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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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690 Corporal
Albert Stephenson

17th Battalion



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17th Battn.
A.I.F.

STEPHENSON.
Albert.L/cpl. 690.

"Died of Wounds".

Died of Wounds at 61st C.C.S. 2-6-18. at 8.10.p.m.
Cert:. by Rouen letter 6-6-18.

London.
11-6-18.

P I.

17th Battn.
A.I.F.

STEPHENSON
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Letter from:- The O.C.,
No. 61 C.C.S.,
20-6-18

London
26-6-18
J.E.A.

P.I.

A.I.F. 17th Battn.

STEPHENSON
L/Cpl.Albert
690.

"Died of Wounds 2/6/18"

This man was admitted to this Casualty Clearing Station on the 30th ult. suffering from a penetrating shell wound of the abdomen. He died on the 2nd inst., and was buried the following day in the local Military Cemetery.

Letter from:- O.C.,
No. 61 Casualty Clearing Station,
B.E.F.

London
1/7/18
J.E.A.

P.I.

A.I.F. 17th Btn

STEPHENSON
L/Cpl Albert 690

"WOUNDED"

Adm. 59th Gen. Hpl 29-3-18 - N.Y.D. now reported V.D.

Discharged to C.C.Rfts Havre 1[illegible]-18 - No further report, or report of casualty or sickness.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 29-5-18

Adm. 61st C.C.Stn 3-6-18
Cert. by HplIndex

P.I.

London
7-6-18

Havre. 8th. July. 1918.

17th. Australians. Stephenson, L/Cor oral, A. 690.

D/W. June. 2/1918. Dets. D/B.

I knew him & he was in D. Coy; he was a Cockney but joined in Sydney & came with the Battalion. He had a squint in his eye. L/Corporal W. H. Mason, 2492, 17th. Battalion, B. saw Stephenson in the C.C. S. at Vignacourt in June 1918 & said that he died of wounds & is buried in the Military Cemetery adjoining. Mason has written to his people in London telling them all he knows.

Inf:- L/Corporal. J. V. Jacka. 4460.
17th. Australians. B. 8.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

Written L/C Mason 12.7.18.

Havre 10th July 1918.

A.I.F. 17. Stephenson L/Cpl A. 690.

D/W 2nd June 1918. Det D/W.

He was in B.Co. VIII Pltn. I knew him well, he was a tall thin man, dark. He had a cast in both his eyes, about 25. On the 2nd June during the night we were in reserves near Herlincourt. I was walking along just behind L/Cpl Stephenson. I saw him hit by part of a whizz bang. He was hit in the left groin and was very bad. I helped to carry him down to the F.A.P. I heard him ask the Doctor what chance he had, and the Doctor told him he had a nice 'Blighty' one, but he did not believe that and thought himself that he was done. I left him there.

Inf:- Pte T.F.Fitzgerald No 3829.
A.I.F. 17. B. 7. S/B.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

HPG.

pp

Havre. 11th. July. 1918.

17th. Australians. Stephenson, L/Corporal, A. 690.

D/D. June. 2/1918. Dets. D/B.

He was in B. Company & either the 6th. or 8th. Platoon. I knew him very well; we came out from Sydney together in the original Battalion leaving Sydney on the 12th. May. 1915. On the 2nd. June we were in reserve near Mortencourt. I heard that L/Corporal Stephenson was wounded in the stomach & that he died in the C.C.S. at Vignacourt. The C.C.S. sent this information to the Company.

Inf:- Private. E. A. Mountford. 630.
17th. Australians. B. 8.
Havre Hospital.

HPG.

OP.

Havre 12th July 1918.

A.I.F. 17. Stephenson L/Cpl A. 690.

D/W 2nd June 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well. I think he was an Englishman. He was very tall and slight, fair, played football, and was very fond of ~~singing~~ singing. About the end of May we were in the Somme valley in reserve. Stephenson was carrying rations in the evening when he was hit by a piece of shell in the body. He was taken down to the C.C.S. and died a day or two afterwards. I was with him when he was hit He was buried in the Cemetery at Vignecourt.

Inf:- Cpl W. Daisley No. 4400
A.I.F. 17. B. V.
Austra. Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

P.1

CWSG.

PP.

Havre

13th July 1918.

A.I.F. 17.

Stephenson L/Cpl A. No.690.

D/W 2nd June 1918. D et D/B.

I just knew him from being in the Battn. He was a big tall chap, with a bit of a stoop, fair, and was a bit cross-eyed. About the 2nd June we were in front of Hailly and were in a reserve gulley. At night Stephenson was going from Battn H.Q. back to his Company when he was hit in the stomach. I saw him being taken back on a stretcher to the D.A.S. Then he was dressed and sent back to the Advanced D/Station. I heard that he died afterwards.

Inf:- Pte O.G. Gibson No. 6561.
A.I.F. 17. H.Q.
Australian Camp.
Romelles.

CWSG.

P.1

17th Battn.
A.I.F.

