

32030 Gnr. R. Kirkpatrick.
26th Battery. 7th P.A. Brigade.
A.I.F., B.P.F.

March 26th, 1919.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry for your brother 7019 Pte. S. KIRKPATRICK. 3rd Battalion. A.I.F. who was killed in Action on 4.10.17. We beg to inform you that we have received unofficial reports from several men in his Unit. 7057 Pte. J. Prendergast stated that he saw your brother killed instantaneously by fragments of shell which wounded him in the head. He was acting stretcher bearer and was out in a shell hole, just beyond the front line when he was killed. Pte. Prendergast added that he knew your brother well and that he came from Liverpool, New South Wales.

312 Pte. J. Boyland stated that he knew Pte. Kirkpatrick well from boyhood and that he made enquiries after the attack at Broodseinde Ridge, and learnt that he had been killed there by a shell whilst stretcher bearing. Unfortunately our informant could give no details of his burial. Pte. J. A. McMillan, stated that all he knew was that Pte. Kirkpatrick was killed on 4.10.17.

We have added your brother's name to our new enquiry lists which are being circulated in all camps, hospitals and canteens, and should we obtain further details we will immediately advise you.

With sincere sympathy in your loss.
Yours faithfully,

V. W. Parkin
SECRETARY.