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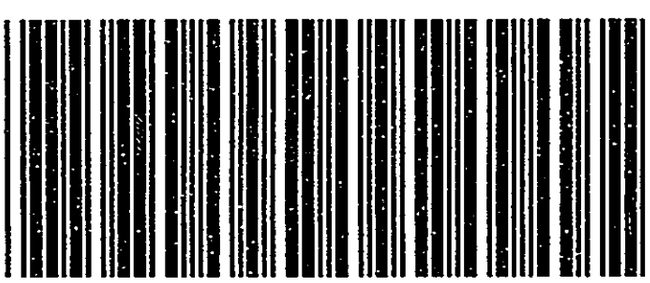
2770 Corporal
Robert Henry King

46th Battalion



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46th Battn.
D.Coy.
A. I. F.

King.
Cpl. R.H. 2770

"Killed in Action 11.4.17"

I saw him killed at Messines. He was caught by a shell and killed instantaneously. I saw his grave at place of casualty and it was marked by a cross bearing his number, name and unit. I knew him well, his brother was killed just two days before.

Witness:-
Pte.J.Cotterell 2571
45th Battn.D.Coy.16thPl.
3rd Aust.Aux.Hospital.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
24.9.17.

M.

46th Australian Imperial Force

King. Cpl. R. H. 2770
A Coy. 2nd Pl.

(K. April 11. Dets D & B)

" I knew King well. He was previously reported killed, but I saw him later when he told me he had only been wounded and had rejoined. This was after April 11. "

Eye Witness

Description

Informant :- Pte. W. J. Beck, 3253,
46th Aus. Imp Force. A Coy. 2nd Pl.
County of London Hospital,
Horton, Epsom.

14. 9. 17.
W.J.Parker.

H.Q. Not sent on M

Asking HQ to verify 12.10.17

46th Batn
A.I.F.

KING
Cpl. R.H. 2770

"Killed 11.4.17."

Still reported Killed no later repoort No burial report.

Cert. by A.I.F. HdQtrs 12.10.17.

London.
25.10.17.

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Havre 11th February 1918.

46th A.I.F. King Cpl R.H. No.2770.

K. 11th April 1917. Det D/B.

He came in the 8th to the 14th. He was very tall - over 6 feet - very fair, and had sandy hair.

I saw him lying dead on the top of the parapet in the front line at Bullecourt on the 11th April, the day of the hop over. We were advancing and the body was left there - We had to retire behind there afterwards and he must have been left in 'No Man's Land' - He was quite dead when I saw him.

Inf:- Pte C.A. Cooper No. 2360.
46th A.I.F. A.Co. II Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

GMP.

46th Battn.
A.Coy,
A.I.F.

KING,
Cpl. R.H 2770

"Killed 11.4.17 "

Refer to Pte. A.Maxwell, A.Coy, 46th Battn, who is now in France, he saw him killed at Bullecourt, and can give full details of casualty. Maxwell was wounded by the same shell, but has since gone back to the unit.

Informant:- Pte.A.G.C. Brown, 2526,
46th Battn, D.Coy, 15th Pltn,
3.A.A.H.
Dartford.

W.Oman.

London.
20.2.18. Note Written Pte.Maxwell 20.2.18. M.

letter returned [illegible]

A.I.F.
46th Battn.

KING
Cpl.R.H. 2770

"Killed 11-4-17"

Both in Pltn. 1, A. Coy. Refer to his mate Sgt. J. Hurley of same Pltn. now at 12th Training Bgd. who I am almost certain was with him at the time and in any case will know the date.

Informant.. Collins J.W.3081
46th Battn..
SOUTHALL.

