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13990 Sapper
Allan Stewart

1st Field Company Engineers



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1st Engineers

Stewart, A R. 13990.

K. 18/4/18.

I saw him killed by a shell while in his billet in a farmhouse doing pioneer work at Pradells. I also saw his grave and was at his funeral at the same place which has a white cross giving all particulars on it.

1st Engineers

JoEnson, J.C.L/Cpl.241.

14 A. Dartford. 3/7/18.

R.D.B.

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A.I.F. Engineers. 1 Fld.Co. STEWART, A. 13970. 9

K. April 18th 1918.

I knew him well, his initial is as stated, I did not know his number. The Company was at Dradelles and Stewart was standing at our billet door about 8 in the evening of the 18th April when he was struck in the head by a whizz bang and killed outright. I helped to bury him in a corner of the billet garden the next day. Our billet was in a farmhouse about half a mile from the village of Strazeele Dradelles in the Strazeele sector, and about 500 yards from the road leading to Strazeele.

Inf: Sgt F.Bower. 15234. 1.Fld Co.
No. 25 Gen Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 5.7.1918.

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1st Fld.Coy.Engrs.
A.I.F.

STEWART
A. 13990

"Killed 18-4-18"

At Pradelle, I saw him killed. He was doing Pioneer work in the camp, and was hit by shell. Killed right out. I saw him buried back of a farm house, nice grave, lovely Cross and all complete.

Informant. Johnson. L/Cpl. 241
Ward 27,
HAREFIELD.

D.P.Dickson
London
11-7-18
H.G.

B.

STEWART.

1st Coy Engrs.
A.I.F.

A. 13990.

"Killed 16-4-18"

Abcut 18th April at Fredelles between Strazeele and Bcrre He was dcing pioneer work arcund the billet at the time. Killed outright by shell. I was 3 or 4 yards away. Buried in same she billet behind the hcuse on the same day. Fine grave and crcss erected - grave grassed all over. I was at the burial. Was bricklayer by trade, nct sure where he came frcm.

Infcrmant:- L/Cpl J.C.Jchnscn. 241.
1st Ccy Engrs.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
Londcn.
16-7-18.
N.W.

B.

1st Engineers. Stewart, A. 13990.

K. 18/4/18.

Alan Stewart was my mate. He was leaning across me to get his equipment when he received a piece of H.E. which had burst outside the barn, behind the ear. We were at Predelles. He walked about 6 paces and then fell down dead. I assisted to bury him in a back yard of a farmhouse near Predelles Church and I erected the cross myself and made his grave up.

1st Engineers. Hartshorne, T.H.Spr. 2397.

14 A. Dartford. 18/7/18.

R.D.B.

1st Engineers A.I.F.

Stewart, Sapper A. 13990
1 Co.

K. April 18/1918
Det D/B.

"I actually saw Sapper Stewart killed and buried at Pradelles on April 18. 1918."

Eye-witness:- Yes.

Description:- Short and stout.

Informant:- Sapper Arthur Johns, 3824,
1st Engineers, A.I.F. 1 Co.,
Southwark Military Hospital.

Home address:- 17, Clissold Parade,
Campsie,
Sydney, N.S.W.

July 19/1918
M.F. Kinch.

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Bd

AUST.ENGINEERS. 1. STEWART, A. 13990.

K.April 18th, 1918. Det.D/B.

He is not buried at a cemetery but at a farm-house near Croix Rouge, Straseele. I have seen his grave and there is a cross up. He was a Brisbane man.

GGP.

Informant:- Anderson,L.I. 1886. Eng.AIF.1.
A.T."Newhaven".

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Calais
12.8.18

Engineers. A.I.F. 1st Field Coy. (Stewart A. 13690 A/Cpl. (3)
(McNeill A.D.14713 A/Cpl (1)
(Robson R.D.6989. A/Cpl. (2)

1 Coy. (3) Killed Apr.18/18)
(1) " Mar.26/18)
(2) " Apr.26/18)

"I saw McNeill buried in a British Cemetery at Whyschette killed instantaneously by shell.
Lance Corp. Robson killed ditto. Saw him buried in Australian Cemetery at Bore.
Sapper Stewart buried in a Farm House on Front Line about 500 yards behind Frodelles, between Streyelle and Frodelles".

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: Sapper Arthur Bird, 2150,
Engineers, A.I.F. 1 Coy.
Hants. County Hospital, Winchester.

Homeaddress:
Camille, Oberon Strait, Coogee, Sydney. 13.8.18.

M.C.B.

Ist. Engineers. A. I. F.

Stewart, A. No. I3990.

Killed. April I8th. I9I8. Det. D/B.

We were at Strazeele camped in a barn when a piece of shell killed him instantly. I was with him at the time. He was buried in a field close by. A cross was erected bearing all particulars. He was a sapper in my company but was assistant cook at the time. He came from Queensland.

Description. Age. 35. Height. 5-8. Fair Complexion. Well Built.

Witness. Sapper Mayo, R. S. No. I7698. Ist. Engineers.

Taken at.
No. 3. C. D. Hurdcott.
23. 8. I8.
T. C. O.

T. C. Osborne,
No. 3. Command Depot,
Hurdcott.

1st Fld.Coy. Engrs.
A.I.F.

STEWART
A. 13990

"Killed 18-4-18"

I buried Stewart who was killed outright on 18th by shell fire in billet, Pradelles, being knocked in side of the face. He was buried on 20th, just back of the billets. Homestead Pradelles.

Informant. Collier. Spr.S. 17360
1st Fld.Coy. Engrs.
Hut 18,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
13-9-18
H.G.

B.