

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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299 Lance Corporal
Roland Alfred Siggs

6th Field Company Engineers



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6th Fld.Coy.Engrs.
Late Bridging Train.

L/Corpl. R.A. SIGGS 299

Died of Wounds July 29/16.

Died of wounds 29. 7. 16 at 3rd Casualty Clearing Station. Buried at Puchevillers. Sheet No.57D. Square No.N.20.D.43. A cross will be erected by G.R.C. as soon as practicable.

Reference:- Burial Returns.
Signed: A. H. Broughton,
C. of E. Chaplain,
3rd Casualty Clearing Station.

London
22.2.17.

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6th Field ~~Co.~~ ^{C. Coy.}
A.I.F.,
Aust. Engrs.

Siggs.
Spr. R.A. 299

"Died of Wounds 29-7-1916"

Between 20th & 25th July at Pozieres, his brother R.A. Siggs was wounded, he did not see it, but was told by Corporal Bowers, 6th Australians Field Company Engineers, on 28th July. (who he believes is still with regiment) that he saw Siggs badly wounded and crawling back to dressing station.

It was in a charge. Siggs has written for information to Australian Headquarters but got reply back "No report" R.A. Siggs went over with the 23rd Battalion and changed into 6th. he is about 5ft. 10ins. stoutish, dark, clean shaven, 21 years.

Reference:- V.E. Siggs, 3262 Pte.
28th Battn. C. Coy.
3rd London Gen. Hospt.
Wandsworth.

Home address:- 21-8-16.
C/O Mrs. W.R. Dodd
Burton Grange
Cheshunt, HERTS.

London
8-11-16.
W. Martin.

Written Col Bowers 12.1.17

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Australian R. E.

Siggs, L/Cpl. R. A. 299.
6. Fld. Coy.

(D/W July 29/16. Det: D & B.)

Informant states that "L/Cpl Siggs was killed by a shell in the sunken road near the Cemetery at Pozieres Wood and as far as I know, he was not buried as we were being shelled very heavily by the Germans."

Eye witness:-- Yes.

Informant:-- Spr. G. D. Smith 3486,
Aust: R. E. 6th Fld. Coy.
2nd Southern General Hospital,
B.R.I. Marlborough St,
Bristol.

Home address:-- Meadow Banks,
Glenora,
Tasmania.

Dec: 15th
Long.

P & P I
Bristol
see file.

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Jan. 11th 1917

AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS 6

SIGGS L/Cpl.R.A. 299

D/7 July 29/16 Det.D & B.

At Pozieres in July he was wounded by our own shell fire. I was in the next shell hole to him before he was wounded. I saw him on the stretcher at First Aid Station. He went through the hands of the 6th Field Ambulance. He was 20 years of age.

Informant Sgt.E.Lissner 3282
1st Pioneer Battn.
No.2 Gen.Hosp.(Quai)
G.R.B.

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

SIGGS.
L/C.R.A. 299.

D/W. July. 29.1916.

Pozieres he went over with some Infantry in the charge, and was wounded by Machine Gun Fire, he was taken down to Dressing Station. He was very jolly while being down pointing out all his wounds. I saw him being taken, he ~~was~~ at Beadville West. Inst. about a mile away from where I lived.

Reference:- Sapper, W.F. Cook.
6th. F. Engrs. 35. Word. Herefield.
5.1.17.

D. D. Dickson. London
19.1.17.

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6th Engrs.
A.I.F.,

SIGGS
L/Cpl R.A. 299

"D/W July 29th/16"

He was transferred from the Naval Bridging Train - and joined 6th Engr. in Egypt. He was hit by shrapnel (one of our shells). We had been over in a raid at Pozieres and when coming back he got hit. Some of our chaps spoke to him on the stretcher - he said he felt alright. He died in hospital in France. I don't know which one. He would have a decent burial from the Hospital.

Reference:- L/Cpl "Tas" Williams,
6th Field Engineers,
France.

can give fuller details than I can.

Reference:- 3322 Sapper Trebelcock,
6th Austr. Engrs.
Dartford,
14.3.17.

London
21.3.17.
W.G.J.

Note. Written L/Cpl Williams 22.3.17.

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6th F.Co. Engrs.
A.I.F.,

R.A. SIGGS
299

"D. W. 29.7.16"

He was wounded by shrapnel at 3.a.m. on the 29.7.16, crawled into the Tommies lines and was brought in at mid-day, I helped to carry him to dressing station, he was badly wounded but seemed quite strong and I was surprised when told he had died on the same date. He was buried in the soldier's cemetery. S.S.E. of Puchevillers near Doullens. In appearance - he was medium height, stocky built, dark complexion with rather square jaws. Before he joined the bridging train he was in the military engineers in W.Australia. Their drill hall and parade ground was in Guildford.

Cert. by letter from L/Cpl T. Williams
B.E.F.
18.4.17.

London
30.4.17

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16th January

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Cpl. Dowers,
6th Field Company Engineers,
A. I. F.
R. E. F.

Dear Corporal Dowers,

We are making enquiries for a man of your
Company:-

No. 299. Spr. R. A. Siggs,
6th Field Company Engineers. A.I.F.
Rep. D.W. 29.7.16.

and have been told that if we applied to you we might be able to
to obtain some information as to his ^{probable} possible place
of burial.

We should be very grateful for any details you could
send us concerning Sapper Siggs, as we are anxious to send
all possible ^{information} details to his relatives.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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J.C.

ack
F.M. 25.11.17

18/4/19

In answer to your inquiry concerning
299 R.A. Siggs. He was wounded
by shrapnell at C. Hill on the
24/4/16 crawled into the German
lines & was brought in at
mid day. I helped to carry
him to dressing station, he was
badly wounded but seemed quite
strong and I was surprised when
told he had died on the same
date. He was buried in the
soldiers' cemetery, S. S. C. of
Peshvillers near Douai.
In appearance: He was medium
height, stocky built, dark complexion,
with rather square jaws. Before
he joined the bridging train.

He was in the militia
Engns. in W. Gas. Their
drill hall & parade ground
was in Guilford

1/92 J. Williams

299. R. A. SIGGS

W. 29.7.16

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30th. April, 1917.

Lance Corporal T. Williams,
6 Field Co. Engineers, A.I.F.,
B.E.F.
FRANCE.

Dear Corporal Williams.

Very many thanks for your letter of April 18th
in answer to our enquiry for:-

299, R.A. SIGGS, 6th Field Co. Engineers, A.I.F.

The information you have sent will be of much assistance and
with this we shall be able to locate his grave through the
Graves Registration Union.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

V.D.
Secretary.

J.H.

Lt Col T. A. Williams

6 Field Co. Engrs

A. I. Z. B. E. 7

for 299

Lt Col M. A. Sigs

6 F. Co. Engrs

A. I. Z.

D. W.

29. 7. 16

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