

## **First World War Service Record of George Angus Murray**

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Lieutenant G.A. Murray,  
Royal Engineers.

"KILLED IN ACTION" 4th October, 1918.

Next of Kin :-

Mrs Murray  
12, Lonsdale Sq  
S.W.1

~~H. Murray, Esq. (Father)~~  
~~Worcester,~~  
~~Henfield,~~  
~~Sussex.~~

Alfred Lowe  
to

M.S.3. (Cas.)  
9.10.18.

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# TERRITORIAL FORCE.

4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 836 Name George Angus Murray Corps London Electrical Engineer

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? George Angus Murray
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Belgaum in or near the Town of Bombay in the County of India
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your Age? 18 Years 9 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Engineering Student, R. S. of Marine
6. In whose employ are you? Royal School of Artillery
7. Where do you now reside? Worley, Kenfield, Sussex
8. Are you now an Apprentice? if so, please state particulars No
9. Are you married? No
10. Do you now belong to the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Royal Navy, the Army Reserve (Regular or Special), or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what Corps? No
11. Have you ever served in the Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Territorial Force, the Royal Navy, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve (Regular or Special), or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, please state Corps and cause of discharge No
12. Do you belong, or have you belonged, to any Cadet Corps or Battalion? Junior Division, Malvern College, Gt.
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? No
14. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning? Yes
15. Are you willing to be attested for the term of 4 years (provided His Majesty should so long require your services) for service in the Territorial Force of the County of London Yes

Amendment for question 16.—Army Forms E. 501 and E. 501A (9/London County/323).

16. Do you understand—

- (a) That during the first year of your original enlistment you will be required to attend the number of drills and fulfil the other conditions prescribed for a recruit of the arm or branch of the service which you have elected to join? Yes
- (b) That you will be required to complete such preliminary training by the 31st October next following your original enlistment, unless before that date you obtain permission from your Commanding Officer to complete it afterwards, but that in any case you must complete it within 12 months of your original enlistment? Yes
- (c) That in addition to such preliminary training you will be liable to attend the number of drills and fulfil the other conditions relating to training prescribed for the arm or branch of the service which you have elected to join, and be liable to be trained for not less than 8, or more than 15 days altogether, in every year, or, if belonging to a mounted branch for not less than 8, or more than 18 days altogether, in every year, as may be prescribed, and may for that purpose be called out, once or oftener, in every year? Yes
- (d) That if you, without leave or reasonable excuse, fail to attend the number of drills required to fulfil the conditions relating to preliminary or annual training prescribed for your arm or branch of the service, you render yourself liable to a fine not exceeding £5? Yes
- (e) That when a proclamation has been issued, in case of imminent national danger or great emergency, calling out the first class Army Reserve you will become liable to be embodied? Yes
- (f) That, if your term of 4 years' service expires when a proclamation ordering the Army Reserve to be called out on permanent service is in force, you may be required to prolong your service for a further period not exceeding 12 months? Yes
- (g) That you will be liable to serve in any place in the United Kingdom without further agreement, but not in any place outside the United Kingdom unless you voluntarily undertake to do so? Yes
- (h) That you will be required to deliver up in good order, fair wear and tear only excepted, at such time and place as may be ordered by the Commanding Officer, all arms, clothing and appointments issued to you, being public property (including the property of the County Association)? Yes

A further period of preliminary training may be prescribed during the first year of original enlistment by an Order in Council, the number of days being specified, and the period of annual training in any year may be extended by an Order in Council, due notice thereof having been given, and provided that neither House of Parliament has dissented, but the whole period of annual training shall not exceed 30 days in any year.

Under the provisions of Section 99 of the Army Act, if a person knowingly makes a false answer to any question contained in the attestation paper, he renders himself liable to punishment.

I, George Angus Murray, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

George A Murray SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
Woodrum Clarke Signature of Witness.

