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9832 Lance Corporal Edward Allan Burgess

9th Field Company Engineers



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9th Field Coy.Engineers
A.I.F. 3rd Section.

Burgess, L/C.l. ? 9832 Edward

(K June 3rd 1917 Deth. D/B)

"I saw L/Cpl. Edward Burgess killed at Plugstreet, and he was buried there by comrades of the 3rd Section, 9th Field Coy. Eng. His brother Harold Burgess had all his effects, he was killed at a place we call Hyd. Park Corner - by a shell - which blew his head off. We always called him "Ted." 2nd Corp. Fieldhouse who is still with the 9th F. Coy. Eng. in France could give further details, he is the Corp. belonging to the 9th Coy., also Lt. Burgess who is the officer of 3rd Section 9th Coy. Eng; no relation. L/Cpl. E. Burgess was given his stripe on the day of his death."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: His name was Edward.

Informant: Sapper Albert Walton, 10,000,
9th Field Coy. Engineer, A.I.F.,
3rd Section,
Fulham Military Hospital.

3.9.17.
L. Crichton-Stuart.

9 Engnrs. Coy.
A.I.F.

Burgess. Edward
~~2839~~
9832

"Killed 3.6.17."

He was killed at Ploegstreet Wood. I did not see him killed but I helped to carry his body and to dig the grave and bury him, on the border of the Wood. Was told he was killed instantly. A cross will be put up; but I was wounded 4 days after so don't know if done. His brother Harold was at the funeral but I have been told he is killed since.

Witness:- W. Davies. 9856
Engineers.
Ward 41.
Harefield.

J. A. Davy

London.
4.9.17.

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9th Fld. Coy. Engineers.
A.I.F.

BURGESS
Lcpl. E.A. 9832

"Killed in Action 3,6.17."

Regarding L/Cpl. Burgess. Number 9832 of 9th Fld. Coy. Engrs. A.I.F. I have to advise that this man who was under my personal command was killed in Ploegstreet Wood on 3.6.17.
He was buried in the Strand Military Cemetery Ploegstreet Wood Plot 5 Row A. Grave 14. and the grave is of course registered. L/Cpl. Burgess was tall and fair, and had a brother Sapper H. Burgess in the same section as himself. Sapper H. Burgess who has since been wounded and at our latest advice is in the Kitchener Military Hospital Brighton was present at his brother's funeral. Two other enquiries from your society to Sapper Dietrich and 2/Cpl. Fieldhouse have been handed to me to reply as they would only give the same particulars as quoted above. In one case L/Cpl. Burgess is referred to as Pte. I might mention that his promotion only occurred the day before his death. I shall be pleased if desired to furnish any further details on receipt of your further advice.

Letter from:- L.F. Burgess. Lieut.
France. 29.9.17.

London. 5.10.17.

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9th Field Company Engineers.
A.I.F.

BURGESS, E.A. F
9832 Spr.

Killed in Action 3/6/17.

I knew Burgess, his initials were E.A. We Called him Ted. We were together in Roseberry Park Camp and were in the same sleeping house: he was tall and thin and medium complexion. He came I think from Leura. He had once been a schoolmaster and then I think a bricklayer He was with me in No.3 Section and on the morning of 3/6/17 at Ploegsteert Messines we were detailed to look after the water supply for the coming battle: whilst near the first Dressing Station a High Explosive shell came over killed Burgess instantly and wounded me. I actually saw him fall and I am quite sure he was killed outright. I was taken away but later received news from the Company that he had been buried just outside Ploegsteert Wood near Charing Cross Dressing Station.

Informant: Dietrich, F.H. Spr. 9861
9th Field Company Engineers, No.3 Sec.
No.4 Australian General Hospital, RANDWICK

H.S.O.
27/11/17.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

S. Ca Sully

AUST DIV ENG. 9 Fld Coy. BURGESS, E. 9832.

K. June 3rd 1917. Dets D/B.

On the afternoon of June 3rd Sapper Burgess was trench revetting at Ploegsteert near Messines when a minnewerfer shell exploded and killed him instantly. He was buried in a cemetery close at hand and Capt Fieldhouse of the same company would give every information on that point. Burgess was a popular and well liked man.

Inf: W. Geoghegan. 9877.
No. 57 General
BOULOGNE. 13.9.17.

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Written Capt Fieldhouse 19.9.17

9th Field Coy
Engineers
A.I.F.

BURGESS E
9832

"Killed 3.6.17".

I heard that he was caught by a shell near Messines and killed instantaneously. Refer to Sapper Detridge, 9th Field Coy Engineers who was wounded by the same shell and who is now in Hospital in England and who can give particulars.

