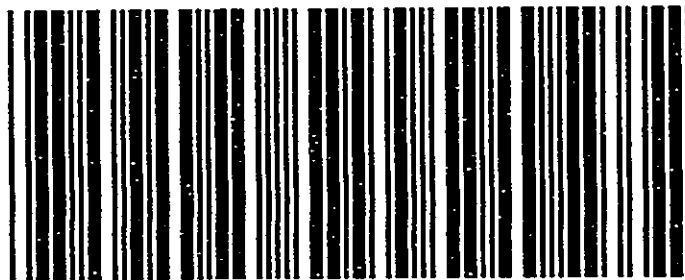


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**241 Private
Thomas Stibbards**

25th Battalion



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A.I.F. 25th Bn

STIBBANDS

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STIBBANDS, T. 241.

Acc.K.Recently. Det. D/B.

I did not see Stibbands killed but I have seen his grave at Allonville near Amiens, with his name initial and No. on it, which I recognised as being his. I saw this about a month ago.

Reference: W.McKim, 6362.

No.11 Con.Camp Buchy Nr.Rouen. 30.6.18.

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Stibbards, Pte. T
241.

(K. Recently. Dets
D & B).

" I understood from an enquiry held into this man's death that he was walking with several others along a road at Allonville when a Motor Lorry overtook them; he slipped in trying to get out of the way but fell under it and was killed on the spot. I was not a witness of the accident. He was buried at Allonville Cemetery. I have seen the cross. "

Eye Witness - No.

Description

Informant :- Pte. John Francis Hughes, 406,
25th Aus I Force

1st Southern General Hospital,
Kings Heath, Birmingham.

Home address :-
Main Street,
Childers,
Queensland.

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25th Battn.
A.I.F.

T. STIBBARDS.
241.

"Acc: Killed. No date Available"

Re deceased 241. Pte.T.Stibbards. I notice the spelling of the name is incorrect. It should be Stibbards and not Stibbands, which please note as it might lead to confusion and cause unnecessary delay and trouble.

He was accidentally run over by a Motor Lorry on Sunday 7th April about 9 p.m. and death was instantaneous.

He was buried in a French cemetery in the village of — and the grave will be registered in the office of the area commandant of that district.

Short description of deceased as follows:- short, and thickly built, about 5 ft in height - greyish moustache - blue eyes - hair - light brown.

Letter from:- Sgt A.D.Galbraith.
25th Battalion. A.I.F.
FRANCE.

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London.

C-7-18.

A.I.P. 25.

STIBBANDS, T. 241.

recently Acc. X. Dets D/B.

His death occurred on April 3rd or 4th I believe. He was a bandman and assisted playing us up the line, front of Amiens, as far as the band could go.- played a cornet I believe. After that what I relate I had from sergeants A.D. Galbraith, 100 and Gee 110 of the band. "There was considerable traffic on the road as they returned and at one place a lorry pulled out from behind a mass of carts and Stibbands not seeing it and the driver not seeing him - he was such a little chap, he was run over and killed. We took the body down to Allonville and buried it there". That is what they reported to me. Stibbands was from Byron Bay locality, N.S.W. had served in the Boer War, unmarried, I think I can't say I knew him very well.

Inf: QMS L.H.A.Giles. 1044. 25.B

No. 8 Stat Hosp.

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25th Battn.
A.I.F.

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"Accid. Killed recently"

He was in the Band. I saw his grave at Allonville, on the Somme, in a nice Cemetery. The grave was marked by a Cross, which I made myself and the band erected it over his grave. Cross had full particulars marked on it. He had just got out of one car, when another one came from the opposite direction and knocked him over, smashing his head badly, so badly that death was instantaneous. I knew him well, and he came from Queensland. He was a cornet player. I did not see casualty.

Informant. Green. Pte.E. 3090
B.Coy. 25th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
22-6-18

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25th Batt:

Stibbands, T. 241.

