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3420 Private Frederick John Lee Kerr

37th Battalion



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A.I.F. 37th Btn
late 57th

KERR
Pte.Frederick JohnLee 3420

"Any casualty?"

Killed in action 25-8-18
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 28-10-18.

London
28-10-18.

P.I.

37th Batn.,
A.I.F.

KERR,
F.J.L., 3420.

"Killed 25th Aug. 1918."

He was in "D" Coy. Refer to L/Cpl. Cameron, R.J., "D" Coy., 37th Batn. who is now in England, and I think at Hurdcott, for he saw him killed.

Informant:- Sgt, Kay, W., 12817
"D" Coy., 37th Batn.,
3rd A.A.H. Dartford,

W, Cman,
London,
7-12-18.
J.E.A.

P.I.

Note:- Written L/Cpl. Camerson, 6-12-18.

37th Battn.
A.I.F.

KERR.
F.J. L. 3420.

"Killed in Action 25-8-18"

Re 2420.Pte.F.J.L.Kerr. 37th Battalion. A.I.F.
I am sorry to inform you that L/Cpl Cameron is a patient in this Hospital and is very ill and very little hopes of his recovery. He is not able to, speak very well and does not seem to remember things. We will keep your letter and should he recover, will hand it to him as soon as possible.

Letter from:- A.M.Emand. (Sister)
Ward 12. Military Hosputal.
SUTTON VENY. WILTS.

London.
28-12-18.
J.E.A.

P I.

26.10.18

3420

Pte J. J. Kerr

D. Coy 37 Bttn

See under

Pte N. Daniels

A. Coy 60 Bttn

2080. Oct. 29.

Bvr. A. W. Kerr.
49th Bty. Aust. Hd Art I.
C/o Mrs Snowball.
Hele's School.
Exeter.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your enquiry dated 24.10.18. regarding 3420. Pte F. J. L. Kerr. 37th Btn. A.I.F. we deeply regret to have to inform you that he was killed in action on 25.8.18. We are pursuing our enquiries for further details & will let you know as soon as any further particulars come to hand. Assuring you of our very sincere sympathy in your great loss.

A.I.F.
2nd Battalion

EDDINGTON Signaller
Hodley J.R. 6736

"WOUNDED."

Officially reported Admitted to County of Middlesex War Hospital, Hanshary--gunshot wound foot.

Our cable 4/6/18 and our cable and letter 30/5/18.

4/6/18.

SYDNEY INQUIRY.

C C

To

1165 L/Cpl Cameron R.J.
& Co. 37 Bttn
A.I.F.

1 Comm Depot
Sutton Verny
Wilts

about

3420 Pte F.J.L. Kerr
37 Bttn
A.I.F.

K 25.8.18

Written 6.12.18
MES

...ldfrd FRONT France

K.D.S.—V. 1287.

...ATION AS TO

Rank	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Casualty.
	Medium Trench ~~[illegible]~~ mortar Batt. (Att) A.F.A			K. Nov 15/17

...BY

...nk.	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Home Address.
	1st Batt A.I.F. T.M.B			

...INFORMANT

...first person).

at "Dicky Bush". I saw his ...aph of the grave

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THE FOLLOWING:

...ive name, number, etc., ...man who told him.

...ant says a man was killed, ...death instantaneous? ...he body buried, & if so where?

...e any other man of same ...n Co. or Battalion?

22 APR. 1918
CAMPTON HOUSE TERRACE.

Signature of Searcher: Katharine Wood

Date of Report: April 1918

ack. J.C. 18.12.18 J.S.D.

3420 F.J. L. Kerr, 37 Bn K.in.a. 25.8.18 P.2

Military Hospital
Sutton Veny
Wilts
Dec 12-1918

Sir

In answer to your letter to L/Cpl Cameron A.I.F. for paticulars about 2420 Pte F J L Kerr 37 Batt A.I.F.

I am sorry to inform you L/Cpl Cameron is a patient in this Hospital + is very ill + very little hopes of his recovery. He is not able to speak very well + does not seem to remember things. We will keep your letter + should he recover will hand it to him ~~as soon~~ as possible

From
yours truly
A.M. Edmans (Sister)
Ward 12

J.A.

