

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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Lieutenant  
John Thomas Murray

9th Battalion



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MURRAY, Lt J.

K. Oct 29th 1917. Dets.

*Sgt address  
in H.I.*

Lt Murray was I believe in G.Co. I was told by Sgt Ward and Sgt Chalmers, both of G.Co. that they had accompanied Mr Murray to our front line on the 29th Oct at Passchendaele. On their return from the front line Lt Murray remarked the Germans would never hit them and that they would get back all right. It was shortly after this that Mr Murray was killed by a shell and Sgt Ward was wounded in the left shoulder by the same shell and Sgt Chalmers escaped. Sgt Chalmers looked after Sgt Ward. I don't know if Mr Murray's body was recovered.

Inf: Cpl. J.D. Hayes. 6342. A.III.

No. 3 Can Gen Hosp.

BOULOGNE. 28.1.18. AGI

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*Written Sgts. Ward + Chalmers 20.2.18.*

9th. A.I.F.

Murray. Lt. J.

K. 29/10/17.

and  
"Lt. Jack Murray had just got his Commission/was  
killed by a shell about the end of Oct. when going up to look  
at a position we were going to take in Front of Passchendaele.  
He was a friend of Stev. Ealor. I was told that some  
Australian Artillery men who knew him brought his body back.  
He was buried at Chattabell about a mile behind Ypres. I saw  
men making a cross with his name for the grave."

Eyewitness: No. Told by: Cannot.

Description:

Informant: Pte. M.T. Keating. 4816.  
9/A.I.F. A Coy. 111 Pltn.  
King George V Hospital,  
Dublin.

8/2/18  
A.W.B. Irwin.

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9th February 1918.

9th A.I.F.

Murray Lieut. J.

K. 29th October 1917. Det D/B.

I knew Lieut Murray well; he was C.C.M. Sergt and had his star a month before he was killed. He was medium height, thickset, fair, and about 25. He came from Queensland and was an allround athlete.

On the 29th October, at Ypres; <sup>H. Murray</sup> he was sent up towards Westhoek Ridge in charge of an observing party. A shell fell, and Mr. Murray was killed. I was at Ypres and did not see the body nor burial, but I saw the Batta cross with the name, etc. being prepared. He was buried where he fell near Westhoek Ridge.

Inf:- Sergt F.H. Scott No. 885.  
9th A.I.F. A.Co.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

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PM.

15.2.18

Sgt WARD  
Sgt CHALMERS

C. Coy.  
9th Batt.

A.I.F.  
Abroad

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about

Lieut J. MURRAY

C. Coy. (?)

9th Batt.

A.I.F.

29.10.17.

20.2.18  
C.I.B.

PL E. NEWMAN 3C

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Coy. 9A-1.F.

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Wm. J. MURRAY

9A-1.F.

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