

**Netley Military Cemetery,
Hampshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3696 PRIVATE

A. KERR

57TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

5TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 34

Far From His Homeland

Australia

He Died To Keep Us Free

Archibald (Archie) KERR

Archibald Kerr was born at Thalia, near Wycheproof, Victoria on 16th June, 1884 to parents James Kerr & Mary Park Kerr (nee Durie).

Archibald Kerr attended Addington State School.

Archibald Kerr married Isa Gladys Irene McMaster at Thalia, Victoria in 1909.

Births were registered for the following children:- Pearl Kerr, (born 14th December, 1909), Jean Mitchell Kerr, (born 1911) & Ailsa McMaster Kerr, (born 1913).

James Kerr, father of Archibald Kerr, died on 16th September, 1912 at Thalia, Victoria.

Archibald Kerr was a 33 year old, married, Driver from Ballarat, Victoria when he enlisted on 10th November, 1917 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3696 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs I. G. I. Kerr, of 316 Doveton Street North, Ballarat, Victoria. Archibald Kerr stated he had 3 children.

Archibald Kerr was posted to Recruit Depot at Broadmeadows on 11th December, 1917 for recruit training. He was transferred to 1st Depot Battalion at Broadmeadows on 7th January, 1918.

Private Archibald Kerr embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Nestor (A71)* on 28th February, 1918 with the 57th Battalion, 10th Reinforcements & disembarked at Liverpool, England on 20th April, 1918.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Archibald Kerr was marched in to 14th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire on 20th April, 1918 from Australia.

Private Archibald Kerr was admitted to Brigade Clearing Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire, England on 24th April, 1918 with Laryngitis. He was discharged on 2nd May, 1918.

Private Archibald Kerr proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone from 14th Training Battalion at Codford on 22nd July, 1918. He was marched in to A.I.B.D. (Australian Infantry Base Depot) in France on 24th July, 1918. Pte Kerr was marched out to his Unit from A.I.B.D. on 27th July, 1918 & was taken on strength of 57th Battalion from 10th Reinforcements on 3rd September, 1918.

Private Archibald Kerr was wounded in action on 29th September, 1918. He was admitted to 132nd Field Ambulance on 29th September, 1918 with gunshot wounds to arm. The Field Medical Card records: *Pte A Kerr, 57 AIF "D" G.S.W. R Arm. Gas (Shell)*. Pte Kerr was transferred to 50th Casualty Clearing Station then transferred to Ambulance Train 21 on 30th September, 1918. He was admitted to 2nd General Hospital at Havre, France on 1st October, 1918. The Field Medical Card records the following additional information: "*GSW arm R. T & T Flesh. Gas Burns (mustard) 2nd degree.*" Pte Kerr was invalided to England on Hospital Ship *Carisbrook Castle* on 2nd October, 1918.

57th Battalion

The 57th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 18 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 5th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 5th, the 57th was predominantly composed of men from the suburbs of Melbourne. The battalion became part of the 15th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division.

The battalion entered its last major battle of the war on 29 September 1918. This operation was mounted by the 5th and 3rd Australian Divisions, in co-operation with American forces, to break through the formidable German defences along the St Quentin Canal. The battalion withdrew to rest on 2 October and was still doing so when the war ended. The battalion disbanded in March 1919. (Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 57th Battalion

29th September, 1918:

Weather fine. Slight ground mist at dawn. Our barrage came down at 5.50 am. The Battalion moved out of assembly positions at about 7 am in accordance with the order for the approach march included with special appendix (no 27) and leading Companies passed the starting point at 7.15 am. From this point severe artillery fire was experienced and on crossing the high ground in vicinity of COLOGNE FARM (L 6 C) a heavy fog was seen rising in the valley below. At about RUBY FM (L 6 A) the leading Companies ran into this fog and in a very few minutes it was quite impossible to discern any object 6 feet away. The Battalion Intelligence Officer (Lt. A. G. STALEY), in making a forward reconnaissance during the previous day, had noted that a line of shattered telegraph posts ran along our line of approach towards BELLICOURT. Fortunately one of these posts was located just as the fog closed in and the head of the advance was halted to enable those in rear to obtain touch. The advance was continued, the leading Officer following the line of broken and twisted wire and telegraph poles and the remainder keeping in very careful touch. About 9.25 am the fog commenced to lift and we were enabled to locate our exact position on the map. At 9.45 am the fog again descended this time it was probably more dense than before. The furthest West line of the HINDENBURG system was crossed and the battalion was descending the forward slope of the high ground before BELLICOURT, when the fog gradually thinned and cleared. At 10.50 am we reached the Canal Embankment and encountered strong machine gun fire and scattered groups of Americans. From the Americans nothing could be elicited regarding the situation forward. Enemy artillery had apparently observed our approach as the fog lifted and immediately after our arrival at the embankment, commenced a fairly severe bombardment. Companies were ordered to dig in in the embankment and Company Commanders ordered to take all necessary steps to construct a defensive line along the general line of the canal. We were in touch with the 58th Battalion who occupied the Canal embankment on our left and with the 29th Battalion on the same general line on our right. Battalion Headquarters was established at G 4 C 5.6 (62 B). Patrols were sent out with orders to reconnoitre the positions forward, get in touch with the Americans and to locate the enemy line. Only a few scattered groups of Americans could be located. Enemy machine guns now worked round to our rear on the North and maintained a very severe harassing fire. The O.C. arranged a conference with C.O. 58th Battalion and with Company Commanders of both 57th and 58th Battalions at 2.15 pm. The position was reported to Brigade by telephone. The C.O. decided to continue the advance towards the green line using 57th and 58th Battalions only. The 59th Battalion had not yet reached the canal and no news could be gathered regarding its whereabouts. Brigade Headquarters was asked to provide an artillery barrage and the C.O. obtained permission to use all available tanks. Zero hour was fixed at 3 pm. At that hour Companies from 57th and 58th Battalions with a few Americans who had been rounded up went over, supported by Mark V tanks and whippets. The artillery barrage arranged for failed to materialise. Very strong machine gun fire was concentrated from the direction of the LE CATELET – NAUROY line and severe casualties were inflicted on our troops. A good deal of artillery fire from close range was also met with. All tanks and whippets very quickly became casualties. 5 minutes after the attack had been launched Brigade advised that the advance further north had failed to keep up and that it was inadvisable to advance beyond the LE CATALET line at present. Our right Company ("A" Company) managed to push on into the LE CATALET – MAUROY line and the right centre Company ("C" Company) followed to the same line. The two left Companies however, had to face heavier machine gun fire and were unable to reach that line. One of them ("D" Company) was withdrawn to support in the canal embankment and the other ("B" Company) was ordered to dig in along the position it had already reached – about 400 yards west of the LE CATALET line.

About 6 pm the 59th Battalion came up and took up position in rear of Canal. The Q.M. brought a hot meal forward at 9.30 pm. This was sent forward to Companies at 10 pm. Fullest details of the days operations can be gathered from the original messages sent and received during the day and from the reports of the C.O. and Company Commanders attached with appendix No 27.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Archibald Kerr was admitted to the Red Cross Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England on 3rd October, 1918 with gunshot wounds to right arm, burns – multiple. The Hospital Admissions form states "On admission was found to be suffering from a ___ ___ severe G.S.W. of right arm. Gas shell burns practically all over him – mostly very severe. Head, face, whole of body, lips and arms. Breathing much obstructed. On the 4th there were definite signs of broncho-pneumonia which rapidly developed and he died on the 5th October."

Private Archibald Kerr was reported as dangerously ill on 5th October, 1918.

Private Archibald Kerr died at 11.30 am on 5th October, 1918 at British Red Cross Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England from wounds received in action - Gunshot wounds to right arm, burns (multiple).

