

C.C.M. 101543.

N.A.C. / 389494. PTE. E. LENNARD. R.A.S.C.

CHATBY MEM ALEXANDRIA.



Copy.

Troy Town,  
Brook,  
nr. Ashford, Kent.

Dear Sir,

Can you kindly inform me if my  
late husband (Private E. Eennard. Reg. No.  
389494. A.S.C.) name is on the Roll, of  
Honournin Malta.

He was missing believed drowned  
May 4th. 1917.

Have never been told where he was  
drowned, but he was stationed at Alexandria,  
Egypt. If you are unable to tell me where  
could I find out.

Yours truly,

V. D. Lennard.

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ASHFORD (KENT) DIVISION

Address : "Homelands"  
ALDINGTON,  
Ashford,  
Kent.



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Date..... May 15th, 1954.

Our Reference

Your Reference

Dear Sir,

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May I ask for the noble indulgence of your Office in this case - Letter enclosed from Mrs. Violet D. Lennard, of Troy Town, Brook, Ashford, Kent.

By the newly erected memorial at Malta, Mrs. Lennard's life long memory of her husband is revived by wanting to know whether there is any record by 'memorial' of his death.

I find by letters kept by Mrs. Lennard the following records only :-

389494, Private Edward Lennard, N.A.C. Batt. A.S.C. died 29th May, 1918 through the loss of the Ferry Transport "Missir".

By Mrs. Lennard's letter it appears the ship was lost in the Mediterranean May 4th. 1917, and May 29th, 1918 may be the date for presumption of death after long search, and no trace of the ship.

Yours truly

*H. J. Wilding Cole*

Hon. Secretary.

The Officer i/c Records,  
R.A.S.C. Records,  
Ore Place,  
HASTINGS, Sussex.

POST ROOM

17 MAY 1954

R. A. S. C. & A. C. C.  
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Hon. Secretary,  
S.S.A.F.A.,  
"Homelands",  
Aldington,  
Ashford, Kent.

To I.W. G. 7<sup>19</sup> May, 1954.  
*Gharib.*

Dear Sir,

re: The late 389494 Pte. LENNARD, E. (ASC)

*and enclosure*

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter, dated 15th  
May, 1954.

In view of your statement that the above named is  
presumed to have been killed in 1918, I have forwarded  
your communication under review to the Under-Secretary  
of State, The War Office (R. Records), Droitwich by whom  
documents in respect of soldiers who served in the 1914-18  
War are administered.

Yours faithfully,

*L* Officer i/c RASC & ACC Records.

Copy to: The Under-Secretary of State,  
The War Office (R. Records),  
Droitwich.

The above referred to letter, <sup>are</sup> is attached hereto  
for your attention please.

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*With the Compliments  
of the  
Under-Secretary of State for War*

The War Office,

THE WAR OFFICE  
RECORDS CENTRE,  
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*20-5-1954*

MR 41

NAC/389494. Pte Edward Kennard.

R.A.S.C. Antens.

Buried at sea 29<sup>th</sup> May 1918.

Charby memo, Alexandria.

Reg Copy if required

P.W.D. Died at sea 29<sup>th</sup> May 1918 101543. C.C.M.

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↑ "Missis" sunk in sub. 29/5/18

(80 miles W. by N. of Alexandria)

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Major Tyrrell

The above is an extract from  
"Merchant Navy Losses" and proves that  
the phrase "found at sea" should read  
"lost at sea".

It also clears up the date question.

Edmond  
1/6/54

CCM. 101543.

1st. June, 1954.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 15th. May addressed to the Officer i/c Records, Hastings, was forwarded by them to the War Office at Dr itwich by whom it has been sent to the Commission.

The newly erected Memorial at Malta records only members of the Air Forces of the Commonwealth who lost their lives in the Central Mediterranean area during the 1939-45 war and who have no known grave.

The late 389494. Private Edward Lennard, Royal Army Service Corps Canteens, is commemorated on the Memorial erected by the Commission in the Chatby War Memorial Cemetery, Alexandria, which bears the names of 982 officers and men who lost their lives in Egyptian waters as a result of enemy action and who have no grave but the sea.

The publication 'Merchant Navy Losses' shows that the 'Misser' was sunk by submarine on the 29th. May 1918, eighty miles west by north of Alexandria.

The correct date of death is therefore the 29th. May 1918, and it would seem that



in her letter Mrs. Lennard has become  
confused in the date.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

H. J. Wilding Cole Esq.,  
S.S.A.F.A.,  
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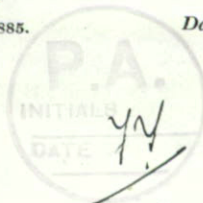


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Date..... June 2nd, 1954.

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Dear Sir,



Thank you very much for your letter of June 1st, 1954 giving complete information asked for relating to the late 389494 Private Edward Lennard, Royal Army Service Corps Canteens.

I have sent your letter (keeping copy) to Mrs. V.D. Lennard of Troy Town, Brook, nr. Ashford mentioning its importance, and advising her to keep it safe with her marriage and other certificates.

Your kindness and great help in the case is much appreciated.

Yours truly

*N. J. Wilding Col.*

Hon. Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Imperial War Graves Commission,  
Wooburn House,  
Wooburn Green,  
High Wycombe,  
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