December 30th, 1918.

2080 Dvr. A.W. Kerr.
49th Bttn. A.F.A.,
A.I.F. C/O Mrs. Snowball.
Hele's School.Exeter.

Dear Sir,

In further reference to your enquiry for 3420 Pte. F.J.L. KERR. 37th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have received an unofficial report from 3244 Pte. M.Whelan, of the same unit and Coy. He stated that they were holding the line near Bray and that Pte. Kerr was at the same post. A piece of shell hit him through the heart, killing him outright. The Sgt of the platoon, No XV, collected his personal belongings, but Pte. Whelan regreted he knew nothing of the burial.

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you as soon as we obtain any further details.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

2080 Dvr. A. W. Kerr
49th Bty. A.F. A.
C/o Mrs. Snowball.
Hele's School.
Exeter.

March 1st, 1919.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for 3420 Pte. FREDERICK JOHN LEE KERR. 37th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that we have received the following unofficial report concerning him from 3527 Pte. Charles James, 8th Battalion, Transport and late 37th Battn. He states:- "Kerr was a Pte. in B.Coy. 37th Bttn, short, well built, medium complexion. We were in a sunken road near Bray on 25th August, about 9 a.m. a shell landed a few yards from him a he was killed instantly. I was about 100 yards away , but saw him killed and I helped to bury him just at the foot of the hill near by. A rifle was put up with his hat on top and his disc attached. We were to attack at 2 o'clock the following morning, and Fritz was shelling us heavily."

Should we be able to obtain any particulars with reference to the registration of Pte. Kerr's grave we will again advise you and in the meantime would be much obliged if you would notify us of any change in your address.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) G. M. G

Secretary.

A.I.F. 37th Battn.

KERR F.J.L.
~~J.P.L.~~ 3420.

"Killed 25.8.18."

Of D. Company, 15th Platoon. I think his initials are F.J.L. About this date at Bray. Holding the line (we attacked next day). Was killed outright by shell, hit through heart. I was in the same post when it happened. Sgt. of Platoon collected his private effects. Know nothing of burial. Came from Melbourne. Christian name Fred.

Informant:- Pte. M. Whelan, 3244,
37th Battn. A. Coy,
15th Platoon,
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.G.
London
14.12.18.
J.E.A.

P.I.

F.J.L

A.I.F.
37th Bttn.

KERR.
J.P.L. 3420.

Killed 25.8.18.

Was a Pte. in B.Coy. 37th Bttn. short, well built, medium complexion. We were in a sunken road near Bray on 25th Aug. about 9.a.m. a shell landed a few yards from him and he got half of it in his right side, and was killed straight out. I was about 100 yards away, but saw him knocked and I helped to bury him just at the foot of the hill near by. A rifle was put up with his hat on top and his disc attached. We were to hop off at 2 O'clock the following morning, ~~and~~ Fritz was shelling us heavily.

Informant:- Pte. Chas. James 3327
8th Bttn Transport.
(formerly A.Coy. 37th Bttn)
A.I.F. 11.2.19.

H.S. Cowan.
London.
26.2.19.
J.E.A.

P.I.

37th Btn.
A.I.F.

KERR
J.F.L. 3428.

F J L

"K I L L E D 25-8-18

Killed at Bray about 10.A.M. morning of (date uncertain) end of August 1918. During advance [illegible] shelling heavy and shell fell on edge of parapit killing Kerr instantly. His body fell back into trench. Informant eyewitness about 10 yds from spot. Piece of shrapnel went in left side and out right side. No details of burial as informant advanced on towards Suzane. Rd. height fair complexion. From Melbourne Victoria.

Informant.
J.W.D. Kerr.
N.74, Duke Street,
Richmond Vic.

H.M.A.T. "Euripides"
At sea. 19.9.19.

London.
30.10.19.

37th Battn.

KERR
~~A.I.F.~~, 3420

FJF

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Informant:- J.W.B. Kerr
74 Duke Street,
Richmond,
Vic.

E.L.Piper,
H.M.A.T."Euripides"
20/10/19.