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741 Private Thomas Bowman Sloan

21st Battalion



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21st A.I.F.

T.D.Sloan. 741.
J.B.Sloan. 1783.

(Missing May 2nd).

The 21st Battalion did not leave Australia until May 8th 1915, arriving in Egypt on 9th June, they left Egypt for the Peninsula on August 29th. Therefore, May 2nd must be a slip for September 2nd. The two Sloans and witness were on board the "Southland" when it was torpedoed a little before 10 o'clock on the morning of Thursday Sept. 2nd. Witness saw the two Sloans jump into the sea, they kept together in the water, and were seen by several, including witness, to sink together.

Reference: Pte.Booth, 1655. 21.A.I.F. A.Coy.
Ras-el-Tin Convalescent Home, Alex.

D.A.Winstanley.
27.3.16.

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21st Battn. A.I.F.	M.	2nd Sept.	1915.	Sloan,T.D. 741	N.F.C.16722
		do	do	Sloan,J.B.1783	" "
		do	do	O'Byrne,T.M.254	" "
		do	do	German,P. 159	" "
		do	do	Copeland, W.354	" "

All these men were on the "Southland", which was torpedoed and sunk on the 2nd Sept. I was on board with them. Their deaths have been announced in the Australian papers. They were all among the drowned. German's name was Patrick. The two Sloans were Welsh lads and the clergymen, Stewart McCray, sent their things home.

Ref.:- Pte. C.Wickham, 68, Headquarters, Pioneers, 2d Gen.

Staples, 29th April, 1916.

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21st Btn. A.I.F.

SLOAN
Pte T.D. 741.

M. 2/5/15. should be 2/9/15.

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Ref:- Pte Gillan, 390,
B Co., 21st Btn.,
Ras el Tin, ALEXANDRIA.

D.A.W.
13/5/16.

Moore's Modern Methods. Ltd., London, England. Binder and holes in leaves, Pat'd No. 6715, 1908

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B.R.C.S. List.

A.I.F. 21.

Sloan T.D. 741.
Sloan J.B. 1703.

H. 2.5.15.

The date must be a mistake. It should be the 2.9.15, when the Southland was torpedoed. These men were on board and as they were not among the survivors they must have been killed by the explosion and drowned. I was on board. JJF.

Reference: Sgt.J. Bowdon. 563.
11 Gen.

Etaples 7th.June.1916.