
Private John Munro

12th Battalion Highland Light Infantry

Service No: 8163

Born / Resided

Coatbridge / 41 Coatbank St, Coatbridge

Died

Killed in Action 19/01/1916 at Hulluch

Enlisted

Hamilton 1914

Employed

Clyde Tube Works / Reservist

Age

37 / DOB - 29/12/1879

Buried / Remembered

Bois-Carre Military Cemetery, Haisnes, France

Family Information

Son of Thomas and Margaret Munro. Husband of Sarah Fisher Munro of 41 Coatbank St, Coatbridge. Father of 4 children. John's brother Private James Munro of the 1st Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers was Killed in Action on the 26/08/1914 (see index). John had 2 other brothers serving, Daniel in the Highland Light Infantry and Thomas in the Kings Own Scottish Borderers. His wife had 6 brothers serving and this was acknowledged by the King

Additional Information

John was killed with 3 comrades as they arrived to relieve the Cameronians at 9th Avenue trench at Hulluch. John initially enlisted in the Cameronians in 1897, transferring as a Regular with the Royal Scots and serving in South Africa and India before joining the Reserve in 1906. He served 18 years in the Army. He is listed as 4TH BATTALION on the Memorial. Grave photo donated by Mick McCann at the britishwargraves.co.uk. Also remembered on the St Patricks Church Roll of Honour (see photos)



Likeness

Campaign: **1914-15.** (A) Where decoration was earned.
 (B) Present situation.

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| (A) MUNRO | 14th | Plt | 8163 | 8/24 | 05 | 346 |
| (B) John | | | | 15 | 8/12 | 54 |

Action taken: **K in A**

THEATRE OF WAR: **(1) France**

QUALIFYING DATE: **24-3-15**

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Correspondence.

Address.

Medal Index Card

COATBRIDGE DEAD HERO'S WIFE.
ACTION DESCRIBED.

Mrs. Murray, 41 Coatbridge Street, Coatbridge, has received the following letter from Lieut. Frank Adamson, C Coy., H.L.I., France:—

"Dear Madam—I received your letter of 27th ult. I regret to confirm the information conveyed to you by another soldier of this regiment. However, your husband's head was not blown off, but a heavy lance wound which resulted in instantaneous death. I might tell you of the noble way in which your brave husband met his death. A large portion of our trench was taken in by the enemy's artillery which landed several of our men, and he with other three men went without orders to dig them out, and were engaged in this when another shell landed and annihilated us the four. I can also assure you that he was carried back from the trench and given a proper burial, which he well deserved. The heartfelt sympathy of the officers and men of C Company goes to you in this terrible loss, and indeed feel the loss of an ideal soldier."

Deceased, who was a reservist, was killed on 19th Jan. He was 35 years of age, and leaves a widow and four of a family. He was employed in Clyde Iron Works, and was in the Army 18 years, and has the King and Queen's medals. Deceased was well known and highly respected in Coatbridge, and has three brothers with the colours, namely Daniel in H.L.I., Thomas in K.O.S.B., and Patrick (missing since the retreat of Mons) in the Irish Fusiliers. His wife has six brothers serving King and country. One brother, Fisher, a recruit that was taken, lodged by the King a few months ago.

Airdrie and Coatbridge Advertiser 12/02/1916

PRIVATE MUNRO KILLED IN ACTION.

Mrs Munro, of Coatbank Street, has received information that her husband, Private John Munro, 12th H.L.I., was killed in action in France on 12th January. Private Munro, who was a reservist and was called up at the outbreak of war, was 35 years of age, and leaves a widow and four of a family. He was employed in Clyde Iron Works, and was in the Army 18 years, and has the King and Queen's medals. Deceased was well-known and highly respected in Coatbridge, and has three brothers with the colours, namely Daniel in H.L.I., Thomas in K.O.S.B., and Patrick (missing since the retreat of Mons) in the Irish Fusiliers. His wife has six brothers serving King and country (the Brothers Fisher), a record that was acknowledged by the King a few months ago.

Coatbridge Express 09/02/1916

PRIVATE JOHN MUNRO KILLED.

Official intimation has been received that Private John Munro, 4th H.L.I., who resided in Coatbank Street, Coatbridge, has been killed in action. Munro was employed in the Clyde Tube Works prior to enlisting. He is survived by a widow and young family. Mrs Munro has six brothers serving in the Army.

Coatbridge Leader 05/02/1916



Grave

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