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16643 Sapper Conrad Reginald Washington

6th Field Company Engineers



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WASHINGTON.
C.R. 16643.

6th Fld Coy Engrs.
A.I.F.

"Died"

Died at 5th C.C.S. 19-5-18.
Cert: by A.I.F.Hqrs 29-6-18.

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London.
1-7-18.

6th Fld. Coy. Eng. A.I.F.

WASHINGTON.
C.R. 16643.

"Died of Wounds. 19.5.18."

Re 16643 Sapper Washington, he was admitted here very severely wounded in the abdomen and died 7.55 p.m. 19.5.18. on that date I wrote full particulars to his Father with the exception of Grave No. He was buried at Crouy, Plot 2, Row C. Grave 2.

Letter from:- Matron.
5th C.C.S.
France.

London.
16.7.18.

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6th. Fld. Coy. Engrs. A. I. F.

Washington, C. R. Spr. No. ~~I????~~ I6643.

Died. May 19th. 1918. Det. D/E.

I saw him hit by a Machine gun bullett about 2 a. m. on 17th. May, whilst we were out in no mans land, just in front of Ville Sur Ancre, erecting a bridge. He was hit just below the heart, and spoke to us when we started to carry him in, but lost conciousness before we got him to the Dressing Station. Two days after we heard he had died at the C.C.S. close to Amiens. I knew him in the company. He came from Sydney. N. S. W.

Description. Height. 5-5. Complexion. Dark. Medium Build.

Witness. Spr. Allom, J. N. No. 1580. 6th. Fld. Coy. Engrs.

N.W

Taken at.
No. 3. C. D. Hurdcott.
I. B. 18.
C. H. B.

C. H. Brown,
No. 4. Command Depot,
Hurdcott.

Havre. 10th. August. 1918.

6th. Australian Engineers. Washington, O. R. 16645.

D. May. 19/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was nicknamed 'Con'; came from Sydney, single, short, 5 feet 8, very well built, clean-shaven, pleasant features; a painter in private life. He was building a bridge across the Ancre about the 16th. May, at the Ville-sur-Ancre stunt. He was hit in the body by a sniper. He died at the C.C.S. & is buried at the Military Cemetery outside Amiens. I saw a Cross sent up in charge of M. Spalding.

Inf:- H. Wachsmith. 9688.
Hospital Ship.

WHB.

CP.

A.I.F.
6th Field Co. Engineers.

D/W 19/5/18.
D/W 28/7/18.

WASHINGTON. C.R. Spr. 16643.
Tarrant, A. Cpl. 7007.

"Died of Wounds."

Full particulars of these two men can be obtained from H.Spalding, 1 Padston Street, Rozelle, and T.H.Tombs, Googee Street, Randwick.

Informant - Sapper H.S.Randall,
Provate Address - "Chatham",
Bruce Street,
Stanmore.

S. Randall

N.McT.
The Garrison Hospital,
Victoria Barracks, Sydney.
10/4/19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

6th FIELD COY.ENGINEERS,
A.I.F.

WASHINGTON,
Sapper Conrad Reginald 16643.

"DIED OF WOUNDS, 19.5.18."

I knew No.16643, "Con" Washington; he came from about Surry Hills. I left with him on 2.12.16 by the troopship "Orsova", and was with him right through till he was wounded by a sniper on the 19.4.18 at Buire-sur-L'Ancre, and after being attended to, was removed to the Dressing Station at Querrieux, and was afterwards transferred to the 47th Casualty Clearing Station between Abbeville and Amiens; the name of the Station was, I think, "Cruiey", but am not certain how the name is spelt. He died there and was buried in the cemetery attached to the Station, and a cross was erected by the Company over his grave.

Washington was a short man, about 25 years of age. He was a good soldier and well liked by all his mates. I intend calling on his mother.

INFORMANT: Sapper T.H. Tombs, 16640,
6th Field Coy.Engineers, A.I.F.

Home Address; Coogee Street, RANDWICK.

W.P.McE.
23.4.19.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

O. C. Draft

2.7.18

O.C.

5th Casualty Clearing Station.

B.E.F.

16643, Pte C.R. Washington

6th Field Coy Engineers

A.I.F.

D of D

19.5.18

Havre 21st June 1918.

A.I.F. 10. Robinson Sergt. F. No. 2214.

K. 24th April 1918. Det B/B.

He was my platoon Sergeant. He was a fairly tall, well built, man, dark, and had lost his front teeth. On the 24th April we were at Metron, and about 2 in the morning we made a raid. He had got only about 20 yards when he was hit and killed - hit through the head by a bullet. We got the body back next night and buried it in the open between the lines and H.Q.

Inf:- Pte J. Hendrickson No. 7333.
A.I.F. 10. C. Xll.
Austra. Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

CWSG.

16643 C. R. Washington
6. Fld Coy. Eng.
D/W 19.5.18
S.E.C.S.
B.E.F.
France 6.7.18

Dear Mrs Deakin

In answer to your letter re 16643 Sapper [illegible] he was admitted [illegible] very severely wounded in the abdomen and died 7.55 p.m. 19.5.18. on that date. I wrote full particulars to his father with the exception of France. He was buried at CROUY Plot 2. Row Grave 2.

Yours sincerely
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