

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

**767 Private  
William Bernard Kean  
(William Bernard King)**

**43rd Battalion**



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A.I.F.  
43rd Battn.  
B. Coy.

KING.  
W.H. 767

"Died of Wounds 9.2.17".

Died at 2nd. Clas. Cl.Stn.  
Cert. by Hospital Inxex.

Buried Military Cemetery Trois Arbres 9.2.17.

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 12.5.17.

London.  
16.5.17.

P.I.

43rd Battn.  
A. I. F.

King.  
Pte. W. H. 767.

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Letter from:-  
Capt. R. M. Craig.  
2nd A.C.C.S.  
24.5.17.

London.  
29.5.17.

P.I.

43rd Australians.

King, W.H. 767  
B. Co.

(D/W Feb. 9/17)

Informant states that "On Feb. 9th at Le Hisset, King was killed by a sniper and buried at the second C.S.S. Cemetery. There was a cross over his grave."

Eye-witness: Yes.

Description: Called Bill.

Informant:- C.R. Bayre, 1165  
43rd Australians. G. Co.  
1st London General Hospital, Camberly.

Home address:  
117. Sussex St  
Lower N. Adelaide.  
San Francisco

*Ed P.I  
Self*

June 7  
A. Reynolds.

43. A.I.F.

King, Pte. W.H. 767

(D/W Feb. 9/17)

"King died at Steinweck of his wounds and was buried there. One of the Orderlies, Dowsett by name at the 2nd Aus. Cas. Clearing Station told me, he was there when King died."

Eye-witness:

Description: Big man, between 50 & 60 years of age, had news of a legacy of £1100 the night before wounded.

Informant:- Cpl. L.G. Moody, 785  
43. A.I.F. A. Co. 2. Pl.  
Edmonton Hospital. George East

Home address:  
71. Edward Street  
Norwood.  
S. Australia.

*Ed P.I  
Self*

June 8  
H. Still

Rayce

8th June, 1917

43rd AUSTRALIANS

KING, W.H. 767 B Co.

D/W. 9.2.17. Det. D/B

He was in A Co., 4th Pltn. His number was 767; he came from Wallaroo, S. Australia. I saw his grave in the Military Cemetery at the 2nd Casualty Clearing Station, at "Trois Arbres" near Steenwerck; it has a cross on it with his name on it.

Informant: Pte J. Gaskell, 1037  
43rd Australians, A Co., 3rd Pltn.  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

RIM

*d*  
*B P.1*  
*Staff*

A.I.F. 43.

KING, W.H. 767

D/W Feb 9th 1917.

He was <sup>wounded</sup> killed by a bullet in the head during a working party at night. He was brought into the Aid Post and was afterwards taken to the main D/S where I believe he died either one or two days later. He was buried at or near Armentieres.

<sup>D</sup>  
Inf: G.C. Kempster. Q.M.S. 1020. H.Q.  
No. 2 Aust  
BOULOGNE. 9.6.17.

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R1

Gd

Havre

12th June. 1917.

43rd AUSTRALIANS

MING, W.H. 767

D/R. Feb. 9th. 1917. Det. D/B.

I knew him; His initials were I think W.H. and his number would be near 767. He was in A. Company and had been in the cook house. I saw his grave with a cross on it near Steen Werck Advanced Casualty Clearing Station near in a Military Cemetery.

Informant: Pt. G. Morris 339  
43rd Batt., B.Co., VII. Fltn.  
Australians.  
Australian Camp, Reuelles.

RDM.

*Handwritten:*  
P.1  
B<sup>d</sup>

43rd A. I. F.,

King, Pte. W.H., 767,  
B. Company;

D/W Feb. 19th 1917. Det: D/B.

"Whilst making a communication trench in the Floegsteert Line near Armentieres, King received a bullet wound in the head. We carried him out at night to the dressing station, he lived about two days and was buried at Armentieres."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: Tall, middle aged, going grey.

Informant:-- Pte. Thomas Phelin, 5745,  
43rd A. I. F., A. Coy.,  
Southall Military Aux: Hosp:  
Middlesex.

Home address:-- Terowia, S. Australia.

23.6.17.  
C.A. Linthinbank.

Pil  
Ed  
Buff

43rd A.I.F.,

King, Pte. W.H., 767,  
E. Coy.,

D/W Feb. 9th 1917. Det: D. & B.

"King died in Hosp: but I cannot remember the name of it. I have seen his grave in the Military cemetery at Armentieres. It was a very nice grave well done up and looked after. There was a wooden cross with his name name."

Eye Witness:

Description: A big man 6ft. high, broad, going grey, We called him "Kingoe".

Informant:-- Archie Fosyth,  
43rd A.I.F., A.Coy. 4 Fl:  
Southall Mil: Aux: Hosp:  
Middlesex.

Home address:-- Lockwood House,  
Jones Street, Nailsworth, S.A. Pil

19.6.17.  
C.A. Linthenbank?

Pil  
Ed  
Buff

A.I.F. 43

KING, W.H. 767.

D/W Feb.9/17. Det:

I knew him. We were at Armentieres, he was wounded on that day and he died at Armentieres. I have seen his grave his he is burial at No.2 Aust. CCS.

Informant: Pte A.W.Browning. 774.  
No.7 C.O.

BOULOGNE. 21.6.17.

Bd P.1  
RAOI *[Signature]*



18. 6. 17 - filing copy

O. C.

2nd Cas. Cl. Station - B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

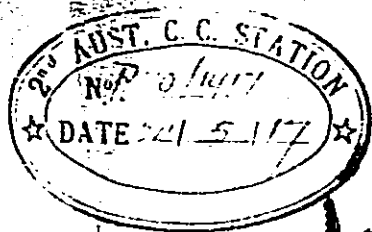
would you very kindly  
send us any details you  
know concerning the last  
hours & burial of 767. Pte. W. H.  
King. 43rd. Batta. A. I. P. office.

rep. to have died at No. 2 -  
C. C. Sta. 2-2-17.

We have an enquiry for  
full particulars - & it would  
greatly help us to have any  
further details from you.

With many apologies for  
troubling you

Yours etc.



2ND AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY CLEARING STATION.

24th May, 1917.

The Secretary,  
Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau,  
Australian Red Cross Society,  
54 Victoria Street,  
LONDON, S.W.

Dear Madam,

re 767 Pte W. H. KING, 43rd Btn, A.I.F.

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*Phillips Capt.*  
..... Lt Colonel.  
O. C. 2nd A. C. C. S.

P.I.