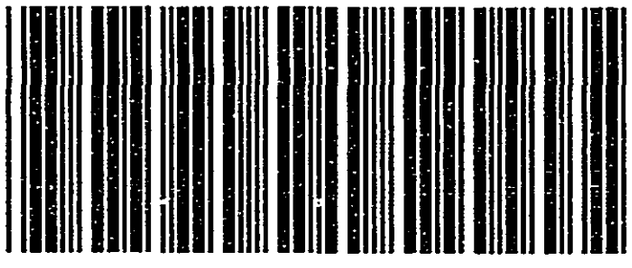
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5540 Private
Cecil Robert Atherton

21st Battalion



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A.I.F. 21st Batn.

Cecil Robert
3540

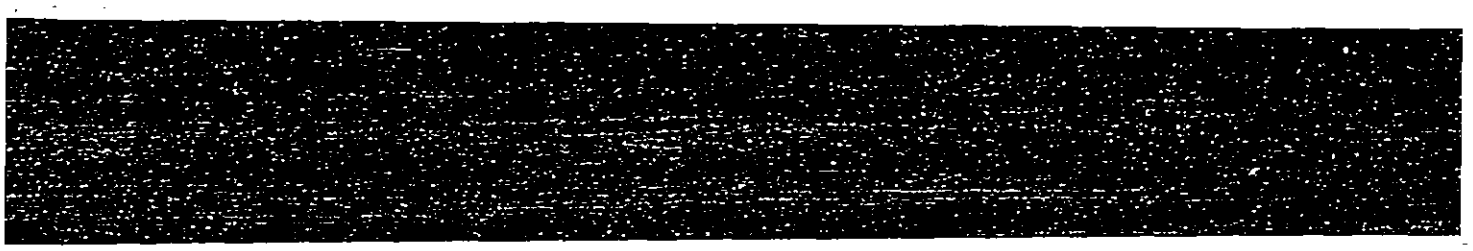
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Died of wounds 21.3.17 at 45th Casualty Clearing Station
Cert. by [illegible] Index

Gun shot wound lumber region and abdomen - buried at Dernancourt
Cemetery Known: 2½ miles S.W. of Albert
Cert. by A.I.F. Wire 29.11.18

London
28.11.18

P. I.



21st Batn.,
A.I.F.

ATHERTON,
C.R. 5540.

"Died of wounds - 21-3-18."

"He was admitted to this C.C.S. on the 21st March, 1917 with severe shell wound of the lumber region, penetrating the abdomen. He died shortly after admission. He was buried at the Military Cemetery Dernacourt, which is 3 miles southwest of Albert. I regret I can give you no further details.

Letter from:- Horace Pinches,
O.C. 45th C.C.S.

London,
19-12-18.
J.E.A.

P. I.

A.I.F.
21st Btn.
B.Co.

ATHERTON.
Pte. C.R. 6840.

Killed 21.3.17.

Height 5'7", Complex. age -

It was reported amongst the Unit about the 23rd that Atherton was killed on the Sector in front of Warneton on the early morn of 21.3.17. Did not see him buried but it would probably be near Hill 63. in a cemetery near Messines Ridge.

Informant:- Pte. C.R. Ken. 6848
21st Btn. D.Co. 14th Plt.
A.I.F. Third Lt.
3rd A.A.Hpl. 24.4.19.

Home address:-
G.P.O.
Melbourne. Vic.

NOTE:- Buried Dernancourt (Off).

O.S.W.
London.
6.5.19.
J.T.A.

P.I.

R.C.
29.11.18

YMCA
WITH THE
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

France
Nov 26th 1918.

To the,
Secretary,
Aust. Red Cross (Enquiry Bureau)
Dear Sir,
Very sorry to trouble you, but could you tell me how Pte 5754 C.E.P. Chilcott. 15 Rein. 2nd Battalion was killed. He was reported killed at Bullecourt 20th 1917. I would very much like to know as he is a brother of mine, I have been trying this 12 months & can't get any information hoping to hear something shortly,

Yours truly Alice,
1955 Emu.
E. L. Chilcott.
4th Company. Aust. A.S.C.
1st Divisional Train
France.

P.T.O.

5540
C. R. Atherton
21 Bttn
D/W 21.3.17
P.I. 2.
45 C.C.S.
B.E.F.

Dec: 9th
1918

Dear Madam. With reference to your enquiry about No 5540 Pte C.R. Atherton 21st Bn A.I.F. I beg to inform you that he was admitted to this C.C.S. on the 21st March 1917 with some shell wound of the lumbar region, penetrating the abdomen. He died shortly after admission He was buried at-

the Military Cemetery
DERNANCOURT, which
is 3 miles south west
of Albert. I regret I
can give you no
further details.

Yours faithfully

Horace E. Nicholls

Lt. Col. R.A.M.C.

O.C. 45 C.C.S.

M.E.F.

6955,
Pte. C.C.Atherton,
1 Coy. A.S.C.
A. I. F.
FRANCE.

3/12/18.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry regarding your brother 554C. Pte. C.R.Atherton. 21st Battn. A.I.F. We regret to have to confirm our report that he died of wounds on 21.3.17 at the 45th C.C.Station. A.I.F, as a result of a gun shot wound in the lumbar region and abdomen.

He is buried at Dernancourt Cemetery Extension, 2½ miles S.S.W. of Albert. We are pursuing our enquiries, and if any further details come to hand we will at once advise you.

Assuring you of our very sincere sympathy in your great loss, and with all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

E Bellelle

January 7th, 1919.

6955 C.O.Atherton,
1st Coy. A.S.C.
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry re 5540 Pte. CECIL ROBERT ATHERTON. 21st Battalion, A.I.F. who is officially reported to have died of wounds on 21.3.17, We beg to inform you that we have received the following particulars from the O.C. 45th Casualty Clearing Station, "He was admitted to this Casualty Clearing Station on the 21st March 1917, with severe shell wound of the lumbar region, penetrating the abdomen. He died shortly after admission. He was buried at the Military Cemetery Dernacourt which is three miles south west of Albert." Should we receive any further particulars we will immediately communicate with you.

Assuring you of our deepest sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

G.W.G

Ans.
11.6.19.

Keyesbury.
June. 7th 19. Camp.

The Secretary.
Aust Red Cross Society,

Dear Madam;

Once again I am troubling you; I hope this won't put you to any trouble;
Could you get me a Photo of Pte. E. R. Atherton 5540, 2nd Coatt, A.I.F. killed on the 21-3-17 grave; I would very much like to take a snap home with me; just to show my mother.
Thanking you once again for past favours,
I am
Yours faithfully.
6955. Driver
H. O. Atherton.
49 Quota.
A. Company.
Keyesbury Camp. Wilts
England.

P.S. Awearly answer will oblige

12th June 1919.

6955 Driver H.C.Atherton,
49 Quota
A.Company,
Heytesbury Camp, WILTS.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 7th inst., concerning a photograph of the grave of - 5540 Pte. Cecil Robert Atherton 21st Btn A.I.F., we would advise you to apply direct to the Graves Department A.I.F. Headquarters, 130 Horseferry Rd, S.W.1 for a copy, as this organisation now deals with all matters concerning the graves of Australian soldiers. You should give Pte.Atherton's full regimental particulars and a permanent address in Australia to which you wish the photograph sent. You will receive a copy as soon as this available, but some months may elapse before you do so, owing to the great number of applications received.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

D. S.