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2790A Lance Corporal Louis Raemers

51st Battalion



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A.I.F. 51st Btn
late 28th Btn

RAEMERS
Louis 2790

"WHEREABOUTS"

No report of casualty
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 27-10-17.

Killed in actiom 13-10-17
Cert. by Rouen letter 1-11-17

P & P.I

London
5-11-17

A.I.F. 51st Battn

RAEMERS
Lewis 2790

Wounded

Admitted 2nd Canadian Stationary Hospital 9-7-16 - gun shot wound left thigh

Trans. to Northampton War Hosp ital 11-7-16

Trans. - Orchard Hospital Dartford 25-10-16

Discharged - Furlough and thence to duty. 30-10-16.
Cert. by Hospital Index.

London
4-12-16.

P.

51st Batn
B.Coy.,
AIF

RAEMERS
L. 2790

"Killed 10.10.17."

I saw him killed in our support lines at Buiy Wood just in front of Passchaendaele. He was caught by a "whiz bang which badly mutilated him about the arm and shoulder death being instantaneous. I knew him very well. he was a L/Cpl. at time of casualty and was the only man of that name in the Coy., He was a very popular boy and very well liked by all the boys. I did not see his grave and cannot refer to anyone but I think he was buried at place of casualty.

Witness:-
L/Cpl. C.S. White 4 002
57th Batn B.Coy., 5th Pltn.
3rd A.A.Hpl.
Dartford

W.Oman
London.
28.12.17.

P & P.I.

51st Battn
AIF

RAEMERS
L. 2790

"Killed Oct 13th 1917"

him
I saw him/by a piece of shell just when we were relieving another Coy., I was a few yards from him and we were both in a kind of she hole He moved on and a few minutes after we heard he was dead I doubt if he was buried as it was right in the firing line, still we held the ground so he may have been. It happened just in front of Passchendale alittle bit to the left of a big civilian Cemetery at a corner of two roads one from Ypres and the other from Roullers. He was a pal of mine and I knew him for 1½ years Real fine fellow, one of the very best, and very popular. Came from Western Australia,

Witness:-
Cpl. E.F. Beatly 2791
51st Battn Harefield
Ward 37

W.Alison
London. 1.1.18.

P.I & P

51 Australian Imperial Force Raemers, Pte. L. 2790

(K. ~~10.~~ 13 Oct. 1917. Dots D & B).

" We were going into the line at Broodseinde Ridge and lost our way in the communication trenches near the support line. While we were resting and waiting for scouts, a shell burst close by us and killed Raemers and others outright. I should like it confirmed that Raemers was one of the party, although I have very little doubt of it, and I suggest that the Officer commanding B Company, 51st Battn. A.I.F. be communicated with before making use of my statement. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description -

Informant :- 2nd Lt. W.H.Millard,
51 Aus Imp Force,
3rd London General Hospt,
Wandsworth, S.W.

Home address :-
(Not given).
11. 1. 18.
J.R.Clark Hall.

written O.C
25-1-18

P.J.
P.

51st Battn.
A.I.F.

Raemers.
L. 2790

Evans.
F. 2399

"Killed 13.10.17"

Raemers was a L/Cpl. Sig.Frank Evans a Sig. They and Kennedy (an Infantryman 51st) were killed by the one shell at Zonnebeke on the Ridge. We were just going in to relieve another battalion, they were just behind the front line when killed, just before reaching supports. We were all together add shell broke among us, we scattered -,their paybooks were got next day. They should be buried, but can give no particulars. We were in the trenches 8 days but I can't give dates.

Witness:-
J.Franch 4334
51st Battn. B.Coy.
Hut 10. Westham.

W.A.Rand

London.
16.1.18.

P. & P.I.

51st Australians — Raemers, Pte L. 2790,

(K. Oct. 10/17. Det D & B)

"Raemers was killed by the same shell as Evans on the Ypres salient. They were killed outright. I do not know where they were buried."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Raemers mother was at Lewisham

Informant: Signr. J. Sheard, 4898,
[illegible] A. F., B. H.,
[illegible] Military Hospital,
Shorncliffe.

Home address:
Lammond Farm,
Toorom,
W. Australia.

19th January 1918.
Frances I. Muir.

51st Battn
AIF B.7

RAEMERS
L. 2790

"Killed 13.10.17"

I saw him killed at Passchendaele. He was caught by pieces of shell, which killed him instantly. We were moving into the line and was just resting in a shell hole when the shell caught us. I knew him very well. he was a L/Cpl. in the Signallers at the time of casualty. I do not know place of burial and I cannot refer to anyone for particulars.

