

Donald Kerr Lt. B. Office - Messrs. W. & T. Pope.

Enlisted July 1915.

Passed M. C. O. School, Dec. 1915; obtained Sergeant's Certificate  
Contingent leaving Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1916 - one private absent  
through illness. Volunteers called for. Kerr volunteered,  
and left as private at moment's notice.

In Egypt transferred to Army Medical Corps, in March.  
Reached France in June. 50<sup>th</sup> Battalion, stretcher-  
bearers under Major Jefferies D.S.O.

50<sup>th</sup> Battalion in action from Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.

A lieutenant, <sup>of the Battalion</sup> had been ordered to take a trench.

His platoon were successful, but lieutenant was  
badly wounded in leg, and was left behind at  
10 o'clock at night in No Man's Land. Kerr  
discovered that lieutenant had not returned. Set out to  
find him in face of deadly fire. Found Lieut. and

Carried ~~him~~ <sup>him</sup> into our trenches on his back.

[ Officer - big, heavy man. Officer and Kerr - schoolmates at  
Probably for this and other deeds, as per <sup>Putteney Street School</sup> cutting,

awarded the Military Medal.

Writing to Kerr early in Sept. Major Jefferies says: - "I  
do not know whether you are aware or not of the fact that you  
had been highly recommended for honours by practically every  
officer of the 50<sup>th</sup> Battalion who was at any time in the  
trenches between Aug 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. They all spoke in most  
glowing terms of your conduct, and it was the opinion of  
all who saw your work that you deserved the highest honour  
that it was possible to give."  
Latest news - Kerr in hospital at Aldershot - recovering.

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#### RED CROSS FIRED UPON.

A cable intimation has been received by Messrs. W. & T. Pope, solicitors, Pirie street, Adelaide, that Pte. Donald Kerr, Army Medical Corps, who before enlisting in August, 1915, was on their office staff, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the big offensive in France on August this year. In a letter written in September from the 23rd British General Hospital, and received by the last mail, Pte. Kerr says:—"It is rather curious that I should be a victim of the violation of the Red Cross. I lasted out our spell in the firing line without injury until the last day, Tuesday, August 15. While out dressing wounded, I came across a number of our wounded men, who were cut off from the main body. I went back, and got together 13 stretcher parties, and was guiding them to the place where the wounded were lying. The enemy deliberately opened shell fire on us. The man behind me was killed, and several of our party were wounded." Pte. Kerr's wounds were in the back and neck, and seriously in the jaw. He writes with gratitude of the care received from the doctors and nurses in the French hospital. Two of the latter were formerly in the North Adelaide Hospital. The cable states that Pte. Kerr is now convalescent and has been sent to England.