A death for Archibald Kerr, aged 35, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of South Stoneham, Hampshire, England.

Private Archibald Kerr was buried on 8th October, 1918 in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number N. 410 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Private Archibald Kerr - *Coffin was Elm with brass fittings. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military funeral. The coffin was draped with the "Union Jack", and borne to the graveside and the burial service conducted by The Rev: J. Forbes. The grave will be turfed, and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the Funeral.*

Private Archibald Kerr was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Kerr's widow – Mrs I. G. I. Kerr, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922 but returned. The Plaque was redirected in March, 1931).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Archibald Kerr – service number 3696, aged 34, of 57th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of James and Mary Parke Kerr; husband of Isa Gladys Irene Kerr of 316 Doveton St., North Ballarat, Victoria.

Private A. Kerr is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 164.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A. Kerr & his brothers J. Kerr & T. Kerr, are remembered on the Thalia State School Honour Roll for the District for World War 1. It is located at the Wycheproof Historical Society, Wycheproof, Victoria.



Thalia State School Honour Roll for WW1 (Photo from VHD)

A. Kerr & his brother J. Kerr, are remembered on the Wycheproof Presbyterian Church Honour Roll for World War 1, located at Mount Street, Wycheproof, Victoria.



Wycheproof Presbyterian Church Honour Roll for WW1 (Photo from VHD)

A. Kerr & his brother J. Kerr are both remembered with Plaques in the New Wycheproof Avenue of Honour where trees were planted for Wycheproof District Soldiers who didn't return home. This has been a 2 year project for the centenary of the Armistice. The Plaques are located by the side of the Calder Highway.



Plaques for A. Kerr & his brother J. Kerr (Photos courtesy of Lynda Rumbold)



New Wycheproof Avenue of Honour

A. Kerr is remembered on the Ballarat Memorial Wall & Rotunda located at Sturt Street and Learmonth Avenue, Ballarat, Victoria.



Ballarat Memorial Wall & Rotunda (Photo from Carol's Headstone Photos)

Archibald Kerr is also remembered on the Ballarat Avenue of Honour (1917-1919) where almost 4,000 trees were planted to represent the number of men and women from the Ballarat district who served in World War 1. The trees were planted at intervals of 12 metres along 22 kms of the Ballarat-Burrenbeet Road. The Ballarat Avenue of Honour is famous for being the first avenue of its kind in Australia. Tree number 3533, planted by Miss A. Trotman.

