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1062 Private
Henry Max Stanford

43rd Battalion



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A.I.F. 43rd Btn

STANDFORD
Henry Max 1062

"K. in A. 24-4-17"

Killed in Action 24-4-17 - Buried just N. of ~~Pleegstert~~ ^{Plaogstert.} 3 miles
N. of Armentieres
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrd 3-8-17.

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London
4-8-17

43rd Battn
D. Coy.,
A.I.F.

Stanford.
H.M. 1062

"Killed 24.17."

I saw him killed at Pleogstreet Wood by a piece of shell which caught him in the head killing him instantly. I saw him being taken away for burial, but cannot say where he was buried and cannot refer to anyone for further particulars.

Witness:-

Pte. L. Hogg. 685
43rd Battn D. Coy.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman,
London.
10.9.17.

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43rd Battn
A.I.F.,

Stanford.
H.M. 1062

"Killed 24.4.17."

I buried a man of that name at Hyde Park Corner Plugstreet Wood. It was a new cemetery and he was about the fifth man buried there. We marked the grave with a cross bearing all his particulars. He was a cook and I was told that at the time of casualty he and another man by the name of Robert Dunn were sitting in the cook house writing letters when a shell landed a few yards away and fragments of which flew in the doorway killed them both. Refer to Pte. H.W.C. Fraser 43rd Battn, HdQtrs Cook, who may be able to give further particulars of his identity death and burial.

Witness. Verney.
Pte. J.R.B. 195
43 Bn. - HdQtrs, Plouffe
3rd A.A. Hptl.
Dartford.

London.
17.9.17

Note written Pte. Fraser
10.9.17.

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8th Sept. 1917.

43rd AUSTRALIANS

STANFORD, H.M. 1062

X. 24.4.17. Det. D/B.

I knew him well. He was in my company and platoon. I don't know his initials or number. He was a cook, attached I think, to the 15th platoon. We were entrenched at Plugstraet about April 24, 1917 and were being shelled. I was not near Stanford when he was killed but I was told about it afterwards by Pte. Player of D Co. (who has since died of wounds) that Stanford had been killed and was so badly knocked by a shell (while he was sitting writing home) that he (Player) thought they would have to bury Stanford close to where he was hit, which was in the near side of Plugstraet wood to Armentieres, but Player was not certain if he had been buried there.

Informant: Pte. J. Seranren, 5073
43rd Australians, D Co., 11th Pltn.,
H. S. Grantully Castle.

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43rd Batt. A.I.F.

STANFORD H.M. 1052.
"D" Coy.,

" K. April 24th., '17. Det D & E "

" I saw Stanford's body being carried out to the Point De
Nieppe cemetery. He used to cook for "D" Coy., and was killed
by a shell. I knew him well through being in the same Coy. "

Description. Hgt 5ft2. Dark complexion. Very Muscular
build. Large mouth. Nicknamed "Froggy".

Witness. Christie R. 2043.
43rd Batt. "D" Coy.,

Taken at Westham Camp,
Weymouth. S.W.
September 20th., '17.

S. Whitmee.
No 4 Command Depot,
Godford.

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Suffd.

E. April 24th 1917.

He was a company cook, and had just written a letter saying he was well, and would write again at the first opportunity, and had not signed the letter, when a piece of shell came through the door of the cook-house, killing him and his mate, at Picegstreet Wood. He was most probably buried at Syd Park Corner also.

Info sent. Lt A.H. Dalziel.
Lewis Gun School.
PASSED. 15.9.17.

BH.

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Suff

A.I.F. 48.

STANFORD, H.M. 1062.

K. April 24th 1917. Dets D/B.

I knew H.M. Stanford well. He was D. Coy Cook. His number was something ~~over~~ over 1000. I did not know anything about him before joining up. He was a short thick-set lad about 19 or 20, dark and clean shaven with a round face. I saw Stanford and Pte Dunn also a D. Coy Cook sitting together in the mouth of a dugout writing letters, when a shell fell about 75 yards from the dugout and killed them both instantly. They were both hit on the head. This occurred on the afternoon of the 24th April at Ploegsteert. I was about 70 or 75 yards away and could see quite clearly what happened. I know that our Battn Pioneers buried them both in Ploegsteert Wood. The Pioneers usually put up crosses but I cannot say if crosses were put up to these men.

Inf: Pte K.H. Day. 464. H.Q. Scouts.
No. 7 C.O.
BOULOGNE. 20.9.17. AGL

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P^d - J. H.

43rd Battery

A. J. J.

K. H. H. 17

Stanford.

A. H.

1062.

I buried a man of that name at Hyde's Park Corner, Plugstreet Wood. It was a new cemetery, and he was about the fifth man buried there. We marked the grave with a cross, bearing all his particulars. He was a cook, and I was told that at the time of casualty he and another man by name of Robert Dunn were sitting in the cook house mending letters when a shell landed a few yards away, fragments of which flew in the doorway killing them both. Refer to Private H. G. Grace, 43rd Battery, Hdqrs. Cook who may be able to give further particulars of his identity, death and burial.

Note written Pte Grace
103. 9. 17

In Man

4. 9. 17

Witness.

Deputy

Pte J. R. B. 195

43rd Batt, Hdqrs. Pioneer

3rd A. A. Harp

Stanford.