

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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1929 Private  
Walter William Kerr

60th Battalion



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KERR. 1929.

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60th Battn.  
B. Coy.  
A. I. F.

Kerr.  
W. W. 1929

"Killed 12.5.17"

I saw him wounded in the back in a trench at Bullecourt and before the stretcher bearers could get to him, another shell landed quite close to him killing him instantly. I knew him well as there was no other of that name in the battalion. I do not know the place of burial.

Witness:- Pte. W. Whelan 1744  
60th Battn. B.Coy.  
3rd Aust. Aux. Hospital.  
Dartford.

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London.  
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Pt. Fowler

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Pt. W. W. Kerr

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60th Australian Imperial Force

Kerr, Pte. W.W. 1929

( K. May 12. 1917 ).

" I heard that Kerr was wounded in the stomach in the morning and they kept waiting for stretcher-bearers till the afternoon. They kept on ringing up for them to come, but before they came, Kerr was killed by another shell. He was in the front line at Bullecourt. I did not see him but I was near by and heard about it. "

Eye Witness - No.

Description

Informant :- Sergt. G. Pike, 989,  
B Coy. 60th Aus. Imp Force  
Horton County of London Hospt.  
London.

Home address :-

Mrs. Towers,

71, Watford Road,

Sept. 18. 1917. Kingsnorton,  
P.A. Floud. Birmingham.

60. A.I.F.

KERR . W.W. 1929.

K. May 12th 1917.

W.W. Kerr was in B. Coy. 5th Fltn and his number was 1929. He came from Sydney but I do not know what his occupation was before joining up. I saw him lying dead in a communication trench during the fighting at Bullecourt on the 12th of May. He was killed by a shell falling in to the trench and this same shell wounded 8 or 9 others. Kerr's body was afterwards buried on the side of the sap and a cross was put up to him bearing his name number and regiment.

Inf: L/C. J.T. McDougall. 1689. B. Coy. 7. Pl.  
7. Con. Camp.  
BOULOGNE. 2.10.17.

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4th October.1917.

60th Australians

KERR, W.W. 1929

K. May 12th.1917. Det. D/B.

He was in B. Co. I knew him. He was on fatigue with me. He came from Sydney. He was about 23 years of age, very fair and fairly tall. Pt. Fowler of B.Co. (now with the Batt. - a Cook in the Company) told me he saw Kerr wounded in the trench at Bullacourt in May, and that while he was waiting for the stretcher bearers a shell came and killed him outright. I do not know whether he was buried.

Informant: Cpl. Craven, H.F. 5365  
60th Australians, A.Co., II.Pln.  
Australian Camp, Nouilles.

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Written Pte. Fowler 17.10.17.

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60th A. I. F.

Kerr, Pte W.W. 1929.

(K. May 12th/17. Dets D & B)

"I was told by Pte J.C. Morgan of the 60th A.I.F. that he saw Kerr wounded at Bullecourt, he was placed on a stretcher in his trench waiting to be taken to the clearing station, when a shell hit him and killed him outright, it blew him to pieces. Kerr was a personal friend of mine, we left Sydney, N.S.W. together".

Eye-witness: No, told by Pte J.C. Morgan, 60th A.I.F.

Description: White hair, medium height, known as "Snowy Kerr"

Informant: Pte H. Smith, 1974,  
15th A.M.G.C., 5th Div. A.I.F.,  
5th Southern General Hospital,  
Milton, Portsmouth.

Home address:  
School Place,  
Uphall,

8th Oct. 1917. West Lothian, N.B.  
Crowther.

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9th Oct. 1917

W.W

60th AUSTRALIANS

ZERR, S.W. 1929

Z. 12th May 1917 dot D/B

He was in B. Co. He was tall - well built - fair.  
He came from Merrylands, Sydney. He sometimes wore glasses.  
I saw his body at Bullecourt, just to the right of the village  
on the 12th May. He had been killed in the attack. He was  
first hit in the back and then his head was blown off by one  
of our own shells. He took off his wallet. I wrote to his  
mother on behalf of Private Mather, who was Zerr's friend and  
could not write himself. I only told her that her son had  
been killed in the attack without giving the details. I  
cannot say where he is buried.

Informant: S/B. L. Taylor 2489  
60th Australians S.Co. 6th Pltn  
Australian Camp, Rouelles

GLT



60th A.I.F.

Kerr Pte. W.W. 1929

(K. May 12/17 Det D/B)

"Kerr was badly wounded, placed on a stretcher waiting for a bearer when a shell fell on him and blew him to pieces. There was nothing to bury".

Eye-witness:

Description: Abt. 24, nicknamed Snowie, af fair, tall wore glasses.

Informant: Pte. W. White 2504,  
60th A.I.F.,  
Lewisham Military Hospt.,  
Hammersmith.

13.10.17,  
E.K. Batchen.

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60th Australian Imperial Force

Kerr, W.W. 1929

( K. May 12, 1917 Dets D &  
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Informant states " Kerr was buried at Bullecourt, Somme,  
at the side of the trench. His personal belongings were sent home. "

Eye Witness

Description

Informant :- W. Holloway, 1913,  
Aus. Imp Force, 60th Battn,  
Stourbridge Hospt,

Home address :-  
127, Lavenham Road,  
South Fields,  
London, S.W.

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A.I.F. 60.

KERR, W.W. 1929.

K. May 12th 1917 Dets.

On May 12th 1917 Kerr was with his Battn at Bullecourt driving the Germans out of a trench in which we were mixed up. Some hours afterwards Kerr was hit by a piece of shell, but our casualties being heavy we could not get him out and while lying on the ground another shell came and killed him. I think he was buried in the trench. I knew Kerr personally and he was in my platoon.

Inf: P.O. Walshe. Cpl. 2678.  
No. 57 Gen Hosp.  
BOULOGNE. 20.10.17. HH

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