

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
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**3372 Sergeant  
Ronald Alister Rankin**

**37th Battalion**



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37th Batn.,  
A.I.F.

RANKIN,  
R.A., 3372 Sgt.

"Died of influenza - 21-10-18."

"With reference to your telegram addressed to Registrar, King's Road Hospital, St. Neots, this has been delivered to my private House. There is no hospital in King's Road.

In reply to your enquiry re 3372 Sgt. Ronald Allister Rankin of the 37th Batn., A.I.F. was discharged from Netley Red Cross Hospital on Friday 11th October. He came to us on Saturday, 12th October. On the 14th October, (Monday), not being well he kept in bed and on that day we called in the Doctor who stated he was suffering from Influenza. Pneumonia followed and he died on the 21st October. He was buried in St. Neots Cemetery with military honours on the 24th October.

If you require further particulars perhaps you will kindly write me giving details of particulars required.

Letter from W. Harding,  
King's Road,  
St. Neots,  
Hunts, 15th November, 1918.  
P.I. informed.

18-11-18.  
A.C.K.  
London,  
18-11-18.

Waverley Avenue, Netley -

14. 2. 18.

My many thanks for your  
last news of 3146. Pl. G.W. Wright.

330. 134. His horse is still in hospital  
and most grateful for your kindness  
and for ascertaining anything about  
3372. Rankin. Col. R.A. 33. 134.

was officially reported to have  
died of influenza in a London  
Hospital within the last 10 days.  
He left here last month to report  
at Worcester R. preparing to  
go in Falloch. We are all  
anxious for definite news.

With many thanks  
Yours faithfully  
J. L. (res) G. Louché -

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The Secretary.

Wounded Mining Inquiry  
Bureau.

Archibald Reid X

London S.W.1. 36 Grosvenor Place.

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St. R.A. Rankin

37 Bth

See under

3146

Pl. G. H. Wright

33 Bth

November 19th, 1918.

Mrs. Louché,  
Waverley Avenue,  
Netley.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry of 14th inst., for 3372 Sgt. R.A. RANKIN. 37th Battalion. A.I.F. We deeply regret to inform you that he is officially reported to have died of influenza on 21-10-18 at King's Road, St. Neots. Hants presumably the private residence of Mr. William Harding who writes to us as follows:-

"With reference to your telegram addressed to the Registrar Kings Road Hospital, St Neots. I beg to inform you that there is no hospital in Kings Road, it was delivered to my private house.

3372 Sgt. R.A. Rankin was discharged from the Netley Red Cross Hospital on 11th October, and came to us on Sunday 12th. On the 14th October not feeling well he stayed in bed, and on that day we called in the doctor who stated him to be suffering from influenza. Pneumonia followed and he died on 21st October. He was buried in St. Neots Cemetery with Military honours on 24th October. "

Hoping this information may be of some value to you and assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS) MR.

Secretary.

D of influenza

Dear Madam. (ackd 15.11.18)

Things Road

St. Jacobs Struts

15<sup>th</sup> November 1918

3372 Sgt. R.A. Rankin 37<sup>th</sup> B.

D of Influenza 21.10.18

With reference to your telegram addressed to Registrar Things Road Hospital St. Jacobs, this has been delivered to my private house. There is no hospital in Things Road.

In reply to your enquiry  
3372 Sgt. Ronald Alister Rankin of the 37<sup>th</sup> Batta  
Australian Imperial Force was discharged from Valley  
Red Cross Hospital on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. He came to  
us on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October. On the 14<sup>th</sup> October (Monday)  
not feeling well he kept in bed and on that day we  
called in the Doctor who stated he was suffering from  
Influenza. Pneumonia followed and he died on the  
21<sup>st</sup> October. He was buried in St. Jacobs Cemetery with  
military honours on the 24<sup>th</sup> October.

If you require fuller particulars perhaps you  
will kindly write me giving details of particulars required.

Yours faithfully

W. Hardwig

The Commandant  
Australian Red Cross  
36 Grosvenor Place  
London

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Wright

(P) informed

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