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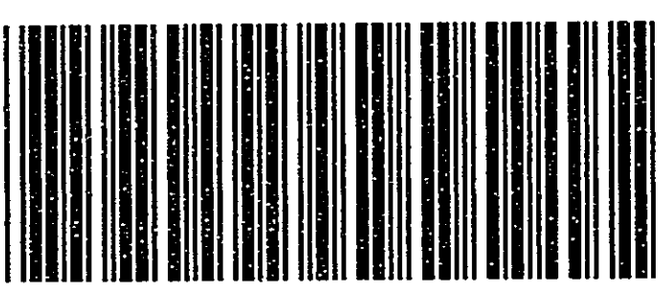
5292 Private Edward Francis Lennon

1st Battalion



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1st A.I.F.

11th March 1918.

Lennon E.F. No.5292.

K. 7th May 1917. Det B/B.

I knew Lennon for 8 months; he was medium height, strongly built, medium brown hair, about 27, and was from N.S.Wales. On the 7th May the Batt'n was at Bullecourt and holding the trench, which the 2nd Division had taken from the Germans that morning. About 2 p.m. I saw a stick bomb on the side of the trench where we were. The plug was right off, and the button was left hanging. The bomb was dislodged, fell, and exploded. I saw Lennon killed and he was carried out. I do not know of burial. We held the ground.

Inf:- Pte J. Taylor No.5049.
1st A.I.F. A.Co. 2 Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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A.I.F. 1. LENNON N.F. 5292.

K. 7.5.17.

This was the only man of the name in A.Co. I recognise his No. and initials. He was wounded in the German counter attack at Bullecourt on 6th.May, at about 1 p.m. This was in the Hindenburg line. He was very badly wounded by a hand grenade in the left thigh and also in the right hand and back. I did not see him hit but came along as soon as I heard he had been. I gave him a nip of rum. He was conscious and quite cheerful. He was carried down to a D.S. in about ¼ hour. One of the S/B's was Pte.C.H. Monk, A.Co. He is now at Castrey(?) Reinforcement Camp, I believe.

N.H.

References: Sgt. Marks. 2394. A.Co.
L.G. School.

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Written Pte. Monk 19.3.18

1st Battn.
A. I. F.

Lennon.
E. F. 5292

"Died of Wounds 7.5.17"

Re E.F.Lennon. Pte. Lennon was admitted to Hospital on 4th May 1917 and died on the 7th from wounds in the arm and leg (amputated) He was buried by Fr.Cullen S.J. in the Cemetery adjoining the C.C. Stn the same day. As Fr.Cullen was living in the Hospital the man would have had all the last rites of the Church.

Letter from:-
E.T.Maloney (Catholic Priest)
3rd C.C.Stn.
France. 13.9.17.

London.
24.9.17.

S.
P.I.

A.I.F. 16/1st Btn

LENNON
E.F. 5292

"K. in A 7-5-17"

Died of wounds 7-5-17 at 3rd C.C.Stn France
Ceft. by A.I.F.Hqrs 3-9-17

S & P.I.

London
8-9-17

A.I.F. 16/1st Btn

LENNON
E.F. 5292

"K in A 7-5-17"

Died of wounds 7-5-17 at 3rd C.C.Stn France
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 3-9-17.

P.I.

London
6-9-17

1st Battn.
A.Coy. 2nd Pltn.
A.I.F.

LENNON.
E. F. 5292

"Died of Wounds 7.5.17"

I saw him killed at Bullecourt. He was caught by a shell and badly mutilated, death being instantaneous. I knew him very well, he was the only man of that name in the Coy. We held the ground, but I do not know place of burial and cannot refer to anyone for details.

Witness:-
Cpl.I.Kessel 4450
1st Battn.B.Coy.
3rd Aust.Aux.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
12.11.17.

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P.I.

(19.3.18)

162 Pte G.H. Monk S/B
a Coy.
1st Battn. A.I.F.
abroad

Att.
5292 Pte E.F. Lennon
1st Battn. A.I.F.
K. 7.5.17.

20.3.18.
a.7.B.

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THE SALVATION ARMY

Naval and Military League

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
101 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, E.C.4

Wednesday.
27th March 1918.

Dear Madam:-

RE:- 5292. Pte.E.F.Lannon.
1st Batt. A.I.F.

Thank you for your kind interest and help in obtaining news respecting the death of the above soldier, I have passed the informationon to the relatives, who desire me to thank you for all your kind assistance.

Yours faithfully,

per.....

Lieut Colonel.

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TO:- The Secretary.
The Australian Red Cross Society.
36, Grosvenor Place,
S.W.

23rd March, 1918.

Colonel Mary Murray,
Salvation Army,
Naval & Military League,
101, Queen Victoria Street. E.C.4.

