Letter by James Cameron sent to the mother of Captain Allan Cameron of Lochiel following his death in 1914, 1915 (GB0232/D766/17/2/12)

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Mrs Allan Cameron

31.3.15

Dear Madam,

I received your letter dated 27th. You asked me to give an account of the burial of Mr Allan Cameron also the cave disaster. The cave was our regimental Head Quarters where the Colonel Adjutant Medical Officer, the Wounded and orderlies were stationed.

Capt Miers sent down for Capt Allan Cameron to come up to see him as he was wounded and was going to Hospital. Capt Allan wasn't long there when the cave was blown in. During the disaster I was in A Company No 4 platoon which was in reserved trenches lying along side the cave. When it became dark we started digging for the bodies but wasn't till the following night that they were found.

We carried the four Officers to a little village about four miles from the cave and buried them in a small cemetery off the main road.

There was a cross put above each Grave with the names of the Officers on them.

In mistake we put Mr Napier Cameron into Captain Allan's grave we then buried them in that order but shifted the crosses. We then got a grave stone put up with their names and the regiment to which they belonged engraved on it.

The order in which they were buried was Capt Allan Cameron and Mr Napier Cameron were in between Capt Miers and the Medical Officer.

I am showing you a diagram of the way in which they were buried.

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Medical Officer	Mr N Cameron	Capt	Capt
		Allan	Miers
		Cameron	

P.S. The Company to which I belong was not written on the envelope. This is the reason it took so long in finding me.

I remain, Yours respectfully James Cameron