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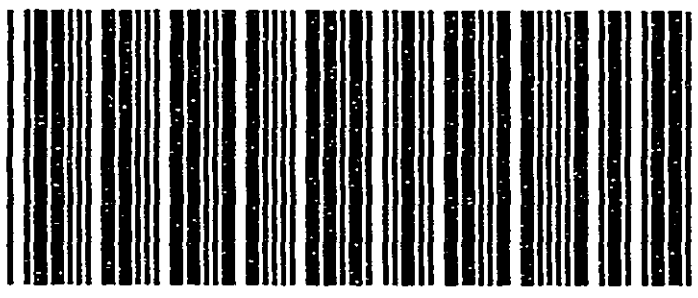
10972 Sapper
William Pope Alldis

10th Field Company Engineers



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A.I.F. 10th Fld.Coy.Engrs • W.P. ALLDIS 10972

"Wded May-June"

Wded 8-6-17 - no Hpl admission
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 12-7-17

No further report
Cert. by Rouen letter 17-7-17

Missing 8-6-17 - previously reported Wounded - now not Wounded
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 24-7-17.

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7th September.1917.

Australian Engineers
16th Field Co.

ALLDIS, W.P. 10972

M. June 8th,1917.

He was in No. 1 Section. He came from Melbourne and was a gas fitter. I had known him for about 12 months. He was one of the men in my section. His christian name was William. The number given is correct. I was told by Sapper Mc.Coubrie, of 4th Section, that he had seen Alldis wounded at Messines. Mc. Coubrie is with his unit now.

A/

Informant: Sergt. C.H. Jorgenson, 10176.
10th Field Co., Australian Engineers.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

CMR.

Written Spr McCoubrie 15.9.17

AUST ENGINEERS. 10. ~~ALDIS~~ Alldis, W.P. 10972.

M. June 8th 1917.

Sapper J. McKnight told me that he was with Aldis on the 8th June near Messines and saw him hit on the side of of the head soon after 3 a.m. Aldis stopped in a shell hole close up to the Black Line, and has not been seen hince. Attempts have been made to trace him to hospital, but without success. He lived in Yarrowdale, Melbourne. I know his people well, but have not written to them about him.

Inf: L/C S. Cunningham. 30.
No. 2 Army Rest Camp.
BOULOGNE. 15.9.17.

HMH

P.M.
+ Boulogne
2 copies

Written Sapper McKnight
22-9-17

10th Field Coy
Engineers
A.F.A.

ALLDIS
Sap. W. P. 10972

Missing 8.6.17

Re 10972 Sap. W. P. Alldis 10th Field Co Engrs - Short description of his personal appearance is as follows:-

Age about 25 yrs Height 5ft 10" Medium build, Dark complexion Blue eyes. On the left side of his face were two peculiar growths under the skin, each about the size of a marble. One about half way along the lower jawbone, the other on the neck immediately under the left ear.

He left Australia with the above Unit on the 20th June 1916 coming over to France on the 23rd Novr 1916. The last I saw of him was on the 6th of June 1917, the night before the attack. He then was in the best of health and spirits. Every man was wearing his identification disc.

Sapper W. P. Alldis' next of kin was his mother -

Mrs D. M. Alldis,
"Meckering"
96 Gamon Street
Yarraville, Victoria Australia.

Letter from:- Sapr A.H. Stone
20th Sept 1917. France. P M

London 29.9.17 B'logne

10th AUST. ENGRS. W. P. ALLDIS, 10972.

Missing 8.6.17.

Spr.McNight, J.H., No.1 Sect. told me when I was up the line about a fortnight ago that he was with Alldis when he was wounded at Messines on 7.6.17. Sergt.McKnight got wounded himself at the same time as Alldis. The same shell hit the 2 of them. McKnight got back and was under the impression at the time some other fellows were left with Alldis who was badly wounded but he did not think Alldis could possibly get over it and in McKnight's opinion he had not much chance. Alldis was in my Section.

Reference: Sergt.R.Joigensen, No.1 Sect.