Dear Madam,

We beg to inform you that we have received another unofficial report respecting:-

5292 Pte. E. F. Lennon. 1st Battn., A.I.F.

Informant, 2394 Sgt. Marks, of the same unit states that Pte. Lennon was wounded severely by a hand grenade in the right hand and back, and also in the left thigh at Bullecourt, about 1p.m. on May 6th. Informant did not see him hit, but as soon as he heard of it came up, and gave him some rum. He was conscious and quite cheerful, and was carried down to a dressing station in about a quarter of an hour.

We are still continuing enquiries, and will at once advise you of any further information we may obtain.

With good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

F. S. G.

SECRETARY.

October 5th, 1917.

The Secretary,
International Head Quarters,
Army & Navy League,
101, Queen Victoria St, E.C.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you of the letter which we have received from the Roman Catholic Chaplian attached to the 3rd Casualty Clearing Station about the death of

No 5292 Pte.E.F.Lennon,
1st Battalion,
A.I.F.

He writes that Pte.Lennon was admitted on May 4th suffering from wounds in the arm and leg which has to be amputated and he died on May 7th, his burial taking place the same day in the cemetery adjoining the hospital. The Roman Catholic Chaplain,Father S.J.Cullen who was then living in the hospital and who conducted the burial service, no doubt performed the last rites of the church before Pte.Lennon's death.

We have added his name to our inquiries and as soon as we receive news of the circumstances of his casualty we shall advise you.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY

3rd April 1918.

Col. Mary Murray,
Salvation Army, Naval & Military League,
International H/Qs, 101, Queen Victoria St,
E.C. 4.

Dear Madam,

We beg to inform you that we have received another unofficial report respecting - 5292 Pte.E.F.LENNON, 1st Battalion, A.I.F. - 6049 Pte.J.Mellor, of the same unit, reports that on May 7th the Battn, was holding a trench at Bullecourt which had been taken from the enemy that morning, when he saw Pte.Lennon killed instantly by a stick bomb. He was carried away but Pte.Mellor knows nothing as to burial. The ground was held.

We have now closed our enquiry, but will at once advise you should any further information be received.

We have also received an unofficial report respecting 325 H.McT.KENNEDY. 22nd Machine Gun Coy, A.I.F. 3352 Pte.B.J.ELMES No 3 Section states that he believes Pte.Kennedy and another were both killed instantly by a shell at Zonnebeke. Pte.Elmes went next day to the spot to fetch any parts of the machine guns but there was hardly anything left of them, and both the men had been buried near where they fell.

We are continuing enquiries about Pte. Kennedy and will at once advise you of any information we may obtain.

Yours faithfully,

F. S. Geoye

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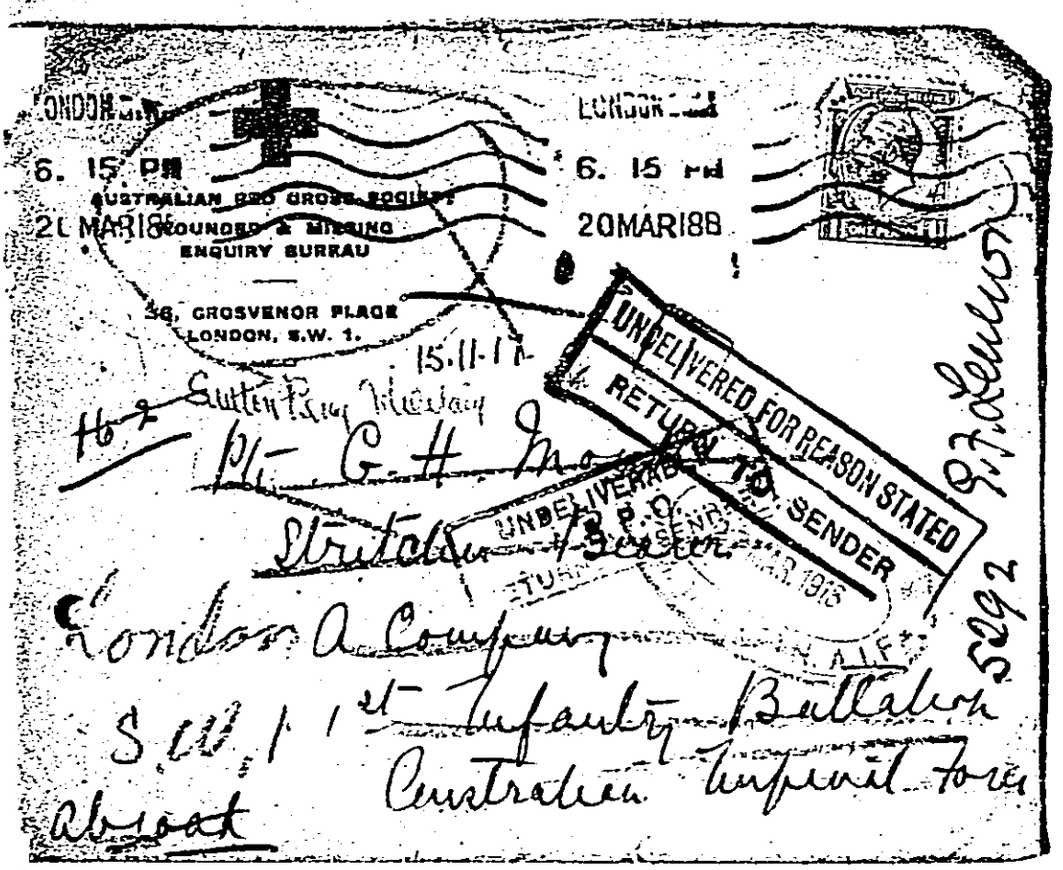

