

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3469 Private
Eric Kinnock Perkins**

51st Battalion



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A.I.F. 51st Battn.

PERKINS
A/Cpl. Eric Kinnock
3469

Killed in action 24.4.18

Buried Villers-Bretenneux at W4B. or U5 a Sht. 62D S.W.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqrs List for Lieut Spedding.

London
16.5.19

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A.I.F. 51st Battn.

PERKINS
Eric Kinnock 3469

"KILLED 24/4/18"

Killed in Action 24/4/18 - no details

Nothing on Pay Ledger card to indicate - Absent without leave - last
paid 15/4/18 - Card £5 cash and effects in credit.
Cert. by A.I.F. 17/9/18

Killed in Action 24/4/18
Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqrs 7/9/18 and Rouen Letter 23/9/18.

London
23/9/18.

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51st Battn.

A.I.F.

PERKINS

A/Cpl. E.K. 3459

"KILLED 24-4-18"

I was in the same Battn with A/Cpl. Perkins when we were advancing at Villers Bretonneux when on the early morning of the 25th April nearly all the Coy. were wiped out by the Huns and the remainder driven back, with no time to pick any of the wounded up or see to their burial.

(Informant came over from Australia in same ship and enlisted same time. He says he will write to Perkin's people. He was known as Keith or Kenneth.)

Home Address:-

Katanning

W. Australia.

Informant - Wankay, Pte. L. 3459

(quite intelligent - sure of his facts)

51st Battn. B. Coy.

Military Hospital

DEVONPORT.

M.H. Corbett.

11-10-18

London

31-10-18

J.W.A.

P.

51st Battn.

A.I.F.

PERKINS

A/Cpl. E.H. 3469

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Believed Killed 24/4/18

I was in the same Section as Perkins in a counter attack at VIILERS BRETTENEUX on the night of the 24th April.

We went over about 10.30 but got separated during the attack and I never saw him again. There were only two of us got back, out of the section, and I do not know the other man's name.

He was well liked by all his section.

Medium build, dark, height 5'7".

Informant:- Pte. W. McFAYDEN

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Home Address:- 1501 Tupper Street,
Boulder City
W.A.

G.C.PAVITT

H.M.A.T. "PAKEHA."

24/11/19

Aug 9. 18.

3469

Eric K. Perkins

B. Coy

51 Bttn

22 North Lane

Boulder City

West. Australia

30. 5. 1918.

(The Secretary
Information Bureau
Red Cross Society
London.

AUG 1918

Sir,

(I am asking that
you will exercise your influence on my behalf
in the effort I am putting forward to recover
or discover some news of my dearest pal.

It was reported that he was killed in action
on April 24th 1918 - beyond that we know
no details whatever but we have every
reason to believe that he is still alive.

His people & I have very strong convictions
that he is not killed as reported but where
he is we have no idea at present

We believe that he is a prisoner of war

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in Germany + knowing that his nerves were ever liable to a break we fear that shock may have affected his brain + his identity is unknown. To assist you, and fully believing this, I am enclosing a photograph of him which I trust will be of immediate use to you.

Will you work for me as you have done for so many others before?

I will give you whatever particulars I think will be necessary.

The last address we have of him was: -

No. 3469.

A/Cpl. Eric G. Perkins

"B" Company

51st Battalion

Australian Imperial Forces Abroad.

He left Australia on 29th January 1917 & spent a little time in Cadford Camp - left for France on 1st July 1917. After being in action for a time he contracted French feet & was admitted to hospital in Bristow on 22nd October. He returned to France via Belgium on 6th January 1918 & according

3. His last letter written on 18/8/1918, he was doing scouting work.

(Not knowing the names or addresses of his comrades I cannot write to them for any information, but I feel sure that you will do your utmost to discover any information available.

If we should be wrongly convicted and my Hannie pal has given his noble young life for us, would you make an effort to return any of his belongings to us.

(Please do not spare anything in your search - if finance is needed cable to me & anything will be done for him and should you discover him in need of any thing supply him as far as possible, & I will see that you are supplied with the necessary means.

I also enclose a note which I wish you to forward to him when you have any details of his whereabouts

Should you receive any hopeful information please cable immediately to me for, as you will understand, every

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Day is free of anxiety
telling you that your efforts will
meet with success.

I am,
Yours faithfully
Lilian M. Davey.

For or with information cable or write:-

[Miss] Lilian M. Davey.
22 North Terrace
Boulder City
West. Australia.