

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

Lieutenant  
George Kirkland

4th Machine Gun Company



1520905M

A.I.F. 4th Machine Gun Coy.

KIRKLAND  
Lieut. George

Prisoner of War

Translation of German Death Certificate received from Capt. Mills and passed on to A.I.F. Hdqrs 29/9/19

Reichswehrbefehlsstelle  
Prussia.

Berlin  
20th Sept. 19.

It is hereby certified that there is here the death card of the Ref. I.I.D. according to which the Australian Prisoner of War Kirkland, George, Lieut 4th Australian Machine Gun Coy. died at Hem-Lenglet, on 15th April 1917 and was buried in the new Communal Cemetery at Hem-Lenglet, B Grave 18.

O Seal of the  
Prussian War Office  
Central Information Bureau.

(Signed) Kekule v. Stradnitz,  
Captain.

P.I.  
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London  
27/9/19

COMMUNICATION FILE  
CANCERS

4th M.G.C. A.I.F.

Kirkland Lt. G.

(W. & M. Apl. 11/17)

I was wounded on 11th April at Bullecourt. When I was in Rouen Hospital a Fte. in my Battalion was in the next bed to me. I knew him by sight but not his name. He told me the Officer was left in the German lines with a broken leg and that he had seen him lying in that state.

Eye-witness: No

Description: Lt. in 1 Sec. 4 M.G.C. A.I.F.

Informant: L/Cpl. Donald Johnson 1709,  
4th M.G.C., A. I. F., 4 Coy, 2 Sect.,  
1st Southern General Hospital,  
Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Home address:  
Glennewan,  
Victoria.

9th June 1917.  
J. Passey.

*P.I.  
Kirkland*

AUST M.G.C. 4.

KIRKLAND, Lt G.

W & M April 11th 1917.

Lt Kirkland was junior section officer. I heard two different rumours about this officer. Firstly, that he was killed and secondly that he had D/W at Rouen about a week or two after the action on the 11th April at Bullecourt. I also saw in the ansac Bulletin that Mr Kirkland had been reported killed and subsequently a correction was made that he had died of wounds.

Inf: Sgt. F.T. Fletcher. 35. 1 Sect.  
No. 137 General  
BOULOGNE. 3.7.17.

AGL

*off. m.  
P. S.  
Bent.*

*4 copies*

4th M.G. Coy,  
A.I.F.

Kirkland  
St. George,

"Wounded & Missing 11.4.17"

Reported Died 13.4.17 Res Fldlaz 45 Hem - Senglet - Buried Civil Cemetery  
Cert, by information from german List dated 23.5.17

London  
11.7.17

P.I. & Off M

4th M. Gun Coy,  
A.I.F.

Kirkland,  
Lt. George

"Wounded & Missing 11.4.17"

Died 13.4.17 - Personal effects forwarded

Cert, by German Nachlass List dated 20.8.17

London 18.9.17

*Initial copy*  
P.I. & S.

Inquiry for

Leit. ~~J.G.~~ KIRKLAND

4 Mach. Gun Co.

M. + W. 11. 4. 17-

yellow card  
in

Inquirer brother.

Leit. James KIRKLAND  
Army Ord. D.

The Barracks  
Mitcham Road  
W. Croydon.

telephone

Croydon  
1405 —

FM. 25. 5. 17

**HOSPITAL** 3<sup>rd</sup> Division General The Base, C. I.

**INFORMANT**

Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME Collins	Christian Name. A. C.	Regtl. No. 2579	R: C
	SURNAME Reek	Christian Name. William	Regtl. No. 2593	R: C

**STATEMENT**

**NOTE.**  
Cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

// 3 I know that A. C. Collins (4. H) was carrying despatches about during the day time, and the death was instantaneous and helped to bury him. The chaplain, Capt Joe Harjic put up. //

**PLEASE ALSO ANSWER**

1. As Informant Eye-Witness? *yes*

2. If not, of th

3. Was the ground held or lost? *held*

4. If Informant was de the bo

5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? *A. C. or about regt.*

6. Was the name

7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. *very light. thin face.*

8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence *Very intelligent & reliable*

Lieut Kirkland  
4 M. G. Coy.

W. Y. M.

Inq: - Lieut J. Kirkland  
phone Croydon  
1405.

June 27th. 1917.

Lieut. James Kirkland,  
Army Ordnance Department,  
The Barracks,  
Mitcham Road,  
West Croydon.

Dear Sir,

We regret we have received from a man of his Unit an unofficial report about :-

Lieut. C. KIRKLAND, 4th. Australian Machine Gun Coy.

and we beg to advise you of the same., at the same time emphasising its purely unofficial nature and 1709 L/Cpl. D. Johnson when interviewed in the 1st. Southern General Hospital, Birmingham, reported that while in Hospital at Rouen a private of the battalion whom he knew well by sight but not by name, told him that he had seen Lieut. Kirkland lying with a broken leg in the German lines at Bullecourt on April 11th. 1917. We regret that we have not yet obtained news of him as a Prisoner of War in Germany and we feel that had such been the case he would by now have communicated with us or with you.

There is however still a possibility of his having been captured, in the meantime we are pursuing the enquiry and will send you any further information that we receive as we fully sympathise in your anxiety.

Yours faithfully, V.S. L.M.



12th July 1917.

Dr. Bolton,  
Agivey House,  
Agha Dowey,  
Co Derry,  
Ireland.

Dear Sir,

It is with much regret that we write to tell you of the death while a Prisoner of War of Lt. George Kirkland 4th Machine Gun Coy. A.C.F., this information being obtained from a German list dated 23-5-17.

He was captured on 11-4-17 and died on 13-4-17 in the Reserve Feldlazarett 45 Hem. Senglet, Belgium and is buried in the civilian cemetery at that place, which we think is Hem-Lenglet.

Assuring you of our deep sympathy in forwarding such sad news,

Yours faithfully,

V.S.

Secretary  
(A.W.)

12th July 1917.

Lt. J. Kirkland,  
Army Ordnance Dept.,  
The Barracks,  
Mitcham Rd.,  
West Croydon.

Dear Sir,

We very much regret to inform you that the name of your brother - Lt. G. Kirkland 4th Machine Gun Coy, A.I.F., has come through on a German death list, dated 23-5-17. He is reported by the German Red Cross, to have been captured on 11-4-17 and to have died on 13-4-17 in the Reserve Feld-lazarett 45 Hem Senglet Belgium, and to have been buried in the <sup>Civilian</sup> civil cemetery there. We think the place is probably - Lenglet, although it was given us as Hem. Senglet on the German list.

May we express our sincere sympathy in your loss, which is attended by such sad circumstances,

Yours faithfully,

V.B.

Secretary  
KAW

12th June 1917.

Dr. Bolton,  
Agivey House,  
Aghadowey,  
Co. Derry, Ireland.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of inquiry for Lieut E. Kirkland, 4th M.G. Co., A.I.F., who is officially reported wounded & missing since 11-4-17, has been forwarded to us from our office in Boulogne. We regret that up to the present we have no information concerning his fate, but we are making every effort to obtain it.

As you will readily understand, in cases of Missing men, news of their death or imprisonment is necessarily slow in coming to hand. Six weeks is the least time that elapses between the date when a man is posted Missing and when his name appears on the German lists.

We shall be glad if you will at once advise us if you should hear from Lt. Kirkland, in Germany, as we undertake to supply all Australian Prisoners with regular parcels of food.

As soon as we obtain definite news either that he has been killed or is a Prisoner of War, we shall at once communicate with you.

With sincere sympathy in your anxiety,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

MR.