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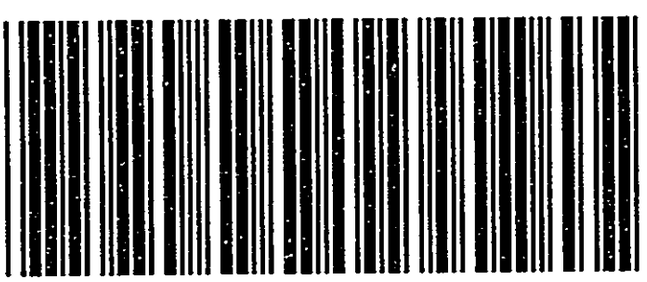
1841 Private
John Hugh Kerr

34th Battalion



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KERR
J.H. 1841

"D/Wds 8-4-18"

Died of wounds 3rd Sty Gen.Hpl Rouen 8-4-18
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Whilst here he was visited by the R.C.Padre Father Coffey.

Letter from:- John. W.B. Pegg. C.E.
No 3 Stationary Hospital.
A.P.O. 2.
B.E.F.

London.
21-5-18.

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34th BATTALION.

KERR - Pte. J.H.
No. 1841.

"Died of Wounds 8.4.18."

Kerr left with me in 1916 on the "Anchises". I knew him very well. He was very tall, about 6 ft 5 inches in height, dark with a dark moustache. On the 8th of April 1918 we were in a sunken road near Villers Bretonneux. I was about 50 yards from Kerr at the time. I saw a shell burst and I saw Kerr almost immediately. He was lying on the ground. His wounds were very severe and I heard that he died very soon after. He was a stretcher bearer and was, I think, in D. Company.

Informant: Private J.L. Allanson, No. 2028.
B. Company, 34th Battalion.

Home address: Macquarie Street, Merewether.

W.C.W.
No. 4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK.
17.3.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

34th. BATTALION A.I.F.

KERR J. H. Private
No. 1841.

Died of Wounds 8/4/18.

Informant described Kerr as about 6 feet high, well built, aged about 25 to 30. Had a brother in the Battalion.

Informant states that Kerr was in D. Company. On 8/4/18 the Battalion was at Villers Bretonneux resisting the German attack. In the afternoon while Kerr was out stretcher bearing, he was hit by a shell. Informant who was also a stretcher bearer was next to Kerr and saw him fall and also saw him carried out. Kerr spoke to those who were carrying him. Informant was told by Kerr's brother that he did not live very long.

Informant added that Kerr was well thought of by his mates.

Informant:- L/Corporal G. E. Boyle, 2898,
34th. Battalion.
Home address:- Howlong N.S.W.

W.E.G.
Anzac Buffet.
13/6/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

No 3 Stationary Hospital
15/4/18 A PO 2 13E7

1841 Pte J H Kerr 34th AIF

D/W

Dear Madam

Your letter re above was passed on to me Yesterday 1/Pte Kerr was admitted to this Hospital 5/4/18 suffering from Gunshot wounds in the thighs. They were badly Septic & one leg had to be amputated at once. It was his only chance for life but the case was practically hopeless from the start He died 8/4/18 and was

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Faithfully yrs
John W B Page CF

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O.C. Draft. 10.5.18.

The O.C.
34 Stationary Hospital
B.E.F.

1841. Private J. H. Kerr. 34th Batt
A.I.F.

D. of W. 8.4.18.

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28 JUN 1918
CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

Braigelwan
Burgh Heath Rd
Epsom
June 24th/18

Rec'd 2.7.18 (C.E. to Miss B.)

Rpte P. J. Kerr 100 (34th A.I.F. A Co)
now at Horton War Hospital Epsom
in Ward 7. is very anxious
to hear particulars of his brother's
death. J. H. Kerr 1841
34th A.I.F. D. Co

He is supposed to have died of
wounds last April (somewhere
on the Somme, he thinks he
was wounded at Villars Bretteneux?
or Bretteux?
but that is all he knows about
him. If you can send him
any further details he would

be very grateful

L. Braidwood

July 3rd, 1918.

100 Pte. P.J.KERR,
34th Battalion, A.I.F.,
Ward 7, Horton War Hospital,
EPSOM.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry of 24th ulto, (through Miss Braidwood) for

1841 Pte. J.H. KERR, 34th Battalion, A.I.F.

who is officially reported to have died of wounds at 3rd Stationary Hospital, B.E.F. on 8-4-18. We regret to forward the following report made by Chaplain J. Page attached to this hospital. He states:-

"Pte. J.H. Kerr was admitted here on 5-4-18 suffering from gun shot wounds in the thighs. They were badly septic and one leg had to be amputated at once. It was his only chance of life but the case was practically hopeless from the start. He died on 8-4-18 and was buried on 10-4-18 in St. Sever's cemetery, City of Rouen, Grave no 2128. Whilst here he was visited by the R.C. Padre--Father Coffey".

Should we obtain further particulars concerning Pte. Kerr we will again advise you.

Assuring you of our sympathy in your loss and with good wishes for your recovery.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS) M R

SECRETARY.