co., XIV.Pltn. He came with me in the 24th to 15th reinforcement from Brisbane about 28th January,1916. I saw his grave on top of Messines Ridge in the open with about 9 others; there was a rough cross of the grave; it was near the "Push-up" tram line, about 100 yards from the Dressing Station. I could point it out. His number would be in the 7,000's.

Informant: Pt. F.R. Seymour, 7309
15th Australians, D.Co., XIV.Pltn.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

RDM.

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15th Batn
D. Coy.,
A.I.F.

BRUNTON
A.N. 7201?

"Killed 9.8.17."

I saw him killed at Messines. He was caught by a shell and killed instantly. I saw his grave at Messines and it was marked with a cross bearing all his particulars. I knew him well, he was a 24th Rfts man, and this is not his right number. It should have been another figure on it.

Witness:- Cpl. C.O. Williams. 1110
15th Batn D. Coy.,
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
19.10.17.

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15th Batn
C. Coy.,
A.I.F.

BRUNTON
A.N. 7201?

"Killed 9.8.17"

I saw him dead at the dressing station at Messines. He had been hit on the head with a piece of shell, and killed instantly. I did not see his grave but I was told by a man who has since been killed that he was buried at Messines, Ridge. I did not see the casualty, and I cannot refer to anyone for further particulars.

Witness:- Pte. H.G. Mantten 7261
15th Batn B. Coy.,
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
19.10.17.

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15th Bn
A.I.F.

BRUNTON
A.N. 7201

"Killed 9.8.17."

Still reported Killed Number verified- 7201.

Cert. by A.I.F. HdQtrs 12.10.17.

London.
26.10.17.

P.I.

FRANCE

15th BATT. A.I.F.

BRUNTON. A.M. 720.

K. Aug 9th. 1917. Det :

He was in D. Coy and was struck by a shell at night while pushing up duck boards in a truck, behind Messines. He was led out to the dressing station by one of my mates, Pte McGuinness, who told me about it in our dug-out, and he said that Brunton had told him what a lot of colours he could see, which seems that his eyes must have been injured. Brunton died next morning and was buried on Messines Ridge by a light railway line. About 12 others had been buried at the same place. 751

Ref ---Pte A.R. Innes. 562.
No 5 Gen. Hospital

NOTE. Witness gave two other reports.

Le Treport. Oct 20th. 1917

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