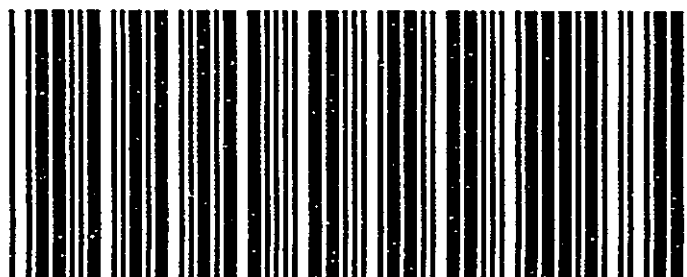


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872 Driver
David John Reid

2nd Divisional Ammunition
Column



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2nd. Div. Amn. Column.

A. I. F.
(Late 13th Light Horse Rgt.)

Dvr. D.J.

REID,
872.

"Died from heart disease."

Died from heart disease whilst on Picket Duty on 2-11-16.
Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters on 31-1-17.

London,
5-2-17.

M.

A.I.F. 2nd.D.A.C.

RAID Dvr. D.J. 872.

D. 2.11.16.

I was with the 2nd. D.A.C. at Montauban on 2nd. Nov. when he died while on picket duty. His body was buried where he died. I heard all about it the same day. Sgt. Michel, No.4 Sect. 2nd. D.A.C. could supply eye-witness details.

SA.

Reference: Dvr.W. Chapp. 1914. No.4 Sect.
A.G.B.D.

Staples.
16.2.17.

Written Sg Michel 22.2.17

M

2nd Bgde. Ammunition Column.
A. I. F.

REID (Dvr). D. J. 872.

" D. Heart Disease. Nov. 2/16 ".

Witness was present when soldier was buried in a little cemetery at Lengueville, on the Albert to Fleurs Road. The cemetery is on the left hand side of the road going towards the German Lines, and contains about 50 graves. Lt Richards read the burial service, and a wooden cross was erected over the grave, bearing the name, number, and Battalion of soldier. The cemetery and grave can easily be found again. Witness knew soldier well, and was in the same Ammun. Column.

Description. Hgt 5ft8. Dark complexion.

Witness. Devine F. R. II54.
2nd Bgde. Ammunition Column.

March. 14th., '17.
S. W.

M
Worgret Camp,
WAREHAM.

A.I.P. Ammunition Col.

REID.
Dvr. D.J. 872

D. REARD. Nov. 2nd. 16.

Died out in Picket. I saw his grave right alongside the road in
Cemetery near Longeville Terminus.

Ref. ~~letter from~~ Sgt. Higgins,
40 Ward.

Harefield.
9/5/17.

D.E. Nicholson.
LONDON.
17.5.17.

K.

A.I.F. 2nd. D.A.Col.

REID
D.J. Driver 872.

DIED 2.11.16.

Driver Reid D.J. No. 872. died whilst on duty about midnight of the 2.11.16.

Cause of death ; Heart Failure.

He was buried in the Soldiers Cemetery adjoining Bernayfof Railway siding and Terminus near Bernayfof Wood.

Canon Cue of the Aust. Forces officiated and was present an officer and several of his most intimate comrades.

A large size wooden cross was erected by his comrades and the grave is enclosed with a wooden paling.

Dimensions of Wooden Cross 36" up 18" across.

The following diagram will shew the pattern and the exact lettering as reported by the mounted orderly whom I sent to get the particulars.

Personal appearance.:- Height about 5'8", fair complexion, clean shaven at time of death.

Our Headquarters are holding over a few of his personal effects and if you can give us an address they will be forwarded.

If we can assist you farther, please let us know.

Cert. by letter from. Sgt. H.A. Michell.

LONDON.
10.4.17.

B. Echelon.
2nd. D.A.C.A.I.F.
2.5.17. M.

2nd Div. Ann.Col.
A.I.F.,

REID
Dvr D.J. 872

"Died from heart disease"
2.11.16

This man died on horseback, through heart-failure. He was alone at the time, on mule picket duty. His death took place at night and next morning I saw the body brought in. The locality was nr. Longuville Road 8 or 9 miles from Albert. I was present at his burial in a Military Cemetery just off Longuville Road. The Chaplain officiated at the grave and the usual cross with name was erected. He was of medium height, fair, about 35 years, single, was known as "old Davy" or "D.J." by his mates. He came from Brunswick (Stoney Road) (Victoria) and was employed on night duty on Brunswick (Sydney Road) tramways.

London
18.4.17.
A.R. McPhee

Reference:- Dvr. J Baylan, 1846
Mo - Sec. 2nd D.A.Col.
Perman Downs Camp,
23.3.17.

H.

2nd Australian Division
Ammunition Column

Reid, Dvr. D.J., 872,

D. from Heart Dis: Nov. 3rd. 1916.

"I saw D.J.Reid who had apparently died from the severe cold on 2nd November. I did not see him but saw his body in the Sgt.'s mess where it was laid. This was at Bernafay Corner near the Quarry Dump, Railhead near to Milencourt. He was buried next day, I don't know where but Lieut. Kirby who was in command of the 4th Section, in which we both were would give this information if written to. I remember Reid well because of the similarity of names and the fact that we both were transferred from the 13th Light Horse."

