

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

4th Field Artillery Brigade



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How.Bty.
A.P.A.

Muchmore.
Lieut.T.E.

"Killed 6.10.17"

We saw him killed instantly by a shell at Hell Fire Corner Ypres. The shell buried him, but we heard that his body was afterwards taken and buried in a Cemetery near Ypres. He came from W.A. A very good Officer and respected and liked by all the men. But he was in the 104th Battery.

Informants- H. McGrath 8966 &
A.W. Forrest 8840
How.Bty. 104th Bty.
No.3 Command Depot.
Hurdcott.

G.W.Briffith.

London.
22.1.18.

P.I

114th How. Bty.
A.F.A.

Enochore.
Lieut. T.E.

"Killed 6.10.18"

Refer to Lieut. C.E. Mitchell 104th How. Bty. 4th Bgde. who is now in Hospital in England, he saw him killed at Ypres and can give full details. I knew him well, he was in the 104th How. Bty. at time of casualty.

Witness:-

Sgt. G. Howman 9591

104th How. Bty. 4th Bgde.

3rd A.A. Hospital.

Wartford.

W. Oman

London.

22.1.18.

P.I.

114th How.Bty.
A.F.A.

Muchmore.
Lieut. T.E.

"Killed 6.10.17"

Should be 104th Bty. 4th Bgde. He was my officer. I helped carry him on a stretcher on the Corduroy Road about 1 mile from Hell fire corner to the Menin Road where we left him to be picked up later by the waggon. He was probably buried in the Military Cemetery at Ypres.

Witness:-

Gnr. McMichael 33928
114th How.Bty. 4th Bgde.

L.P.J.

London.
22.1.18.

P.I.

114th How.Bty.
A.F.A.

Muchmore.
Lieut. T.E.

"Killed 6.10.17"

Should be 104th Bty. 4th Bgde. I helped to put him in the waggon about 1 mile from Hell Fire Corner on the Corduroy Road, and I know the waggon took him to the Cemetery near our C.C. Stn. at Dickebusch. Driver Alec Watson of 31st Bty. 8th Bgde. was on the waggon and can confirm.

Witness:-

Dvr. R.G. Solly 27015
8th Bgde. 31st Bty.
Dartford.

L.P.J.

London.
22.1.18.

P.I.

114th Batty How:

Muchmore, Lt. T.E.

K. 6/10/17.

He was my greatest friend and I received a letter from his Batman which I have destroyed, telling me that he was blown to pieces, dying instantaneously at Ypres and that a cross had been erected over his grave. The Batman's name is Driver Batchelor, 104th Batty who is still in France.

The 114th Batty was split up over here and Lt. Muchmore's section was drafted to the 104th. I have written to his wife at Adelaide.

114th Batty.

Brisham, A.G.H. 28234.
Gun.

11 A. Dartford. 20/11/17.

R. D.B.

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Written Wro. Batchelor 24-11-17. letter returned 13. 5-18 hank's Personal

114th Howl Battery
A.F.A.
A. I. P.

Muchmore
P.R. Lieut.

"Killed 6.10.17."

I saw him killed at Ypres. He was caught by a shell, and very badly knocked about, death being instantaneous. I knew him very well, he was on the 104th How. Battery at time of casualty. He was a very popular officer, and very well liked by all the men in the Battery. I did not see his grave, but I heard he was buried at Ypres. Refer to Captn. E.R. Justelius 104th How. Battery, who is now in France, and can give full details of burial.

Witness:-

Gnr. N.H. McGrath 8966
104th How. Battery

3rd A.A. Hospital
Dartford

W. Oman
London.
4.1.18.

Note written Captn. Justelius. 20.12.17.

P.I

Howitz, 114th Batty.
C.I.F.

Muchmore
Lieut. T.E.

Killed 6.10.17

I was in the 102nd Howitz Bty.. I saw his grave in a grave yard near Hall Fire corner, past the Derby Road near a D.S.. My brother Gunner, Leslie Dowlan 1346 105th Howtz Bty. has also seen his grave. We knew Lt. M. well in Adelaide. He was killed in Westhoek Ridge near Zillebeke. My brother was with him that night and knows all about it.

Informant:- Gowlan, C.J. 2993
102nd Howitz,
Dartford,
29.11.17

S.P.G.

