

Sapper James Lockhart Kinrade
Regimental number: 62293
11th Divisional Signal Company, Royal Engineers

born: 9 October 1893 - died: 23 September 1918

Sapper James Lockhart Kinrade was born on 9 October 1893 in Laxey, Lonan on the Isle of Man.¹ He was the son of John and Isabella Kinrade. His father, John, was born in about 1867 in Andreas, Isle of Man and his mother, the former Isabella Lockhart, was born in about 1864 in Whithorn, Wigtonshire in Scotland.² John and Isabella were married in 1890 in Whithorn.³ The following year, they were living at 2 Ballacollister in Lonan, sharing a house with John's widowed mother, his brother, his sister and her son.⁴ A decade later, they had four children: Dorothy Kinrade (born on 7 November 1891),⁵ James, Agnes Black Kinrade (born on 24 April 1895)⁶ and Maxwell Curphey Kinrade (born on 25 November 1900).⁷

James' father, John, was a general merchant's traveller and a "primitive" Methodist local preacher.⁸ By 1911, John and Isabella were living with two of their children (Agnes and Maxwell) at Sunnycroft in Lonan.⁹ Dorothy was a student ("inmate") at the British and Foreign School Society's Training College for Mistresses in Stockwell, in London.¹⁰ It is not known where James was then.

At the age of 21, James enlisted in the Royal Engineers in Liverpool on 9 January 1915.¹¹ He was a 5' 7 7/8" tall and telegraphist. He received a letter of reference from the Post Office in Chatham, saying that he was a very good telegraphist. Shortly after enlisting, he transferred to the 11th Signal Company.

A few months later, he had a disciplinary offence. On 21 March 1915, he was charged in Grantham with slovenliness on first parade, for which his punishment was three extra drills.

On 19 July 1915, he embarked for the Dardanelles and served in the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force for nearly a year. On 14 June 1916, he left for France, landing on 8 July. He was part of the British Expeditionary Force until his death on 23 September 1918.

He spent some time in hospital in August/September 1916 and later that year had leave in the UK from 29 December 1916 to 8 January 1917. Just prior to his death, he had a week's leave in Paris, returning to his unit on 13 September 1918. He was admitted three days later to the 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station with broncho-pneumonia.¹² He survived for a week but died on 23 September and was buried the following day in Duisans British Military Cemetery (Grave No. 39, Plot 6, Row H), with the chaplain, A. D. Reid, presiding.

A communication from the 1st CCCS said:

The above mentioned man was admitted 16/9/18 with a temperature of 103 developing diffuse broncho pneumonia dying 23/9/18 at 2.50 PM. Death due to pneumonia contingent to exigencies of active service.¹³

Duisans British Military Cemetery is located in Etrun, near Arras, in France. The first burials took place in the cemetery in March 1917.¹⁴ The 1st CCCS arrived at the beginning of September and was stationed near Duisans for two months in the autumn of 1918.¹⁵ A total of 75 patients died at the 1st CCCS in September 1918.

His brother, Maxwell, was his next-of-kin and was notified of his death by the chaplain.¹⁶ In January 1919, his private property was returned to his father. It included: letters, cards, a badge, photos, a 9-carat gold ring, a wallet, an R.E. book, an electric torch, a religious medallion, a letter case and a drinking cup.¹⁷ His father received the monies owing to him from the army after his death.¹⁸

James was awarded the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918), the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre) and the 1914-15 Star (for service in the war against Germany between 5 August 1914 and 31 December 1915).¹⁹

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⁷ "Isle of Man, Select Births and Baptisms, 1821-1911," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.co.uk; accessed 7 December 2015), entry for Maxwell Curphey Kinrade, FHL Film Number: 454962, Reference ID: p. 226

⁸ "1891 Isle of Man Census," entry for Isabella Kinrade, "1901 Isle of Man Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.co.uk; accessed 7 December 2015), entry for James L. Kinrade, Registration district: Isle of Man, Sub registration district: 5, ED, institution, or vessel: 70, Piece: 5307, Folio: 58, Page Number: 10

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¹⁰ "1911 Isle of Man Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.co.uk; accessed 7 December 2015), entry for Dorothy John Kinrade, Registration district: Lambeth, Registration District Number: 635, Sub-registration district: Lonan, ED, institution, or vessel: 13/5, Household schedule number: 138, Piece: 34709

¹¹ "British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.co.uk; accessed 17 December 2015), entry for James L. Kinrade. Unless otherwise noted, all information on James' army service comes from this record.

¹² "Record of Deaths, 17 February 1916 - 10 February 1919, a record maintained at No. 1 CCCS," *Library and Archives Canada*, (records accessed 2013 & 2015), Record Group 9, series IIC10, volume 4556, Record 666

¹³ "British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920," entry for James L. Kinrade

¹⁴ "Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun," Commonwealth War Graves Commission (www.cwgc.org; accessed 7 October 2015)

¹⁵ "War Diaries of the First World War: 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station 1914/08/13-1919/03/31," *Library and Archives Canada* (http://data4.collectionscanada.gc.ca/netacgi/nph-brs?s1=casualty+clearing&s13=&s12=&l=20&s9=RG9&s7=9-52&Sect1=IMAGE&Sect2=THESOFF&Sect4=AND&Sect5=WARDPEN&Sect6=HITOFF&d=FINDD&p=1&u=http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/02015202_e.html&r=1&f=G; accessed 17 June 2015)

¹⁶ "Record of Deaths, 17 February 1916 - 10 February 1919, a record maintained at No. 1 CCCS," Record 666

¹⁷ "British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920," entry for James L. Kinrade

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¹⁹ "British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.co.uk; accessed 26 November 2015), entry for J. L. Kinrade