

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

2670 Private
Andrew Cameron
Kneath

47th Battalion



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A.I.F. 47.

KNEATH, A.C. 2670.

K. Oct. 12th, 1917. Det. D/B.

A. C. Kneath was I think in D. coy. His number was about 2670. He had red hair, was clean shaven, about 5ft. 2 and about 19 or 20. I was told by Pte. W. Turner of D. coy. that he had seen Kneath killed by a shell during the engagement at Passchendaele about 12th Oct. Kneath was killed just before our battn. was relieved. I never heard where he was buried.

Inf. Pte. W. Brittain, 2623. E.V.

No. 1.C.C.

BOULOGNE. 5.4.18. AGL.

Letter addressed to Pte W. Turner returned, marked "Missing" B(1-5-18)
no trace of Pte W. Turner 2728 a.s./w. written Turner 15/4/18.
J.A. 7/6/18. 26.4.18

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KNEATH, A.C. 2670.

Z.Oct.12/17. Det. D/B.

He was in A Co. 4 Pl. His initials were A.C. We attacked at Passchendaele, Oct.12 about midday. Our objective was the ridge, or part of it. After gaining the Ridge we couldn't hold it and had to retire. As we were retiring he had a shell all to himself and was blown to pieces. I was not an eyewitness; not a trace of his body could be found. He came from Rockhampton(?) Queensland. L/Cpl.B.Chant, A. 4 saw the casualty. He was with the Bn. when I left 2 days ago.

Reference: H.King, 2039. B. H.Q. formerly 4 Pl.
No.5 General, Rouen. 10.7.18.

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Written Chant

25.7.18

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47th Battn.
A.I.F.

KNEATH,
A.C. 2670.

"Killed in Action 12-10-17"

Re 2670. Pte. A.C. Kneath, 4th Platoon, A. Coy 47th Bn
Killed in Action 12-10-17. Pte Kneath and I were both in the
same platoon and he and I were always together, but the action
in which he was killed. I was not there, but I know a man who
was with him the time he was struck and killed. That man
being L/Cpl Seeger, now in the 45th Battalion. Cpl Seeger
told me all about Pte Kneath's death after the action and if you
write to him, he will be able to give you full particulars as to
when and where he was buried. All I know is what Cpl Seeger
told me.

Letter from:- Pte. F A. Ferris 3138.
London. B. Coy. 48th Bn. Inf: Bgde. 12.
17-10-18. FRANCE. 7-10-18.
Note:- Written L/Cpl Seeger 16-10-18.

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47th Battn.,
A.I.F.

KNEATH,
A.C., 2670.

"Killed in action - 12-10-17."

"Pte. Kneath was in the same shell hole with me for three days
after 47th Battn., had retired at Passchaendael on Oct. 12th 1917.
He was killed on October 15th 1917 (not October 12th 1917 as you
state) at about between 7.0 and 8.0 p.m.

He was killed by a low burst of shrapnel, a large piece of which
entered his right shoulder. He was not killed instantly, but
passed away within five minutes. He suffered no pain at all, as
he seemed to be unconscious, so far as I remember, he never spoke.

We had not time to bury him as we were relieved half an hour
afterwards by the 11th Battn., but the party who relieved us
promised they would be sure to see him buried. He would be buried
on the field and not in a soldier's cemetery.

I did not know Pte. Kneath personally as he was not in the
same platoon as I was, but I had always heard him well spoken of and
he was very well liked by his Company.

So far as I can remember he was of slight build, short, fair
inclined to sandy complexion, with blue eyes. I took his paybook
and wallet and handed them to his Coy., Commander.

Informant:- (Cpl) Maurice A. Seeger,
45th Battn.,

A.C.K.

London, 25/11-18. J.E.D.

A.I.F.

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47th Battn.
A.I.F.

KNEATH.
A.C. 2670.

"Killed in Action 12-10-17"

He was of A. Company. At Passchendaele, I think about 15th October 1917, about 3 days after our last attack. He was sitting in a shell hole, when killed outright by shell. Don't know where he was hit. I was about 10 yards away at the time. We were relieved the same day. His body was left by sea where he was killed. Don't know his initials or number.