P.I.

London
8.1.18

114th How. Battery
AIF

MUCHMORE
Lient. F.E

⁶
"Killed Oct 4th 1917"

I went up on the morning he was killed to a forward position. While there I was told he was killed by a shell in a gun position and must have died instantly. Sgt. Maxley and Bombadier Cornish carried his body down to the Menin Road with the intention of sending him to the rear to be buried. When the cart came for him the body had been removed probably by some other party who had buried him. He was in section command of my battery. I could not wish for a better officer, fair to everybody and looked well after his men. He came from South Australia but was originally English. He was about 6'2" (He was 104th and not 114th Battery).

Witness:-

Gunner A.L. Mardsen 12394
104th How. Battery

Harefield

Ward 30.

W. Alison
London.
9.1.18.

P.I

Note written Bdr. Cornish 4.1.18.

*Letter to Alison
written 9.1.18.
written 11.4.18. Bdr.
15.2.18.*

Mrs. Reid.

Have you any information for Mr. Bloomesbury of
the American Tobacco Co. that he asked about on Saturday
re Lieut. Muchmore. If so please ring up Vic. 8160.

Mr. Bloomesbury has seen his name in the Cas. List
this morning.

may

A.I.F. 114 Hqs. Bty

MUCHMORE
F.E.

"Inf. wanted"

No casualty reported
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 5-11-17

Thomas Ernest 4th F.A.B. Killed in action 6-10-17
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 5-11-17

P.I

London
5-11-17

4th F.A.B.
A.I.F.

MUCHMORE.
Lieut. T.E.

"KILLED IN ACTION" 6.10.17"

Re Lieut T.E. Muchmore. A.F.A. I was at the Weagon line on the day of his death, he was killed behind the Westhoek Ridge, and was buried at Bird Cross Road, about one mile north of Ypres. Major Burke now in command of the 104th Bty, who was on the spot at the time of his death, and can give you the fullest information;-

Letter from; - E.R. Justeeins. Capt.
No 1. Command Depot.
A.I.F.
Warminster.,
10.1.18.

Not2;- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.,

London.
27.2.18.

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104th Battery. Howitzer.
4th Brigade,
A.F.A.

Muchmore.
Lieut. T.E.

"Killed 6.10.17"

At Westhoek Ridge at the Battery Lieut. Muchmore was killed by a shell and was brought down and buried at Menin Road Cemetery near the dressing station. His batman, Batchelor was seriously wounded at or about the same time and died of wounds and was buried in Menin Road Cemetery also and has a cross. From S.A. Major Harbottle Batt. Com. 104th 4th Bgde. would give further particulars if written to.

Informant:- A.E. Souther 17172
11th Batty. A.F.A.
2nd B'ham War Hpl.

S.T.H. Parkes
9.12.17.

London.
22.1.18.

Note See Major Harbottle's report.

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H. & C. B.
11402 104th Battery.
A.F.A.

Muchmore.
Lieut. T.E.

"Killed 6.10.17"

I state that Lieut. Muchmore was killed near Westhoek Ridge in a shell hole having a meal on Oct. 6th. He was killed instantly and his body carried down to Burcross Road but the party being heavily shelled they had to leave it and when they returned there was no trace of it. He was bearing papers belonging to his batman Gunner Batchelor (wounded) and we found a grave near Burcross Road with Batchelor's name on. I have arranged to have the body exhumed to know if it is Muchmore (a big man) or Batchelor (a small one). Batchelor has not yet been traced. Before communicating with relations write O.C. 104th Battery A.F.A. Lieut. Muchmore was very big and fair. Capt. Justelius told me.

Informant:- Major F. Harbottle
104th Battery. A.F.A.
No. 3 London General Hospital.

W. Arnoll Davis
17.12.17.

London.
16.1.18.

Note Written O.C. Battery.

P.I.

46-1-18
57-2-18

114th. Howitzer Battery.

Muchmore. Lieut. T.E.

K. Oct. 6/17. Det. D. / E.

This man was in the 104th. Battery and I knew him well. He was killed by a shell at the battery position near Corduroy Road, close to Menin Road. He was taken to a dressing station near the battery and was buried by some chaps from the D. Station. I could give no particulars of his description. He was an old soldier and had been in India. He was in the original 117th. battery.