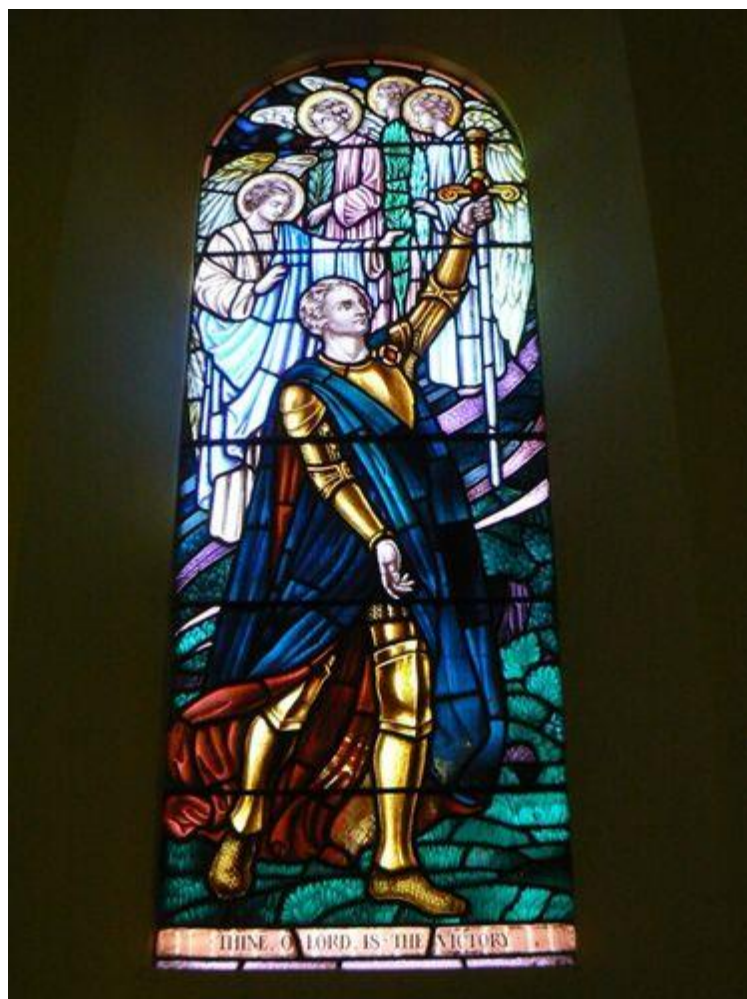


The Arch of Victory was built as an entrance to the Avenue of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia)



Ballarat Avenue of Honour (Photo from Victorian War Heritage Inventory)

A. Kerr is also remembered on the St. Andrew's Kirk Honour Board, Ballarat, Victoria, next to the stained glass window commemorating men from the parish who died in service or were killed in action in World War One. The window has a figure of the young David clad in armour and holding a sword aloft in his left hand. Above him are four angels. The plaque/Honour Board is mounted on the wall next to the window.



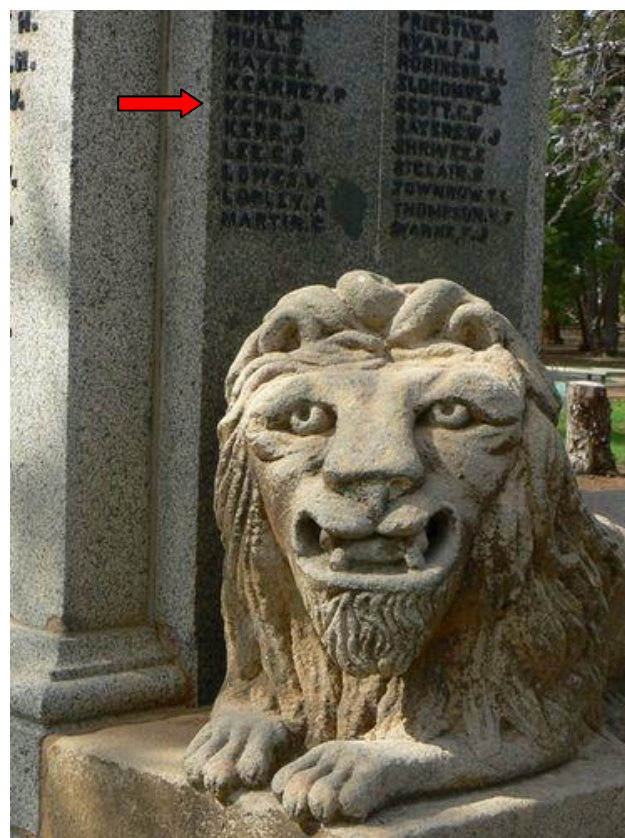


St. Andrew's Kirk Memorial Window (above) & Plaque (Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson)

A. Kerr & his brother J. Kerr, are remembered on the Wycheproof War Memorial, located in Centenary Park, Wycheproof, Victoria.



Wycheproof War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)



(49 pages of Private Archibald Kerr's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



Connected to Private Archibald Kerr:

Younger Brother – Private John Kerr, 2527, 57th Battalion. Enlisted 20th June, 1916. Embarked 25th September, 1916 on HMAT *Shropshire*. Died of wounds 5th April, 1918. Buried Adelaide Cemetery, Villers-Bretonneux, France.

