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3792 Private
Allison Bell

7th Machine Gun Company



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3 Dairy St
Skerton
Lancaster Dec 16th/15

Dear Sir

Just a few lines to let you know I have received my Husbands (Pte 3792 Bell 4th M.G. Co, A.I.F (deceased) deferred pay, for which I wrote to you a short while ago, asking your advice on the matter, I thought it was only right, and proper, to thank you very much, for aiding me in this important matter, and the trouble you have been put to concerning same thanking you Once again for your kindness to me in my great sorrow and trouble. Also wishing you every Success in your continued good work

I Remain
Yours Respectfully
Mrs M.J. Bell
3 Dairy St
Lancaster

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7 Oct 18

3, Daisy St
Lancaster Oct 6th/18.

Sir

I am just writing these few lines to you, hoping they will cause no offence, in regard to the deferred pay of my (deceased) husband Pte Allison Bell, No 3792, 7th Batt Glen Coy. Australian Imperial Force, who was killed in action, on Oct 8th 1917, and who in his letters to me, told me in case that if anything serious should happen to him whilst doing his duty, I should receive his deferred pay, as they kept a shilling a day out of his pay for that object. Also I have been informed from Australian sources that the above is correct, and as yet I have received nothing of same as

any word respecting it; so thought I would you for an explanation of same, as it is 12, months; on the 8th of this month since I received notification of her death in Action, so would thank you very much if you would give the matter, your careful consideration, and kindly inform me as to same; & meanwhile in anticipation, your early reply. Once again thanking you for past favours to me, and promptitude in dispatch, wishing you every "success" in your good work.

I Remain

Yours Respectfully

Mrs. M. A. Bell

3, Daisy St.

Skerton.

Lancaster.

HQ first enquiry

Docket Dept of Public Buildings & Works 15-3-18 Letter in this matter

Docket to Curator 15-3-18

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Bell
Allison K. 3792
7 M.G.C

Wife (as per letter) wrote to HQ 1-10-18 asking if her money is now available

There is no will

The documents in connection have sent to the Curator of Public Enemy Property WO 5. 3-18

There is hardly time for a reply. W.O. is particularly slow in this matter - A Cable might expedite W/O-Rott. HQ 5-10-18

A.I.F. 59. A.I.F.Ofc. No. 3346.

Mrs Ryans
re Major
Ryans
A.I.F. Details
Dorset.

A. April 9th 1918. Pets.

He was killed on April 9th at Hazel and was buried at Hamelet cemetery. His two brothers were in the 2 8th Battn and went to look at his grave and a shell came and hit one of them killing him too.

Clifford Allison, 3346, was in 59.A. He came from Warragul, Victoria, and saw him killed and was only just far enough off to get out of it. He was with a Regt. pony and a minnewerfer landed right in the post killing him and two others outright, while a fourth man died of wounds.

Inf: Pte J.Hazon. 3497. 59.B.XVI (late of A.Co)
A.I."Brighton".
(A.A.G. 13.8.1918.

COY.

7th M.G.C.
A.I.F.

BELL.
Allison. 3792.

"Killed in Action"

Wife (as per letter) wrote to H.Q. 1-10-18.
asking if her money was available. There was no will.
The Documents in connection were sent to the Public Curator
Intestate Estates Western Australia. 15-3-18.

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H.Q. 5-10-18.

London.
15-10-18.

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A.I.F.
7th M.G.Coy.

BELL. Pte.
Allison. 3792.

"WHEREABOUTS".

"Approved deferred pay posted 8-10-18 Wife."

London.
22.11.18.

P. & P.I.

October 14th, 1918.

Mrs.H.J.Bell.
3 Daisy Street.
Skerton. Lancs.

Dear Madam.

In answer to your letter of the 6th inst., referring to the deferred pay of your late husband - 3792 Pte. ALLISON BELL. 7th Machine Gun Coy. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that after investigation at A.I.F. Headquarters where we learn that all the papers about the case had been sent to Australia in March. We cabled to our Office in Perth,Australia asking them to obtain particulars and to cable the result. It will necessarily take some time but as soon as we receive their reply we will communicate again with you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

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21st November, 1918.

Mrs. M. J. Bell,
3 Daisy Street,
Skerton, LANCS.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry concerning the deferred pay of your husband, No. 3792 Pte. A. Bell, 7th Machine Gun Coy. A.I.F. (who is officially reported to have been killed in action on 8.10.17) we beg to inform you that we have just received a cable from our Perth Office to the effect that the approval concerning his deferred pay as posted to you on 8. 10. 18.

For any further information we would advise you to apply to:

The Pay Department,
A.I.F. Headquarters,
130 Horseferry Road, S.W.1.

Trusting that you will soon receive the letter referred to, and assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours very truly,

MR SECRETARY.