No.6 General, Rouen, 5.10.17.

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10th Engineers.
A.I.D

ALLDIS
W.P 10972

Missing 8.5.17."

Re W.P Allais. I saw him wounded in the head in the new front line on the 7th June when I was wounded myself. I was able to walk out and as there were not stretcher bearers about he could not be brought just then, so that is the last I saw of him. I have tried to find out some of the men that were in the same trench but have been unsuccessful. His personal appearence is about 5'6" high, medium build, black hair, and had several lumps on his neck.

Letter from:- J.H. McKnight.
Belgium 8.10.17.

London
17.10.17.

H. P. B'logne

A.I.F. 10. Engineers ALLDIS W. P. 10972.

W. 8.6.17.

The last man who saw Alldis was Sapper J. McKnight, still up the line, who told me he saw him on the morning of the attack, 7th. or 8th. June, near Snaetchel Farm, and that he and Alldis got wounded by the same shell. McKnight thought Alldis was wounded in the back of the neck. Both started back to the D.S. together but on the way McKnight lost sight of Alldis. Firing was terribly heavy. McKnight has rejoined. Alldis was lost on ground that we hold. No trace of him since though great enquiries have been made for him. Alldis was a chum of mine: we were together here ~~off~~ for 8 months.

PHB.

Reference: Sapper G. Figgins. 10245. 10.1.
1 Can.Gen.Hpl.

Staples.
10.10.17.

10th Fld.Coy.Engrs.
No.1 Section.
A.I.F.

Alldis.
Sapper Wm.Pope 10972

"Missing 17.6.17"

Last letter dated 25.4.17. Description - Dark, about 5'10", brown eyes, 25 years of age.

Enquirer Mrs.Elliott,
493 Beaufort St.,
Perth.

London.
6.11.17.

P.
M.
Boulogne.

10th Engineers Alldis, W.P. 10972.

M. 8/6/17.

Sap. McKnight was with him at the time and saw him wounded. We never recovered him and as the Germans did not come over where he was so we concluded he must have died.

Corpl. Roberts of his company who has since been killed wrote to his mother at Footscray, Victoria, telling her all about it. I saw the letter.

10th Field Ambulance Long, S.E.Sap. 10290.

13 A. Dartford. 22/11/17.

See letter from McKnight

P. R.D.B

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A.I.F. 13th Fld. Coy. Engr.

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W.R. 10972.

"Missing 8/8/17"

Killed in Action 8/8/17.

Previously reported Missing.
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 11/7/18.

London
18/7/18.

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A.I.F.
10th. Fld. Coy. Engrs.

ALLDIS. 10972.
William Pope.

"Killed in Action 8.6.17".

No trace Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 1[illegible].10.19.

London.
24.10.19.

P.M. & B&logne

ack'd pl. 25.4.17

10972 Sap W. P. ALLDIS
10th F. Coy Pioneers
France

M 8-6-17

P
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B'lgne

20th Sept 1917

To The Secretary Austn Red Cross Society
Dear Madam,

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Your letter of 11th Sept, enquiring for particulars of 10972 Sap. W. P. Alldis 10th Field Co Engrs to hand. Short description of his personal appearance is as follows

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Sap W. P. Alldis' next-of-kin was his mother, Mrs D. A. Alldis
"Neckering"
Gt Tamar
Yarraville
Victoria
Australia

These are about all the details I can think of just now, if there are any others which you think would be of use to you, and I can supply, I would be very too pleased to do so. My address is the same as given in first part of this letter, hence this letter will be of assistance to you.

I am
Yours faithfully
Sapr A. E. Stone

Cut RC 10-10-17

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10 Engineers
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Oct 1917

To The Secretary [illegible]
In reply to your letter
asking for information
of W. P. Alldis I will try
and give you all the information
I can. I saw him
wounded in the head in the
new front [illegible] the 7th
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but have been unsuccessful.
His personal [illegible]
is about [illegible]

build black hair, and had
several lumps on his neck.
Hoping this information
may be of some use to you
I remain
yours sincerely
J. H. McKnight