Witness:-
L/Cpl. J. Allen 2856
51st Battn B.Coy., 8th Pltn.
3rd A.A.Hospital,
Dartford

J.Oman
London.
25.1.18

P.I & P.

Havre 7th February 1918.

51st A.I.F. Raemors L. No.2790.

K. 10th October 1917. Det D/B.

I knew Raemors ever since the Battn was formed in Egypt in March 1916. He was in the Signallers there. He was medium height, stout, dark, about 22 and came from West Australia.

On the 10th October we were going into Passchendaele about 10 p.m. when a shell fell and blew his right arm off. I didn't know who had suffered, till next morning, when I found Raemors dead. He was in a kneeling position and death seemed to have been almost instantaneous. I took his paybook and disc from the body and gave them to Lieut Millard of the 51st Battn B.Co. 8th Pltn. We went on that night and did not see him buried. Probably he would be buried where he died.

Inf:- L/Cpl H.P. O'Connor No.3606.
51st Battn B.Co. 5 Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Boulles.

PM.

51st Battn.
A.I.F.

RAEMERS,
L. 2790

"Killed in Action 13.10.17."

Re 2790 Raemers, L. He was killed 1?.10.17 and he was buried near Zonnebeke in Belgium in the Field. I am sorry I can't give you very much information about him. I have written to his wife but if at any time I should happen to be back on that front I will try and find his grave.

Letter from:- Capt. F Smith, O.C.
B.Coy, 51st Battn. A.I.F.
France, 1.2.18.

London.
2.3.18.

P.I.

O. R. B. Coy
51 A. I. F.
B. S. 7.

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L. RAEMERS

2790

51 A. I. F.

K 13.10.17

Enr
25.1.18

Enquiry for

2790 Lcpl Lewis RAEMERN

C V Co.

51 Batt AIF

Unofficially reported

KA 10.10.17

HQRs say no Casualty

26.10.17

Enquiries for mother Miss Long

13 Alexandra Rd

Hornsey

N.8

FM.

26.10.17

Ford **FRONT** France

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K.D.S.—V. 13484.

tl.No.	Rank	Battalion and Regiment.	~~Co~~	Platoon	Casualty.
35		Army Medical Corps A.I.F	9 Ambr		K. July 22/17 Dur D18

-GIVEN BY-

d.No.	Rank.	Battalion and Regiment.	Co.	Platoon	Home Address.
40	Pte	Army Medical Corps 2 Australian C.C.S			Thornton Edgar St. East Malvern Victoria

T OF INFORMANT.

e taken in first person).

ox (an orderly, att. 2nd Aus. C.C.S.) was 12th on Steenwerck - I was taken off duty to take my place, & I was sleeping 50 yards off. I will read you an extract from my letter - "The Germans bombed us at 11 o'clock at night - killed a great friend of mine, Jack Wilson, & - A party of his friends from the Field came up, and buried him in the 2nd Casualty Cemetery, near Steenwerck - His friends carried the Service - I think they brought a cross - I was Jack Wilson was buried at the same time."

NSWER THE FOLLOWING :-

If not, give name, number, etc., of the man who told him.	
If Informant says a man was killed, was death instantaneous, and was the body buried, and if so where?	Instantaneously Buried at Two Arbres nr Steenwerck
Was there any other man of same name in Co. or Battalion?	no other [illegible]

-ieas -

Signature of Searcher Miss M. Pickard-Cambridge

Date of Report 22 Oct. 1917

6.11.17.

Miss Long,
13. Alexandra Road,
Hornsey,
N. 8.

or 2790 Ll/Cpl Louis Raemes

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry for:-

2790. Pte. Louis Raemaekers, 51st Battalion A.I.F.

we very much regret to inform you, that he is officially reported as having been killed in action, on 13.10.17. We are doing our utmost. to obtain particulars of his death and burial and will advise you as soon as we succeed. May we assure his mother of our sincere sympathy for her in her loss

Yours faithfully

Miss Ryan

SECRETARY,

8th January. 1918.

Miss Long,
13, Alexandra Road,
Hornsey,
N.8.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry for :-

2700. Pte. L. Reemers, 51st. Battalion. A.I.F.

who is officially reported killed in action on 12. 10.17.

we are forwarding an unofficial report given by 4008 L/ Cpl. C. S. White. He states: " I saw L Reemers killed in our support lines at Ruiny Wood just in front of Zeeschendale. He was caught by a "whiz bang" death being instantaneous.

I know him very well, he was a L/ cpl. at the time of the casualty and was the only man of that name in the Coy.

He was very popular and very well liked byall. I did not see his grave but I think he was buried at the place of the casualty.