STEPHENSON
L/Cpl.A. 690

"Died of Wounds 2-6-18"

In reference to your memo addressed to L/Cpl.Mason, re 690 L/Cpl.Stephenson B.Coy. 17th Battn. I regret to say he was wounded near Morlancourt on 30-5-18 and died of wounds at 22nd C.C.S. on 2-6-18. He was buried in the Military Cemetery at Vignacourt and a Cross was erected over the grave. The grave is being attended to by any of the men of this Coy., who may be in that area.

Letter from:- Kater. J.S. Q/M/Sgt.
B.Coy. 17th Battn.,
FRANCE. 18-7-18

London
24-7-18
N.D.

P.I.

17th Battn.
A.I.F.

STEPHENSON.
Albert. 690. L/Cpl.

"Died of Wounds 2-6-18"

Wounded by shell in Abdomen. Died at 61st Casualty Clearing Station at Vignaccurt and buried in Cemetery there 2nd June 1918. Put cross on grave and French children brought flowers.

Eye-Witness:- Nc.
Description:- Rather tall- cross eyed - Englishman by birth.

Home Address:-
Rhodeville.
Eastwood.
Sydney.
Australia.
Lily.M.S.Howard.
London.

Informant:- Morris.Edward James. 5378,Pte.(Reliable)
17th Battn.A.I.F.
Graylingwell Hpl.CHICHESTER.

25-7-18.

Informant saw grave.

P I.

17th Battn.
A.I.F.

STEPHENSON.
L/Cpl. A. 690

"Died of Wounds 2-6-18"

He was of B.Company. At Morlancourt in the lines- end of May - wounded by shell. Was taken to Dressing Station and died at either the 61st or 20 th C.C.S. at Vignacourt. I saw his grave with cross erected at the Military Cemetery Vignacourt on 12th June. Knew him well- very tall chap. Called him Steph - came from N.S.W. Knew him well- very tall chap.

Informant:- Pte.G.Smyth. 280.
17th Battn. B.Co. VII Pl.
ANZAC BUFFET.

A.D.G.
London.
1-8-18.
H.G.

P I.

Mrs. C. Mackinnell,

5 St Paul's Terrace,

Northampton.

June 11th 8

Dear Madam,

In answer to your enquiry for - 690 L/Cpl. A. Stephenson, 17th Battalion, A.I.F., we regret to inform you that he was admitted to the 61st Casualty Clearing Station, B.E.F on 3-6-18 and we have written to France for further particulars and as soon as these are received we shall advise you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) [illegible]

SECRETARY.

L&C.C.

Havre 24th April 1918.

36th A.I.F. Curran M.J. No.2042.

Z. 12th Octr 1917. Det D/S.

This man's brother J.Curran was in the same Company and alongside him at the time he was killed. The dead man's body fell against or past him. He was one of the L.G.S. and a shell burst in the position the team was practically wiped out. J. Curran, the brother told me this. He was alive when I saw him last a week ago, and is now Corporal, and V.C. M.J.Curran I know well, we used to box together. He was about 5 feet 6, rather nuggety, fair, probably 27 to 30. He came from N.S.Wales, but I forget what part.

Inf:- Pte J. Weddell. No. 1859.
36th A.I.F. D.Coy.
Hospital ship.

Geo.

Written J. Curran 6/8/18

Written T. Curran
7-8-18.

12.7.18.

2492

2/Cpl. W. H. Mason

B Coy

17th Batt. A.I.F.

Abroad

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2/Lt. A. Stephenson

D Coy

12th Batt. A.I.F.

D/W 2.6.18.

12.7.18.

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MEMORANDUM.

From No 61 CASUALTY CLEARING STATION 18 JUN 1918 Date 1918

To Aus. Res Corps Secy

Stephenson 690
Regt Albert 2
17 Bn D/o.a. 6.18.

The man was admitted to this C.C.S. on the 30th ult on the 30th ult suffering from a penetrating shell wound of the abdomen.

He died on the 2nd inst & was buried the following day in the local Military Cemetery.

E.U.
2nd Report

Lt.-Col. R.A.M.C.
Comdg. No. 61 Casualty Clearing Station

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 8576, 8577, 8578.

Wounded and Missing Enquiry Bureau,
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH,
British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John;
~~54, VICTORIA STREET, S.W. 1~~
36, GROSVENOR PLACE, LONDON, S.W. 1.

To the Officer Commanding

61st Casualty Clearing Station

France.

10. 6, 1918.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by our Australian Bureau to obtain a bulletin and ascertain the nature of the sickness or wounds of 690 Pvt L/Cpl. Albert Stephenson. 17th B. A.I.F.,

who was admitted to your hospital. 3. 6. 18.

We should be most grateful for any particulars you can supply at the earliest possible moment.

We regret having to trouble you in the matter, but are desirous of allaying the anxiety of the relatives in Australia.

Yours faithfully,

pro The Secretary.

Ack. RC. 22.7.18
Austr.

690 L/Cpl. A. Stephenson
17th Batn
Div 2 Y-G
P/

France
18.7.18.

