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# 4605 Private
# William Stilgoe

## 31st Battalion



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A.I.F. 31st Btn

STILGOE
W. 4605

"D/Wounds"

DIed at 61st C.C.S. - S.W.abdomen & multiple.
Cert. by Hpl Index & A.I.F.Hqrs 24-8-18.

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London
26-8-18

31st Battn.
A.I.F.

STILGOE
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"Died of Wounds 21-5-18"

Re Pte.Stilgoe. He was admitted to this C.C.S. on the 20-5-18 suffering from Multiple Shell Wounds. He died shortly after admission 12-50 a.m. 21-5-18. The body was buried in the local Military Cemetery on the 21-5-18.

Letter from:- The O.C.,
No. 61 C.C.S.
11-9-18

London
20-9-18
N.T.

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Havre 29th Septr 1918.

Australians. 31. Stilgoe W. No. 4605.

D/W 21st May 1918. Det D/B.

I knew him well. He came from near Brisbane. He was medium height, thickset, and about 40. About the 21st May we were near Corbey holding the line. In the morning Stilgoe, was on fatigue party taking up rations from Veney, near Bouzeaucourt. He was close to the ration dump when it was hit by a big casual shell. He was wounded in several places, and I saw him being taken away by the Company S/B to A.Coy. H.Q. I heard that he died later.

Inf:- Pte H. Young No. 7032.
A.I.F. 31. D. XV.
Australian Conv. Depot.
Rouelles.

CMBG.

B.

PP.

Havre. 2nd. October. 1918.

31st. Australians. Stilgoe. W. 4605.

D/W. May. 21/1918. Dets. D/B.

I saw him wounded by a whizz bang just in front of Vaire Wood on the Banks of the Somme. I took him to the D Station in a boat; he passed through the D/Station and must have died at a C.C.S. I cannot say where he was buried. He was a married man. I cannot say where he came from. He was about 40 years of age.

Inf:- Private. J. Devonshire. 2896.
31st. Australians. A. C.H.Q.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

C. Sulb.
B.

CRR.

CP.

31st Battn.
A.I.F.

STILGOE
W. 4605

"Died of Wounds 21-5-18"

He was on Battn. Hqts., and I saw him wounded at Vaire when he was hit by pieces of a whizz bang which landed beside him, and he was badly knocked about all over the body, having 22 wounds all told. He was taken to a dressing station and was conscious when taken away. He was talking to them while they were dressing his wounds. Casualty happened about 3 a.m. but I do not remember date. He was carrying rations at the time. I did not know him very well, and cannot say which state he came from. I cannot give any further details and cannot refer to anyone.

Informant. Black. Pte.C.J. 299
A.Coy. Hqts. 31st Battn.,
3rd A.A.H.,
DARTFORD.

W.Oman
London
5-10-18
J.E.A.

B.

O.C's Draft. Aug. 26th

O.C.
61st. Casualty C. Stn.
B.E.F. France.

4605. Pte W. STILGOE.
31st Bttn. A.I.F.

D. of W. 21.5.18.

4605
W Stilgoe
31 Batt
Dy W 21-5-18

6772
R W Lisson
5 Batt
Dy W 10-8-18

Slip 2

Pte Stilgoe was admitted to this C.C.S. on the 20.5.18 suffering from Multiple Shell Wounds.

He died shortly after admission - 12.40 am, 21.5.18.

The body was buried in the local Military Cemetery on the 21st May.

Pte Lisson was admitted 10.8.18 suffering from G.S.W.Left Hip, penetrating Abdomen.

His condition was very serious & he died at 10 pm the same day.

He was buried on the following day in the local Military Cemetery.

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

No 61
11 SEP 1918
CASUALTY CLEARING STATION

Tel.: VICTORIA 8576 8577 8578

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August. 26th

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D.C.
61st. Casualty Clearing Stn.
B.E.F. France.

4605. Pte W. STILGOE. 31st. Bttn. A.I.F.
+6772. Pte R. W. LISSON. 5th Bttn. A.I.F.

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 21.5.18 / 10.8.18 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.