Younger Brother – Private Thomas Kerr, 2528, 57th Battalion. Enlisted 20th June, 1916. Embarked 25th September, 1916 on HMAT *Shropshire*. Returned to Australia 10 June, 1918.



Newspaper Notices

Killed in Action

It was with deep regret that the news was received this week that another Australian hero — Pte. Archibald Kerr — had been killed in action on the battlefields of France. He was the eldest sort of Mrs and the late James Kerr, of Thalia, husband of Mrs I. Kerr, of Ballarat, father of three little children— Pearlle, Jean and Aissa, also brother of Phemie, Dollie, Jean, Robert, James, Mary, Alex, Willie, Tom (on active service), and Pen. The family have been grief-stricken in their sad losses, inasmuch as only, recently news was received that another son (John) had been killed in action, and on September 3rd a cousin — Robert Kerr— died of wounds. The late Pte. A. Kerr was 35 years of age, and was a well-known and popular young man. He left the Thalia district about 8 years ago to enter the employ of Messrs Fenwick, Hamilton and Co., where he was until the date of his entry to camp. The manager of the firm (Mr Rogers) presented their fellow employee with a wristlet watch and commended him for his patriotism. The late Pte. A. Kerr was a brother-in-law of Mr W. McMaster, of Thalia, and Mrs W. Sayers, of Wycheproof.

(Mount Wycheproof Ensign and East Wimmera Advocate, Victoria -18 October, 1918)

PRIVATE A. KERR

Private A. Kerr, eldest son of the late James and Mrs Kerr, of Thalia, has been killed in action, and is the second son in this family to pay the supreme sacrifice.

(Bendigo Advertiser, Victoria – 19 October, 1918) & (Bendigonian, Victoria – 24 October, 1918)

KILLED IN ACTION

KERR – On the 5th inst., at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, England, died fo wounds, Private A. (Archie) Kerr, 57th Battalion, aged 34 years, dearly beloved eldest son of Mrs M. P. and the late Jas. Kerr, of Thalia, and dearly beloved husband of Isa Kerr, 316 Doveton street north, Ballarat, and loving father of Pearlle, Jean and Ailsa.

He has played his part, we must still strive on.

Trying like him to be brave.

Our sacrifice is in what we have lost,

His was, in what he gave.

-Inserted by his loving wife.

KERR – A tribute to the memory of my dear nephew and school mate, Private Archie Kerr, 57th Battalion, officially reported died of wounds, 5th inst., at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, England.

“He heard his country’s call.”

-Inserted by George Kerr, Doveton street.

(*The Ballarat Star*, Victoria – 19 October, 1918) & (*The Ballarat Courier*, Victoria – 19 October, 1918)

Died of Wounds

PRIVATE ARCHIBALD KERR

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the fact that Private Archibald Kerr, eldest son of Mrs and the late Mr James Kerr, had died of wound on 5th October at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, England. The sad news was conveyed to the parents on the 14th inst, and the news is even more sad because it is only a short time ago that the family suffered the loss of another son and brother, the late Private John Kerr, who was also killed in France. The late Private Archibald Kerr was born at Thalia 34 years ago, and for many years he followed farming pursuits in that district, where he was extremely popular and highly respected by a large circle of residents. Some eight years ago he accepted a position with Messrs Fenwick, Hamilton and Co, of Ballarat, by whom he was employed when duty called and he joined the A.I.F. In addition to his mother, brothers and sisters, who reside at Thalia, the late Private Kerr leaves a wife and three young children (Pearlie, Jean and Ailsia) to mourn the loss of a loving son, brother, husband and father. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family in the hour of their sad bereavement.