Informant:- Pte W. Reed. 1729.
47th Battn. A. Coy. P/W.
RED CROSS.

A.D.G.
London.
7-1-19.
J.E.A.

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HOSPITAL *King George Slum*

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME. <i>Norman</i>	Christian Name. <i>G-L</i>	Regtl. No. <i>1958 GI</i>
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<i>4 Phi</i>	SURNAME <i>Murphy</i>	Christian Name. <i>J. J.</i>	Regtl. No. <i>3414</i>
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NOTE.
In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

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| 3. Was the ground held or lost? | | 4. If In was the |
| 5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? | | 6. Was man |
| 7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. | <i>Was a Cpl. 5/110, 9</i> | |
| 8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence | <i>Intelligent - Intell</i> | |

Det. P.C. 13.11.18
J.F.D.

2670
A.C. Knauth
47th Bn

K. 12.10.17 France

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The Secretary

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Australian Red Cross Society
London.

Madam/

Re your enquiry of the
16th ult for particulars of
2670 Pte A.C. Knauth IV Platoon A.C.
47th Bn A.S.F., reported killed in action 12/10
Pte Knauth was in the same
shell hole with me for three days
after 14/10. He returned at Passchendaele
on 12/10. He was killed on
October 15/17 (not 12/17 as you state)
at about, between 7.0 - 8.0 p.m.

He was killed by a low burst
of shrapnel, a large piece of which
entered his right shoulder. He was
not killed instantly, but passed
away, within five minutes. He
suffered no pain at all as he
seemed to be unconscious; so far

as I remember he never spoke.
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we were relieved half an hour
afterwards by the 11th Btn, but
the party who relieved us promised
they would be sure to see him buried.
(He would be buried in the field
& not in a soldiers cemetery.)

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personally, as he was not in the
same platoon as me but I had always
heard him well spoken of & was
very well liked by his comrades.

So far I can remember he was
of slight build, short, fair inclined
to sandy complexion with blue eyes.

I took his paybook & wallet &
handed them to his Coy. Commander
after ~~handing them~~ I trust these
particulars will be sufficient. Being
a long time since it happened I am
not so sure in many small points as I
would like to be.

Yours truly

(611) Doanier of Seeger J.S.D.

45th Btn

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
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ENQUIRY BUREAU

25, GROVER'S PLACE
LONDON, E.W. 1.



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P.O. W. Turner 2728

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What date death please?

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File under 2670

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47th Ball

Report Section 14.11.18

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France
October 7th 1918.

Secretary,
Wounded Missing
"Enquiry Bureau"

Aus. Red Cross Society London.

Dear Secretary,

Your letter of the 25.7.18 I read
enquiring after 2670 Priv. A. C. Kneash
H. Platoon A. Coy 47th B. Battalion. Killed
in action 12.10.17. Priv. Kneash & I
were both in the same platoon and he & I
were always together, but the action in
which he was killed, I was not there.
But I know a man who was with him
the time he was struck & killed. That
man being Lance Corporal Seeger
now in the 45th B. Battalion, Corporal
Seeger told me all about Priv. Kneash's
death after the action & if you write
to him he will be able to give you
full particulars as to where & when
he was killed & where he was

buried. All I know is what Gpl
Weyler told me.

Could you give me any
information as to what became of
Priv. D. S. MacCallum 3177,
A Coy 47th Battalion. He was
reported wounded first, then after
about five months was reported to his
people as killed. I would very much
like to know what information you
can get concerning Priv. MacCallum
as his people have written to me asking
me if I knew anything of him.

Trusting you will be able to furnish
me with some information of my lost
comrade.

Yours faithfully

Priv. J. A. Jarvis 3138
Note P Coy 48th Batt
Written Gpl Sergeant 2. Jny Bodge
16.10.18

Tel.: VICTORIA { 8576
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
"THE SECRETARY,"
WOUNDED AND MISSING
— ENQUIRY BUREAU —
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36 GROSVENOR PLACE,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Plt W. Turner.

26.4.18.

D. Long 47 A.I.F.

B.G.F.

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries about a man of your unit,

2670 A. P. Kueath. 47 Batt. A.I.F.

was killed in action 12.10.17.

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) *Vera Drake*

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Secretary.