F.P.J.
London
28-2-18

Note;--
Written Hurley 27-2-18

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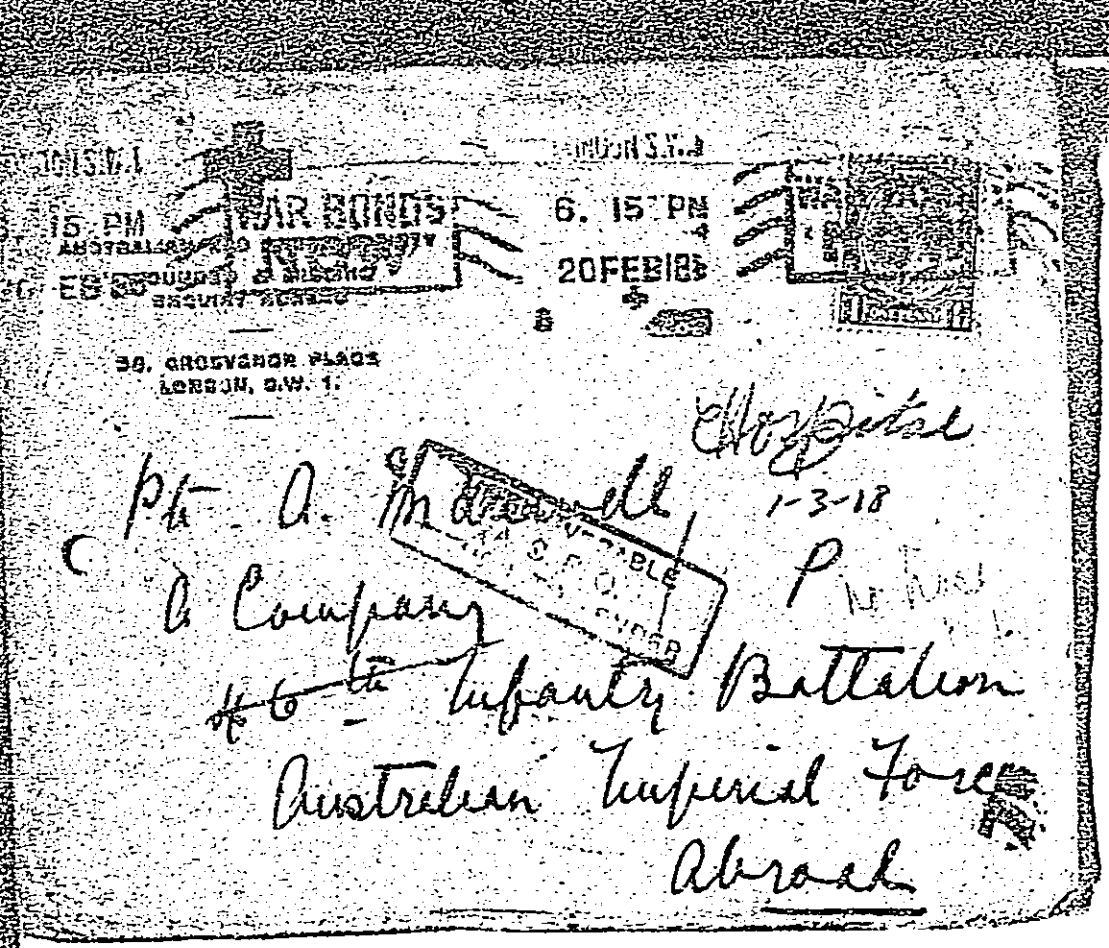

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LONDON, S.W. 1.

Hospital
1-3-18

Pte A. Maxwell
A Company
~~46th~~ Infantry Battalion
Australian Imperial Force
Abroad

UNAVERABLE

20. 2. 18.

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Telegraphic Address:
"QUESTMAN, LONDON."

Pte. A. Maxwell
A Coy. 42nd Battn. A.I.F.
Abroad

Dear Sir,

We are making enquiries for a man of your unit

2720 Cpl. R.H. King A Coy. 46th Battn.
K. 11-4-17. A.I.F.

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 Cpl. R.H. King but our enquirers wish especially to know whether he was buried, if so, whether it was on the field or in a soldier's 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.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin.

SECRETARY.

NOTE In your reply kindly quote name, initials and number of casualty enquired for, as without these particulars delay and confusion is caused in identificationof the soldier about whom you are writing.

26.2.18

Sgt. J. Hurley.
late 46 Batt
12 Training Bde.
~~Cod~~ Codford
Salisbury Plain

abov.
277° Cpl. R. H. KING
46 Batt.
A.I.F.

K Apr 11/17

EW.
27.2.18

I have named two adresses in case you would rather send direct to Australia if so let her know if possible.

Pte J.J. Townsend

December 28th 1918

Dear Sir

I am writing this note trusting that you will do me a favour in letting me have a photo of my wifes brothers grave R.H. King who was killed at Tagnacourt some time in April I believe at least in that particular stunt. I do not know his number but he was in the 46th Batt A.I.F. He probably was a Lance or full Corporal, for I have heard he took stripes.

My wife who was a sister of deceased, and self would like a photo of grave if possible and knowing your usual kindness from others in this respect I have taken upon myself to write

My adress is

1743
Private J.J. Townsend
II C.T. 5.9 Batt.
A.I.F.
France

My Wifes adress

Mrs J.J. Townsend
41 John St
East Brunswick
Melbourne
Victoria
Australia

January 7th, 1919.

1743 Pte. J.J.Townsend.
59th Bttn. A.I.F.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry for a photograph of the grave of 2770 Cpl. R. H. KING. 46th Battalion. A.I.F. who is officially reported Killed in Action on 11.4.17. we regret to inform you that we have never yet received any official report of his burial. We are, however applying to the A.I.F. Graves Dept, on behalf of your wife for a photograph of his grave, and should it later be registered and photographed a copy will be sent her to her address in Melbourne.

With good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) MR

Secretary.