(*Birchip Advertiser and Watchem Sentinel*, Victoria – 23 October, 1918)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

BALLARAT AND DISTRICT

PRIVATE A. KERR



Mrs Kerr, of 316 Doveton street north, has received the sad news through the Rev. J. Walker that her husband, Pte A. Kerr died of gunshot wounds at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, England, on the 5th inst. The late Pte Kerr was a member of the 57th Battalion. He enlisted on the 8th November, 1917, and sailed on the 28th February last. He was educated at the Addington State school, and prior to enlisting had been employed by Messrs Fenwick Hamilton and Co. for the past 14 years. A younger brother made the supreme sacrifice last April, and another is still in action in France. Pte Kerr leaves a widow and three young children to mourn their loss.

(*The Ballarat Courier*, Victoria – 19 October, 1918) & (*The Ballarat Star*, Victoria – 19 October, 1918)

DIED OF WOUNDS

KERR – On 5th October at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, England, died of wounds, Archibald Kerr (Private Archie Kerr), eldest son of Mr and the late James Kerr, of Thalia, husband of Isa and father of Pearlie, Jean and Ailsia; brother of Private Tom (on active service), the late Private John, and Robert James, Alex, Willie Ben, Dollie, Gerner, Phemie and Jean. Aged 34 years.

Dearly loved, sadly missed.

His duty nobly done.

(*Birchip Advertiser and Watchem Sentinel*, Victoria – 23 October, 1918)

The Soldiers' Column

PTE A. KERR



News has been received that Pte A. Kerr, son of Mrs Kerr, and the late J. Kerr, of Thalia, died of gunshot wounds at the Royal Victorian Hospital, Netley, England on October 5th. He enlisted on 8th November 1917 and sailed on the 28th February last. He was educated at the Addington State School, and was in the employ of Messrs Fenwick Hamilton and Co. of Ballarat, for 14 years. Pte Kerr leaves a widow and three young children.

(*Mount Wycheproof Ensign and East Wimmera Advocate*, Victoria -1 Nov 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

KERR – A tribute of love to the memory of our dearly beloved nephews, Private Archie Kerr, died of wounds, 5th October, 1918; Private John Kerr, died of wounds, 5th April, 1918; and Private Robert M. Kerr, died of wounds, 3rd September, 1918.

 Their hearts were true, their spirits brave,

 Their resting place is a hero's grave

-Inserted by all their loving aunties and uncles.

(The Ballarat Star, Victoria – 22 November, 1918)

AUSTRALIA'S HEROES

CASUALTY LIST No. 442

BALLARAT AND DISTRICT

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte A. Kerr, Ballarat

(The Ballarat Star, Victoria – 22 November, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

DIED ON SERVICE

KERR – In proud and loving memory of my dearly loved husband, Pte Archie Kerr, who died of wounds at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, England, 5th October, 1919; dearly loved father of Pearl, Jean and Ailsa.

 So Loved. So Missed.

Laddie, beloved Laddie, how soon should we cease to weep,

Could we peep through the gates of Heaven, the keys which angels keep;

But love, dear, love that is deathless,

Shall follow you wher'er you roam.

Over the hills of God, Laddie – the beautiful hills of home.

-Isa Kerr.

KERR – In honored memory of our dear nephews, Private Archie Kerr, died of wounds, 5th October, 1918; Private John Kerr, died of wounds, 5th April, 1918; and Private Robert Kerr, died of wounds, 3rd September, 1918.

Our brave Laddies. Will ever be remembered.

-Inserted by their loving uncles and aunties.

(The Ballarat Star, Victoria – 4 October, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

DIED ON SERVICE

KERR – In loving memory of our dear nephews, Private Archie Kerr, died of wounds, 5th October, 1918; Private John Kerr, killed in action, 5th April, 1918; Private Robert M. Kerr, died of wounds, 3rd September, 1918.

To live in the hearts they loved so not to die.

-Inserted by their loving uncles and aunties.

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KERR – In proud and loving memory of my beloved husband, Private Archie Kerr, 57th Batt., who died of wounds, 5th October, 1918 at Netley, England, loved father of Pearlie, Jean and Ailsa.

So loved, so missed.