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S.W. 1 1st Infantry Battalion
Australian Imperial Force
Abroad

5292 P.F. Lennon

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SECRETARY, WOUNDED AND MISSING — ENQUIRY BUREAU — AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

20. 3. 18.

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36, GROSVENOR PLACE,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

162 Pte G. H. Mouk S/B
A Coy. 1st Balln. G.17
Abroad

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

5-292 Pte E. F. Lennon 1st Balln. G.17.
K. 7. 5. 17.

and have been told that you may be able to help us by supplying some information.

We should be most grateful for any details you can send us concerning him, but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field, or in a soldiers' cemetery where the grave would be registered. We would also be glad if you could add a short description of his personal appearance or any points that might help to prove his identity.

In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number, as without these particulars delay and confusion might be caused in identifying the soldier about whom you have written.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Lina Deakin Pte G.1.B.
Secretary.

Reference No. 4

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THE SALVATION ARMY

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INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
101 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, E.C.

29th August 17.
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Dear Sir,

I shall be very grateful if you can give me any information regarding:—

Full Name..... E.F.Lennon .....

Rank or Rating..... Pte .....

Regimental Number, etc.....5292.....

Name of Ship or Regiment.....16th Reinforcements. 1st Batt: A.I.F.....

Number of Battalion.....

Number or letter of Coy. or Battalion.....

Brigade..... Division.....

Force.....Killed in France 7th May 17.....

We should be grateful for some news regarding the death of this soldier, and also if possible some particulars as to where he is buried.

Enquirer.....

Yours truly,

MARY MURRAY.
per.....
Secretary Naval & Military League.

TO:- The Australian Red Cross
54, Victoria St.S.W.

~~*Officer in Charge of Records.*~~

6.9.17. G

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
(WOUNDED AND MISSING INQUIRY BUREAU),
54, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

The O C 3rd Casualty Clearing Station
B.E.F.

About 5292 Pte E F Lennon 16/1st Battalion A.I.F.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the Wounds, Death and Burial of the above who died in your Hospital on 7.5.17. and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

With apologies for troubling you.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY.

NOTE. We have been informed by various C.O's and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience. Unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above, we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

Pte Fennon E F 3rd Batt^n
A I F G S W leg (amput)
& arm. Adm^d 4 5/17 Died
7 5/17 Buried 7 5/17 — (B7)
R C Reed E J Cullen

3rd C.C.S. France.
Sep. 13. 17.

Dear Miss Deakin

Re. Enclosed query

Private Seimon was admitted to Hospital on 4th May 1917 & died on the 7th from wounds in the arm & leg (amputated)

He was buried by Fr. Cullen S.J. in the Cemetery adjoining the C.C.S, the same day

Sincerely Yrs.

S.J. Mahoney (Catholic Priest).

P.S. As Fr. Cullen was living in the Hospital the man would have had all the last rites of the Church.

September 7th, 1917.

The Secretary,
Salvation Army Naval & Military League,
101, Queen Victoria St, E.C.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your inquiries about

5292 Pte. E.F.Lennon,
1st Battalion,
A.I.F.

we regret very much to tell you that we have heard officially that he died of wounds on 7.5.17 at the 3rd Casualty Clearing Station, B.E.F., to whose O.C., we are writing for full particulars of his death and burial which we will forward to you soon as they come to hand.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

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INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
101 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, E.C.

9th October 17.

Dear Sir:- 5292 16/1 Bltn

RE:- Pte.E.F.Lennon.

Thank you for all the information you have so kindly secured for us regarding the death of this soldier, I am passing this to the brother who enquired and I am sure he will be most grateful for all the interest you have taken in the case.

Yours faithfully,

MARY MURRAY.
per.....

Lieut-Colonel.

TO:- The Secretary,
The Australian Red Cross,
54, Victoria St..S.W.