Accid: K.

He was accidentally killed by a motor bus running over him on the Amiens front. Cpl. J. Gee, B. Coy, 25th Batt: (Bandman) told me about it as he saw the accident, he could give all the information. Gee is still with the Batt:

25th Batt:

Kelly, W.S. Pte. 1547.

12 A. Dartford. 22/6/18.

R.D.B.

J.E.A.

'Bandman' reports 21-6-18

Hayre

22nd June 1918.

A.I.F. 25.

Stibbard 25. No. 241.

Ascid. K. recently Dets.

This man was in the band. Sergt J. Gee, Bandmaster, with the
Battn, can give particulars of his death. He was run over by a
Motor Lorry.

Inf:- C.Q.M.S. H. King No. 147.

A.I.F. 25.

Australian Conv. Depot.

Rouelles.

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J.A.

The Bandmaster written to 21-6-18

25th Batth.
A.I.F.

STIBBANDS
T. 241

Accidentally killed recently"

He was in the Band and if you refer to Band Master, 25th Battn., who is now in France, and who saw him killed when he was runover by motor car at Warloy. I think he will be able to supply full details re burial.

Informant. Paskins. Pte.W. 1559
D.Coy. 25th Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

Note:-

Written Bandmaster 25th Battn. 21-6-18

W.Oman
London
24-6-18

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25th Battn:

Stibbands, T. 241.

Accid: K.

It was on a very dark night last April that we were in Allonville (near Amiens). I saw Stibbands just leaving a motor lorry to cross a road when he was knocked down by another motor Transport Lorry which went right across his chest and head killing him at once. I saw him buried at 4.30 p.m. next day in a registered cemetery at Allonville. I saw the cross that was to be erected. It was made by Band Sgt. Galbraith.

25th Battn:

Hill, A.G. Sgt. 5692.

11 A. Dartford. 27/6/18.

C.R.D.B..

Sgt Galbraith written to

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25th Battn.
A.I.F.

STIBBANDS.
T. 241.

"Accd. Killed".

I saw him dead in the yard, he was killed at night. It is supposed he fell off one Motor and another went over his head, I saw one of the bands men taking across to put up on the grave at Allanville where he was killed.

D.P. Dickson,
London.
4.7.18.
J.E.A.

Informant:-

Henly.
3660.
W. 38. HAREFIELD.

B.

25th Battn.
A.I.F.

STIBBANDS.
T. 241.

"Acc: Killed recently"

He was killed instantly by a Motor Lorry which ran over his head when he was getting out of an ambulance on the Allonville Amiens road about 7 miles from Amiens at about 7 p.m. on or about April 10th 1918.

I saw him brought in and he was buried the next day in the Allonville Civilian Churchyard. Sgt. Galbraith, 25th A.I.F. 100, who was Sgt. of the band, put up the cross over his grave. Stibbands was in the band, a short man of about 5 ft 9 ins, thick set, and fairish. We called him Tom. He was an original man and the only Stibbands in the battalion.

Informant: - Sgt. W. Berkeley. 816.
25th Battn. A.I.F. H.Q. Scouts.
DARTFORD.

A.G. Campbell.
London.
5-7-18.
J.E.A.

B.

Note: - Already written to Sgt Galbraith. 21-6-18.

25th Batta.
A.I.F.

STIBBANDS.
T. 241.

"Acc: Killed"

In Band H.Q. When we went up to Buire, we left Stibbands and rest of Band behind. He got on to a Motor Lorry off of which he fell, when another Lorry following ran over him. I heard this from one of the Bandsmen. He was a steady, sober fellow, well known by everyone. Had been in South African War, was a little fellow about 5 ft high. Don't know where buried, in all probability at Bartsenbourg.

Informant:- Sgt. J.B. Gordon. 373.
25th Batta. A.I.F. HQ.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London.
5-7-18.
H.G.

B.