-Inserted by Isa Kerr.

(The Ballarat Star, Victoria – 5 October, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

KERR – In proud and loving memory of my beloved husband, Private Archie Kerr, who died of wounds at Netley, England, 5th October, 1918, loving father of Pearlie, Jean and Ailsa. (Inserted by Isa Kerr).

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 5 October, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

KERR – In loving memory of my dear brother-in-law, Private Arch. Kerr, 57th Batt., A.I.F., who died of wounds, 5th October, 1918. (P. McM.)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 9 October, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

DIED ON SERVICE

KERR – In proud and loving memory of my beloved husband, Private Archie Kerr, who passed away at Netley, England, 5th October, 1918 (57th Batt.), loved father of Pearl, Jean and Ailsa.

So loved, so missed.

-Inserted by Isa Kerr.

(The Ballarat Star, Victoria – 5 October, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

DIED ON SERVICE

KERR – In loving memory of my beloved husband, Private Archie Kerr, 57th Batt., who died of wounds, 5th October, 1918, at Netley, England.

So loved, so missed.

-Inserted by Isa Kerr, "Ballater," Moreland Road, Moreland.

(The Ballarat Star, Victoria – 5 October, 1922) & (The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 5 October, 1922)

IN MEMORIAM

KERR – In loving memory of my dearly loved husband, Archie, 57th Batt., who passed away at Netley, England, 5th October, 1918.

"Greater love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends."

Isa Kerr, Sallaki, Moreland.

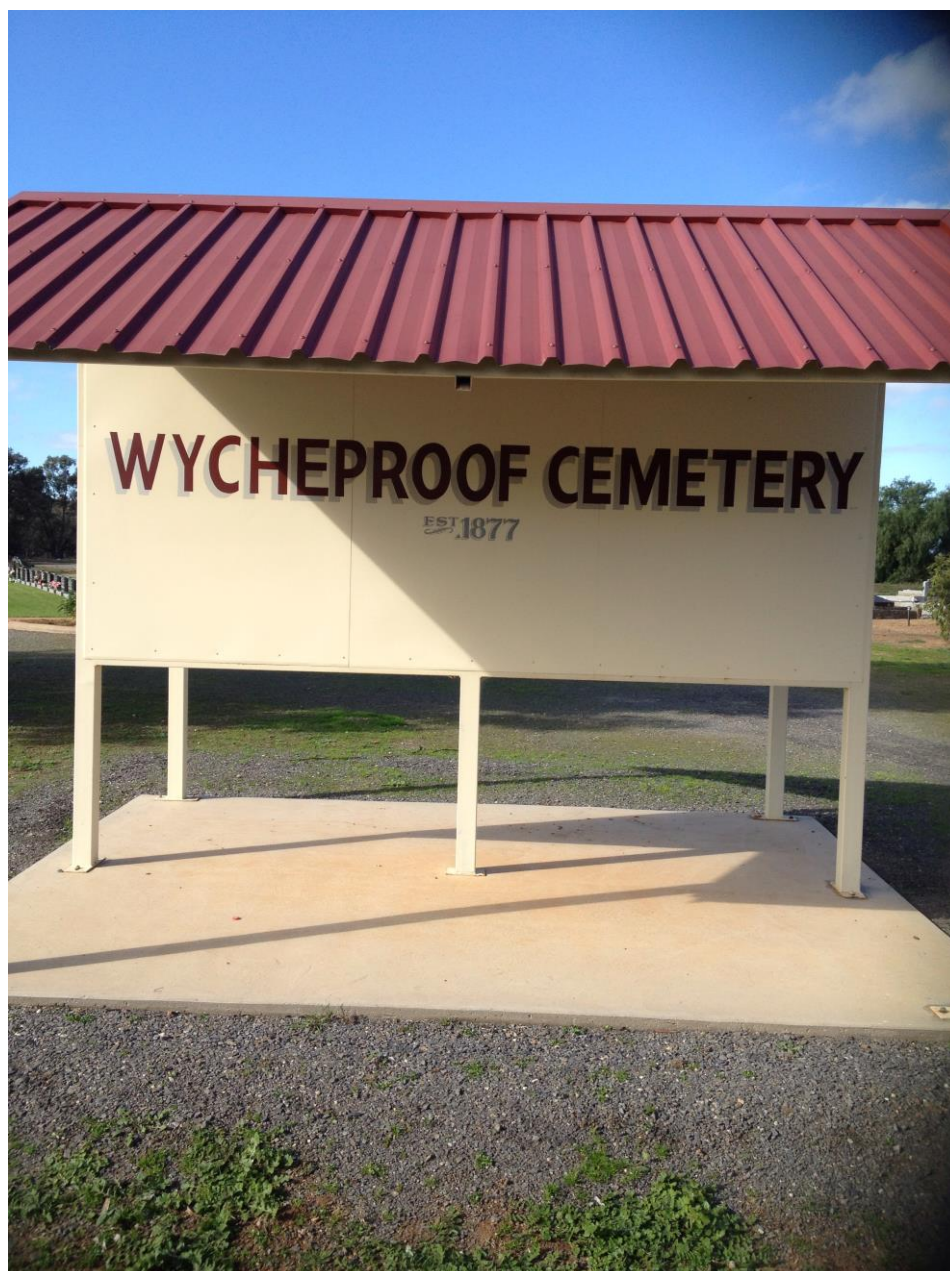
(The Ballarat Star, Victoria – 5 October, 1923)