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, George Angus Murray, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

## CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

I, W. H. H. H. H. do hereby certify, that, in my presence, all the foregoing Questions were put to the Recruit, above named, that the answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me, and that he has made and signed the Declaration, and taken the oath at London on this 20 day of July 19 12

W. H. H. H. Signature of Justice of the Peace, Officer, or other person authorised to attest Recruits.

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under Section 99 (6), Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form E. 501A.

Description of G. A. Murray on Enlistment.

MEDICAL INSPECTION REPORT.  
(Applicable to all ranks.)

Name George Angus Murray  
Apparent age 18 years 9 months.  
Height 5 feet 7½ inches.

\*Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 38¾ inches.  
Range of expansion 3¾ inches.

Vision Fit.

Physical development Good.

\* Chest measurement will be obtained by adjusting the tape so that its posterior upper edge touches inferior angles of the shoulder blades, and its anterior lower edge the upper part of the nipples, while the arms loosely by the side.

Certificate of Medical Examination.

I have examined the above-named recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations. He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; he does not suffer from hernia; and declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him \* Fit. for the Territorial Force.  
Date Feb: 20<sup>th</sup> 1912. Perceval L. Luthford Lieut: P.A.M.  
Place London. Medical Officer.

\* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing certificate only in the case of those who have been attested and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness.

Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

I hereby certify that the above-named recruit was inspected by me, and I consider him \* \_\_\_\_\_ for service in the † \_\_\_\_\_ and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_ } Recruiting Officer.  
Place \_\_\_\_\_ }  
\* Insert here "fit" or "unfit." † Insert the "Regiment" or "Corps."

\* Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the † \_\_\_\_\_ London Electrical Engineers

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date Feb: 20<sup>th</sup> 1912 Major L.E.C. } Approving Officer.  
Place London.

\* The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.  
† Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

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I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

(Signature)

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO { Mr Murray, 12 Lowndes Square - S.W.

Deeply regret that G. A. Murray R. E.  
Divisional Signalling Company killed in action  
October fourth  
The Council express sympathy.

FROM { SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE.

Register No. 51596/<sup>8</sup>  
(Accts 4.)

Extract from Letters of Administration (Will annexed).  
~~Probate of Will.~~  
Confirmation.

Dated 22nd August 1919 Granted at P.F.R.

Resealed

1. Estate of George Angus Murray of 12 Lowndes Square in the Co of  
Midd: Lieut: R.E.

2. Date and Place of Death 4th October 1918 in France made and duly executed  
his last Will & Test: and did not therein name any  
Executor

3. Will *Soldiers dated 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1916*

4. Grantees Violet Alice Murray the lawful Widow and Relict of the  
said Testator and claiming to be the Residing Legatee  
named in the said Will

5. Gross Value £ 280.17.3.

6. Disposal of Medals *To the Widow*  
Decorations

7. Extracted by ) Messrs Warren, Hurton & Miller,  
Solicitors,  
45 Bloomsbury Sq.,  
W.C.1.

8. Produced by )

9. Returned to )

10. Date of Registration 30.8.19.

I GEORGE ANGUS MURRAY do hereby declare that  
at my death all my personnell shall go to my  
wife Violet Alys Murray.

Signed this 7th day of Feb: 1916.

George A. Murray.

FP P.No.

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**FIELD SERVICE.**

REPORT of Death of an Officer to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT or CORPS	ROYAL ENGINEERS.	Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company	62nd Divisional Signal Company.
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Rank Lieutenant.

Name MURRAY. G.A.

By whom reported O.C., 62nd Divl. Signal Co., R.E.

Date of Death 4/10/1918.

DIED Place or Hospital France.

Cause of Death Killed in action.

Place of Burial -----

State whether he leaves a will or not Not known.

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All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base.

*H. Christie*  
Lt. Col. R.F.  
Officer i/c A.E. Base Records

Station and Date G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon. 14/10/1918.  
The Secretary,  
War Office, Whitehall.  
LONDON.  
(-hro! D.A.A.G.2.)