Eye Witness:

Description: He was about 26 or 27, and I have reason to believe he was married but am not quite sure.

Informant:-- Dvr. Charles Douglas M. Reid, 410,
2nd Australian Div: Ammunition Column,
1st Southern General Hosp:
Birmingham.

26.3.17.
G.J.Withington.

Home address:-- 23, Wattletree Rd.,
Armadale, Melbourne.

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2nd D. A. C. A. I. F.

REID Dvr. D. J. 872.
No 4 Sect.

Died

" M. Nov. 2nd '16 "

" Driver Reid was a member of my section, and was well known to me. On the night of Nov. 2nd '16, we were doing picquet duty somewhere midway between Montaubean and Longueville. At about midnight on the same day, the relieving picquet discovered Dvr Reid in a state of collapse at his post. The medical officer of the 28th Batt. attended Reid, who died between 4 A.M. and 5 A.M. on Nov. 3rd '16, from heart failure. He was buried in a cemetery near Longueville and a cross and railing were erected by the men of his section. The cemetery can easily be found again.

Witness. Watzko F. Dvr. 773.

2nd D. A. C. No 4 Sect.

April 18th., '17.
S. W.

Worgret Camp, *MB*
WAREHAM.

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D. J. REID

2 D. A. Col.

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D. 2. 11. 16

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4/2/97

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The Secretary
Post Office - N. C. I.
London.

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I beg to acknowledge
of your communication dated 2/1/17
and trust the following particulars
will meet your requirements.

1. I have read the N. C. I. and find
a duty about the night of the 2/1/16.

Case of death, death of a man.

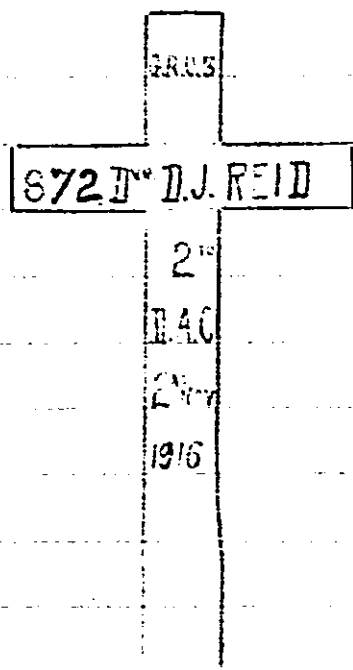
He was found to be a soldier.

Quitting the army, the army of the
Siding, I believe, the army of the

Case of the Post Office Officer
I was present at a meeting of
his most intimate friends.

A large sum of money was
received by the Post Office, the money
is enclosed with a letter from

Remains of Wooden Cross, 36" x 18" approx.
The following diagram will
show the position of the cross sitting
as reported by the painted index
which I sent to get the particulars.



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let us know.

Yours faithfully

Lt H.A. Mitchell

B. Echelon

2nd T.A.C

A. S. F

27th February /7

Sgt. Michel,
No 4 Section,
2 D.A.C. A.I.F.,
B. R. F.

872 Driver D.J. Reid, 2 D.A.C. A.I.F.
reported Died 2.11.16

Driver Reid

P.M. 7.11.16

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27th March, 1917.

The Officer Commanding
2nd Australian Divl. Amm. Column,
B.E.F.
FRANCE.

Dear Sir,

We have had an anxious cable of inquiry for a man
of your Unit, 872 Driver D.J. Reid, who was reported to have
died while on duty 2.11.16. We should be very grateful
if you could supply us with the circumstances of his death
and details of his burial.

We regret to have to trouble you in the matter,
but we are eager to obtain any particulars that we can
for his relatives who have cabled.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

V.D. [Signature]
Secretary.

Srd April 1917.

Sgt. H.A. Mitchell.
B. Echelon,
2 D.A.C.
A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sgt. Michell,

Very many thanks for your letter of March 12th.
in answer to our enquiry for:-

No. 872. Driver D.J.Reid, 2 B.A.C.

The clear and detailed information you have sent will be of great assistance, and we thank you for the trouble you have taken to obtain an exact description of the grave; through this we shall be able to obtain a photograph for the next of kin from the Graves Registration Union.

We must apologise for the delay in answering your letter, but this has been occasioned through our endeavouring to obtain from A.I.F. Head Quarters the address of the next of kin, as you said you had at your Head Quarters some personal effects of Dr.Reid's which you wished to forward to the relatives if we could furnish an address.

We have not the next of kin addresses at our office, but obtain them on application to Head Quarters, Horseferry Road and

Sgt. H.A. Mitchell.

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3.4.17.

have now received the next of kin of Driver Reid.

Sister.

Leah Reid.
567. Ryan St.
East Brunswick.
Victoria.
Australia.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

V. D.

Secretary.

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