At the time of researching The Ballarat Star was not available for searching after September, 1924

Memorial Notices were placed in *The Argus*, Melbourne by Isa Kerr, widow of the late Private Archibald Kerr, for the following years (there may be further notices that didn't come up in the search results):

1926, 1927, 1929, 1932, 1935 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950

John Kerr & Archibald Kerr are both remembered on their parents headstone in Wycheproof Cemetery, Victoria.



Wycheproof Cemetery (Photo by Eric Bish – Find a Grave)



Kerr Family Headstone in Wycheproof Public Cemetery (Photo courtesy of Lynda Rumbold)

In Loving Memory

of

JAMES

Beoved Husband Of

Mary Park Kerr

Died 16TH Sept. 1912

Aged 56 Years

And Their Dearly Loved Sons

JOHN KERR

Killed In Action 5TH April, 1918 Near Corbie, France

Aged 24 Years

And ARCHIBALD KERR

Died Of Wounds 5TH Oct. 1918 At Netley, England

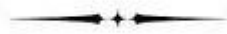
Aged 34 Years.

Also MARY PARK KERR

Died 5TH MARCH 1938

Aged 77 Years.

He Giveth His Beloved Sleep



Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

Private A. Kerr does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Far From His Homeland Australia

He died To Keep Us Free

Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England

Netley Military Cemetery is a permanent military cemetery, the property of the Ministry of Defence. The cemetery was at the back of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital and was used during both wars for burials from the hospital. The cemetery contains 637 First World War burials but only 35 from the Second World War. In addition to the Commonwealth graves, there are a number of war graves of other nationalities including 69 German graves dating from the First World War.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire





NETLEY MILITARY CEMETERY

This cemetery was used for many years for military burials from the Royal Victoria Hospital. The graves include those of 721 casualties from the First World War and 36 of the Second World War, comprising servicemen and women from the following countries:

United Kingdom	558	Undivided India	5
Australia	49	Belgium	15
Canada	42	Poland	1
New Zealand	12	Austria	1
South Africa	6	Germany	68

The Cross of Sacrifice alongside this plot was erected after the First World War.

THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE
OF THESE GRAVES

Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire (Photo above - Andrea Charlesworth; below - darealjolo)



Photo of Private A. Kerr's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England.





Original Cross markers – Netley Military Cemetery