Witness. Bombadier Stewart. No. 9055. 104th. Howitzer Battery

Taken at
No. 3. C.D.
Kurdcott.
23-1-18.
F.G.H.

S. Whitmee.
No. 4. C.D.
Kurdcott.

P.I. 104th

114th How.Bty.
A.F.A.

Muchmore.
Lieut. T.E.

"Killed 6.10.17"

I saw him killed near Menin Road at our battery position. A shell landed almost at his feet, and blew him to pieces. I knew him very well, he was in the 104th How.Battery at time of casualty. He was a very popular officer, and very much liked by all the men in the battery. I was only a few yards away at time of casualty and it was impossible to gather his remains in order to effect a burial.

Witness:- Dvr. J. Bowden 11815
104th How.Bty.
3rd A.A. Hospital.
Dartford.

W. Oman.

London.
22.1.18.

P.I.

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24-11-17

Wro Batchelor

104th Howitzer Bty.

B. 17.

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Alt.

Lt. F. E. Mackmore

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114th Howitzer Bty.

6-10-17

26. 11. 17.
A. 1. B.

B. 5. 7

(19.12.17)

Captain E. R. Gustelius

104 Hovitz Battery

A. 7. A.

B. 8. 4.

Comdr. Officer

abt Lieut. 7. E. Muckmore

114 Hovitz Battery

A. 7. A.

K 6-10-17

20-12-17
DT.

Sub. 123.
Letter 11-1-18

Lt T. E. MURCHMORE

L. F. A. B.

R/A 6-10-17

P. 1. (C)

No 1 Command Hospital

Madam

10. 1. 18

The Secretary
Australian Red Cross Society

Dear Madame

With reference to your enquiry
the Lieut T. E. Murchmore, A. F. B. was at the Dragon
line on the day of his death, he was killed behind
Westhoek Ridge & buried at Bird Cross Road
about one mile north of Ypres, Major Burke was
in command of the company, as he was on
the spot at the time of his death can give you
the fullest information

E. J. Armstrong Capt

Capt. E.R. Gustafson,
A.I.F., No 1 Command Depot,
Warminster.

January 14th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer
to our enquiry concerning

Lt. T.E. HUGHES

The information you have given will be of much assistance
to us and of value to our enquirers.

We thank you too for supplying us with Major Bucke's
name as one who is likely to give us fullest information.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

O.S.

8th November,

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Mr. Bloomesbury,
Messrs. The American Tobacco Co.,

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to tell you that the only information that Headquarters can give us regarding Lieut. Thomas Ernest Muchmore, is that he was killed in action on the 6th October. Miss Deakin has added the name to the list for enquiry, and as soon as she gets further particulars she will let you know. The Australian Headquarters at present is swamped with the number of casualties that are being reported every day, and it is very difficult to get information of any sort.

Yours faithfully,

Major E.L. Burke, M.O.,
O.C., 104th Howitzer Battery,
Australian Field Artillery.
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We are writing to know whether you can give us any definite information concerning the burial place of

Lt. T.E. HUGHMORE, of your unit.

who was Killed 6-10-17. We have had several contradictory reports about it, so are applying to you, as Major Harbottle was sure you could supply us any information available. You will be surprised that we are so late in asking for this but through an error a letter sent on 16th January apparently was not posted.

Apologising for troubling you, and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY. *per H.J.*

26. 11. 17.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU).

54, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.



Wro. Batcheloe

104th Howitzer Bty. A.F.G.

B.I.F.

C.I.F.

Dear Sir,

an officer

We are making enquiries for ~~some~~ of your Unit.

St. T. E. Muchmore 114th Howitzer Bty.

H. 6-10-17

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning *St. T. E. Muchmore* but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a Soldier's Cemetery, where the grave would be registered. We should also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

Yours faithfully,

Kara Bealish

SECRETARY.

NOTE. In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for; as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identifying the soldier about whom you are writing.



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VICTORIA 8576
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Telegraphic Address:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for ~~you~~^{an officer} of your unit

Lt. F. E. Muchmore, 114th Howitzers Battery
K in A 6.10.17 A.F.A.

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning Lt. F. E. Muchmore but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldier's cemetery where the grave would be registered. We should also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin. Not known with
SECRETARY 114th How. Bat
15.2.18.

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