This evidence was confirmed by;- 3791. Cpl. E.T. Leatty. who adds:"I doubt if Reemers were buried as he fell right in the firing line, still we held the ground so he may have been.

It happened just in front of Zeeschendale, a little bit to the left of a big civilian Cemetery. He was a pal of mine and I had known him for 1½ years. He was a real fine fellow, one of the best, and very popular.

He came from Western Australia."

We are doing our utmost to obtain further particulars of Pte. Raemers death, and burial and will advise you as soon as we succeed.

Hoping it may be some comfort to you to know his death instantaneous and assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Ryan

SECRETARY.

January 21st, 1918.

Miss Long,
13, Alexandra Rd,
Hornsey. N.8.

Dear Madam,

We have received a further unofficial report of the death of

2790 Pte.L.RAEMERS, 51st Battalion, A.I.F.

from 4354 Pte.J.French, 51st Bttn. He said that Pte. Raemers and 2 other men were killed by the same shell at Zonnebeke, just behind the front line. Their pay-books were got the next day, and he thinks they should have been buried but can give no particulars.

We are continuing our enquiries and will hope to get more news.

Yours faithfully

SECRETARY.

A.R.

Early letter 6.2.18

2790 L RAEMERS
5th Batt
K/A 13-10-17.
P.I.
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France
February 1st 1918.

Dear
Mrs Deakin.

Reference your letter dated 25-inst enquiring after 2790 L Raemers He was killed 13. 10 17. and he was buried near Zonnebeke in Belgium in the Field. I am sorry I cant give you very much information about him. I have written to his wife but at any time I should happen to be back over that front I will try and find his grave.

Yours Truly.

J Smith Capt.
D Coy.
57th Bn.

5th February 1918.

Miss Long.
15 Alexandra Road,
Hornsey, London. N.8.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry concerning

No. 2790 Pte. Louis Raemers 51st Batt A.I.F. we have received three more unofficial accounts of his death, which we forward you herewith.

No. 2856 L/Cpl. Allen 51st Batt. 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, states that he knew Pte. Raemers well, and that they were moving into the Line at Passchendaele, and just resting in a shell hole, when a shell caught them and Pte. Raemers was killed instantly, by pieces from the shell.

L/Cpl. W.H. Millard, 51st Batt. A.I.F. 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth states that they were going into the line at Broodseinde Ridge (near Passchendaele) and lost their way in the communication trenches near the Support Line, While they were resting and waiting for scouts, a shell burst close by, and killed Pte. Raemers and others outright. This report was confirmed by No. 4898, Signaller J. Sheard 51st Batt. B.8. Bevan Military Hospital Sandgate.

We are continuing our enquiries and hope to forward you details of his burial at a later date.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary,

pp W.B. for R.C.

Capt. P.Smith,
O.C., F.Coy.
51st Infantry Battalion,
Australian Imperial Force,
Abroad.

February 8th, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We wish to thank you for your letter in answer to our enquiry concerning :-

2790 Pte. L. [illegible], of your unit.

We are glad to learn that you have written to the late soldier's wife, knowing as we do how much these letters are appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

February 21st, 1918.

Miss Long,
13, Alexandra Rd,
Hornsey, N.8.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry concerning :-

2790 Pte. LOUIS RAEMERS, 51st Battalion, A.I.F.

We have received the following unofficial report from 3606 L/.Cpl.N.P.O'Connor, 51st Bttn, A.I.F. He states that he knew Pte.Raemers, well and that they were going into Passchendaele about 10 p.m. on October 10th, when a shell fell near him, and wounded him severely in the arm. He was found next morning, in a kneeling position and it was thought that death must have been instantaneous. L/Cpl. O'Connor took the pay book and disc from the body and gave them to Lt. Millard of the same Battalion, but his comrades had to go on that night, and did not see the burial.

We have now concluded our enquiries, and trust that the details we have been able to obtain have been of some comfort to his bereaved relatives. Should we obtain further details we shall immediately advise you.

With our sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,
SECRETARY.

Miss Long,
13, Alexandra Road,
Hornsey, N.8.

7th March, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We beg to inform you that we have received an unofficial report respecting :-

2790 Pte. LOUIS RAEMERS, 51st Battalion, A.I.F.

which you may like to have, but it adds very little to the information already sent you. Capt. F.Smith, O.C., B.Coy, 51st Battalion, A.I.F., writes that Raemers was killed on Oct. 13th, 1917, and was buried in the field near Nonnebeke. He regrets that he cannot give much information, but has written to Pte.Raemers' wife and should he return to that part of the front will try to find his grave.

We regret that we have obtained no more definite information but should we receive further particulars we shall advise you.

Yours faithfully,

F. J. Gosye

SECRETARY.