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1914 Lance Corporal Alfred Bryant Easther

27th Battalion



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27th Batt.
A.I.F.,

EASTHER
L/Cpl B 1914

"Died of Wounds"

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Ce t. by letter from A Williams,
R.A.M.C.
1 Can. Gen. Hospital, P.I.
Etaples. 3.5.17.

London
8.5.17.

A.I.F. 27th Btn

EASTHER
L/C Bryant (A.B) 1914

"W. 3-8-16 & D. of wds later"

Died of wounds 16-9-16 at 1st Canadian General Hospital
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 17-4-17.

P.I.

London
18-4-17

Card 16.4.17

Worgret Camp.
Wareham.

April 14th 1917.

The Secy Australian Branch, B.R.C.S.

Dear Madam,

Will you kindly make enquiries for my of Lce Cpl. No 1914. Bryant. Eastbn. of the 27th Batt 7th Bde. A.I.F. He was wounded about the 30th of August and died of Wounds after. Thanking you for past favors

Believe me yours Sincerly

27th B. Lce Cpl. G. L. Pike.
"A" Company
70th Battalion
A.I.F. Wareham.

20th April 1917.

2761 L/Cpl G.L.Pike,
A.Coy.
70th Aust: Inf: Btn:
Wareham Dorset.

Dear Sir,

With regard to your enquiry about - 1914 L/Cpl A.B. Easther, 27th Battn, we have received from Headquarters, the report that he died of wounds 16-9-16, at 1st Canadian General Hospital, France. We have not found out any details so far, but shall endeavour to do so.

Regretting that we can tell you no more at present,

Yours faithdully,

Secretary

20th April 1917.

To The Officer Commanding,
1st Canadian General Hospital,
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We would be so grateful if you could give us any details of the death and burial of -

1914 L/C. Bryant Easther, 27th Btn, A.I.F.

who is reported as having died of wounds at the 1st Canadian General Hospital on 16-9-16.

We are making these inquiries on behalf of his relations in Australia, to whom any particulars will be of the greatest value.

With many apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,
MR
Secretary

No 1 Can. Gen. Hospital
Etaples: France. B.E.F.
May 3rd /14

Mr. V. Deakin
Secretary
Australian Red Cross Society

Dear Sir. D Rwdo.

Your letter to the O.C. of No 1 Can Gen Hospital of Ap. 20th has been handed to me to answer. I was on "J" ward at the time of L/Cpl B.E. Esther 27 Bn Death. Sister Simpson wrote to his mother in answer to a letter which arrived for the Cad a week or so after his death. In her letter

No. 1 Can. Gen. Hospital
Etaples: France. B.E.F.
May 3rd/14

Mr. V. Deakin
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Australian Red Cross Society

Dear Sir: [illegible]

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I remain.

Yours sincerely,

[illegible] M/S

C.A.M.C.

P.I.

7/4/17

The Matron
No. 1. Canadian General Hospital.
B.E.F.

Dear Madam.

We are so very much obliged for the information you have given us concerning L/C B. Easther 27 in Batt A.I.F.

It was one of his Comrades and not his mother who was enquiring for him through our office, but we are glad to know his Mother has already received full information through you.

Thanking you again,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Bay:C.

11.6. 17

2761. L/Corpl. G.H. Pike
70th Batt. A.I.F.
4th Aust. Com. Depot
Worget Camp
Wareham

Dear Sir,

In answer to your inquiry for 1919 L/Cpl. B. Easther 27th Batt. A.I.F. who died of wounds 16.9.16 at 1st Canadian General Hospital, we have received the following information from the O.C. of this hospital:-

"I was in J ward at the time of L/Cpl. Easther's death. The case was a very sad one as so many of the head cases are. The end came very quietly at the last and one felt very thankful when it was all over for him. Even if he had recovered his mind might have been a blank, and all things considered he is better of".

Regretting that the news we are forwarding is of so sad a nature,

Yours faithfully

MR.

Secretary