Witness. Sapper W.G.Boulton 9829
9th Field Coy Engineers.
3rd A.A. Hosp Dartford.
Note written to Spr Detridge 20/9/17

W. Oman
19.9.17

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9th Field Coy Engineers.
A.I.F.

BURGESS E
9832

"Killed 3. 6. 17"

I saw his grave at Steenwerck. C. C. Station and it was marked by a Cross bearing all his particulars. I did not see him killed but refer to Spr W. H. Burgess, his brother, 9th Engineers, who is now in England and was with him at time of Casualty, and can give particulars

Witness:--
Cpl D. Harris 15341
9th Field Coy Engineers.
3rd A.A. Hosp
Dartford.

W. Oman.
19.9.17 Note written to Spr W. H. Burgess. 20.9.17

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9th Fld. Coy.,
Engineers.
A.I.F.

Burgess E
9832

"Killed 3.6.17."

I saw him dead at Bloegstreet Wood. He was caught by a shell and killed instantaneously. I was only speaking to him a few minutes before the casualty. He wanted me to go along the trench with him and I told him of he went on I would follow on a few moments which I did, and found him dead in the trench. I saw his grave at Charing Cross Cemetery near the dressing station, and it was marked by a cross bearing his particulars. I knew him well he was a personal friend of mine, he came from Sydney. I told his brother about the casualty 10 minutes after it happened.

Witness:-
Spr. W.T. Haslam 9885
9th Fld. Coy. Enginners.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W Oman,
London.
24.9.17.

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9th Fld.Coy.Engrs.
A. I. F,

Burgess.
E. E. 9832

"Killed 3.6.17"

Re Sapper E. A. Burgess 9832. I am pleased to furnish you with the information desired. The deceased was killed in action on June 3rd and was buried on same date in the Ploegsteert Military Cemetery Belgium, in a registered grave.

Letter from:-
Sapper H. Burgess 10928
Ward 118.Block A.4.
Kitchener Hospital
Brighton. 10.10.17.

London.
17.10.17.

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GC 18-9-17

2nd/Cpl FIELDHOUSE

9th Field Co. Engineers

A. J. F.

BEF

also Lt. Burgess (BURGESS)

3rd Section

9th Co. Field Engineers

A. J. F.

about 9832 E.A.

L/Cpl (E?) BURGESS

3rd Sec. 9th F. Coy. Engineers

K 3.6.17 A. J. F.

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19-9-17.

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Spr W. H. BURGESS.
7th Co.
9th Engineers
A. I. F.

Also
9832 E.A.
BURGESS.
9th 7. Co. Engrs.
A. I. F.

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PE. E.A. BURGESS

9th Field Co Engineers

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9832 L/Cpl E. A. BURGESS
9 Field Co Engineers
K/A 3-6-17 5 3

29-9-17
France

Dear Madam,

In reply to your enquiry of 18-9-17 regarding L/Cpl E. A. Burgess, number 9832, of 9th Field Co, Engineers A.I.F., I have to advise that this man, who was under my personal command was killed in Ploegsteert Wood on 3-6-17.

He was buried in the Strand Military Cemetery, Ploegsteert Wood, Plot 3, Row A, Grave 14 & the grave is of course registered.

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Sapper F H DIETRICH
9 Field Engineers

Yours faithfully,
L. F. Burgess
Lieut.

2/Cpl FIELDHOUSE
Field Co Engineers

October 4th, 1917.

Lt. L.F.Burgess,
9th Field Coy Engineers,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you for your reply in answer to our enquiry concerning 9832 L/Cpl.E.A.Burgess,
9th Field Coy Engineers,
A.I.F.

the information and details you have supplied will be of much assistance to us and of value to our enquirers.

We shall now apply to the Graves Registration and Enquiries asking that a photograph of the grave be forwarded to the late Soldier's next of kin. Again thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

9832 E.A. BURGESS

Ward 118 Block A.L.
Kitchener Hospital
Brighton
10-10-'17.

9 F.d.G. Eng'rs A.I.F.

Ft 3.6.17

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To

The Secretary.
Australian Branch B.R.C.S.

Dear Miss.

Your letter of Sep. 18th to hand on 1st inst.

With reference to the late Sapper E.A. Burgess #9832, I am pleased to furnish you with the information desired.

The deceased, was killed in action on ~~July~~ June 3rd & was buried on same date, in the Ploegsteert Military Cemetery, Belgium, in a registered grave.

If the enquirers should need further information, they can obtain same by applying to me at above address.

Yrs respt.
(Sapr) H. Burgess #10928