The Secretary
Aust. Red. Cross,

In reference to your memo dated 12.7.18 addressed to L/Cpl Mason, re No 690 L/Cpl Stephenson A. B. Coy 17th Battn, I regret to say he was wounded near Morlancourt on 30.5.18, & died of wounds at 22nd C.C.S on 2.6.18.

He was buried in the Military Cemetry at Vignacourt, & a cross was erected over the grave, the grave is being attended to by any of the men of this Company who may be in that area.

If you require any information of any man in this Company I will be only too pleased to assist you.

Sincerely Yours.

J. S. Kater O.M.S.
B. Coy 17th Batt.

p.c. 28-5-18

5. St Paul's Terrace -
Northampton.
26. 5. 18.

Dear Sir.

Can you tell me
(
what has become of
Pte A. Stephenson. 690.
17th Batt: A. I. F.

He was one of my old boys here, and
a Comrade who was wounded about
a week ago today ~~ago~~ says that he saw him
very badly hit in the stomach -
Is he in Hospital in England?
With apologies for troubling you -

Yours truly
Gertrude MacKinnell

Mrs. G.H.McKinnell,
5, St. Paul's Terrace,
Northampton.

June 13th, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that -

No 690 L/Cpl. ALBERT STEPHENSON, 17th Bttn, A.I.F.

died of wounds at 8-10 p.m. on 2-6-18, at the 61st Casualty Clearing Station, B.E.F. We are writing to the O.C. of the Hospital for details of his death and burial and as soon as these are received we shall advise you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

L.R.C.O.

Army Form C348
(Pads.)

MEMORANDUM.

From No 61 Casualty Clearing Station 20 JUN 1918

Date ____ 191

To 690 L/Cpl A. Stephenson 13 E. Bde D/A/2. 6-18

Aus R.C.Society

L'Cpl Stephenson was admitted to this C.C.S. 30.5.18 suffering from a enetrating shell wound of the Abdomen.

His condition was throughout ost grave and he died on the 2nd inst at 8.10 pm.

He passed away quite peacefully and left no message.

The burial took place in the local military cemetery on the 3rd inst.

P.R.

Lt.-Col. R.A.M.C.
Comdg: No. 61 Casualty Clearing Station

Tel.: VICTORIA {6576 8577 8578

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE SECRETARY." WOUNDED AND MISSING — ENQUIRY BUREAU — AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36. GROSVENOR PLACE.

LONDON S.W. 1.

June 12th 1918

The O. C.
61st Casualty Clearing Station
B. E. F.

690 Lce Corpl Albert Stephenson 17th Bn A-I-7.

Dear Sir,

We have been asked by the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the wounds, death and burial of the above, who died in your Hospital on 2-6-18 and would greatly appreciate any information that you may send us.

As we have been informed by various C.O.'s and Adjutants that the receipt of notes of thanks only causes them unnecessary inconvenience, unless you ask us to acknowledge your reply to the above we will not do so, and trust that you will understand that we appreciate it none the less.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) Vera Deakin

Secretary.

(V. A. W.)

26th June, 1918.

Mrs. C. Mackinnell,
5 St. Brule Terrace,
Northampton.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that we have received a reply from the O.C. of 61st Casualty Clearing Station about L/Cpl. A. Stephenson, 17th Infantry Batt. A.I.F. who died of wounds on 2.6.18. He stated "L/Cpl. Stephenson was admitted to this Casualty Clearing Station on 30.5.18. suffering from a penetrating shell wound of the abdomen. His condition was throughout most graven and he died on the 2nd inst. at 8.10 p.m. He passed away quite peacefully and left no message. The burial took place in the local Cemetery on the 3rd inst. With every expression of sympathy, and assuring you that we are making further enquiries for details of his casualty.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

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Mrs.C.Mackinnell,
5th St. Paul's Terrace,
Northampton.

July 4th, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that we have received a report from the O.C. of the 61st Casualty Clearing Station, B.E.F. respecting the death of -

690 L/Cpl. ALBERT STEPHENSON, 17th Battalion, A.I.F,

who he states he was admitted to the Hospital on May 30th, suffering from a severe penetrating shell wound of the abdomen and died on June 2nd. He was buried the following day in the local Military Cemetery.

We are continuing our enquiries and will at once inform you of any particulars we may obtain.

Regretting that this report is so brief and at the same time so sad.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS)

SECRETARY.

F.S.G.

Mrs.C.MacKinnell,
5, St.Paul's Terrace,
Northampton.

5th August,1918.

Dear Madam,

In further answer to your enquiry for details of the death of:-

690 L/Cpl.Albert Stephenson, 17th Battn. A.I.F.

We beg to inform you of unofficial evidence given by men of his unit. From them we learn that L/Cpl.Stephenson was badly wounded while going from Battalion Headquarters to his Company when they were in reserve trenches near Morlancourt, and he was removed on a stretcher to the Regimental Aid Post, and from there to the 61st Casualty Clearing Station.

He is buried in the Military Cemetery at Vignacourt, and one informant stated that the French children brought flowers for his grave.

Should we obtain further evidence of L/Cpl. Stephenson's address we shall advise you, and trust that this information has been of some assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) L. A. W.

SECRETARY.