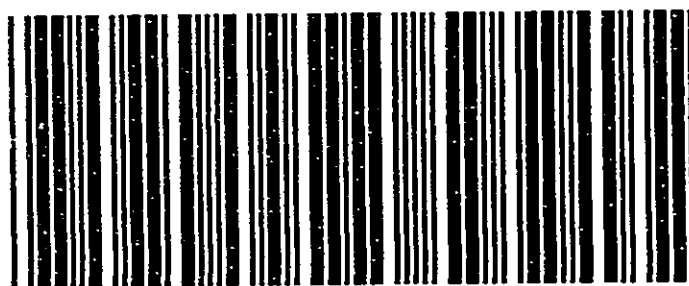


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**4519 Private  
Thomas John Slade**

**21st Battalion**



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SLADE, T.J. 4519.

K. May 1st, 1917.

We were in the supports sleeping in the dugout in the bank when it gave way and Slade got buried. I helped with others to get him out. When he was extricated he was quite dead. It was a big slide. He was buried at in the cemetery at Bullecourt where most of our fellows are buried. He was a very fine lad and well respected by everyone.

BH.

Reference:- Pto H.J. Thompson. 2275.  
No. 7 Can. Gen. Hp.

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Staples  
17.10.17.

A.I.F. 21.

SLADE, T.J. 4519.

K. May 1st 1917. Dets D/B.

He was smothered by a fall of earth from the  
embankment in the sunken road near Horeuil, Bullecourt front.  
When extricated we tried to bring him round but could not.  
He was buried near the D/S situated near there. He was about  
5ft 6, medium colour, 22 years, came from Brunswick near  
Melbourne.

Inf: Pte J Ahearn. 5786 $\frac{1}{2}$  21.A.III.  
No. 8 Stat  
BOULOGNE. 29.10.17.

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21st Bn  
A.I.F.

SLADE  
T.J. 4519

"Killed May 1st 1917"

Bullecourt-buried in his dugout by shell. I helped to dig him out but he was dead. We buried him in a shell hole near Moriaul. Don't know if cross was put up. We went into the line that night.

Witness:- Bolger 4068

Ward 38

Harfield,

D.P. Dickson  
London.  
13.11.17.

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21st Bn  
A. Coy.,  
A.I.F.

SLADE  
T.J. 4510  
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"Killed 1.5.17."

Refer to Cpl. J.J. Moran A. Coy., 21st Bn who is in France and saw him killed at Bullecourt. and will be able to give full particulars. I heard he was killed by a fall of earth caused through the falling in of a dugout.

Witness:- Sgt. H. McFarlane 235  
21st Batta. A. Coy., 3rd Pltn.  
3rd A.A. Hpl.  
Dartford.

W. Oman  
London.  
14.11.17.

Note written Cpl. Moran 15.11.17.

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21st A. I. F.

Slade, Pte T.J. 4519.

(K. May 1st/17. Det D & B)

"Slade was in a trench whose breastwork fell in and buried him. He was dug out too late, being dead. I was not present when he was buried being on duty elsewhere."

Eye-witness: At the exhumation

Description:

Informant: Pte A.C. Good, 4426,  
21st A. I. F., A. Coy, IV Pltn,  
Southwark Military Hospital,  
East Dulwich Grove, S.E.

Home address:  
Hospital.

14th November 1917.  
A. Haywood.

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21st Btn.

SLADE, T.J.  
Pte. 4519.

"Killed in action, 1/5/17."

Informant knew Casualty well. They were in a sunken road just behind Bullecourt in the supports and it fell in and Casualty was buried. He was dug out and died 20 minutes afterwards. I was an eye-witness.

Informant:- J. Halligan,  
No. 4452, 21st Btn.

Private address:-  
Bonnie Doon/

T.C.F.  
18/12/17.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

21st Bn. Am.  
A.I.F.

SLADE  
T.J. 4519

"KILLED IN ACTION" 1.5.17

Referring to the death of 4519 Pte. T.J. Slade A. Company 1st Battalion A.I.F. Killed the 1/5/17. I wish to state that I was with him at the time of his death. He was buried outside of Horeuil, a French Village near Bullecourt. I am enclosing a photograph which he gave me a short time before his death, which I need not say was regretted by all. (P.S) You can return Photo to his people.,

Letter from;- Cpl. J. J. Morgan.  
France. 24.11.17.

Note;- We regret the delay in typing the above report, but we have been obliged to hold it up on account of pressure of work and shortage of machines.,

London,  
9.5.18.

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21st Btn.

Pte. SIADÉ, T. J.  
4519

Killed in action 1/5/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 7 ins. well built, medium complexion, about 25 years of age. Casualty was in support line trench on the sunken road just near Moreuil Village. He was in a small dug-out on the side of the road. The bank of the road fell in and buried Casualty and 5 other men. I helped to dig Casualty out but he was dead when we recovered him. The chief cause of his death was by suffocation. He was buried just near the spot where he died. I was an eye-witness."

Informant:- Pte. W. M. Wills,  
No. 230.

Private address:-  
C/o Mrs. Wurnig,  
Nixon Street,  
Benalla.

T.C.F.  
31/5/18.

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(13-11-17)

C/M. T. J. Moran.

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4519 Pt. T. J. Slade

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F.M. 20.11.17

France

24/11/17

Dear Miss Deakin

In answer to your letter referring to the death of 4519 Pte. T. J. Slade, A Company, 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion A. I. F. killed the 1/5/17. I wish to state that I was with him at the time of his death. He was buried outside of Moreuil a French village near Bullecourt. I am enclosing a photo which he gave me a short time before his death, which I need not say was regretted by all.

I have the honor  
of remaining

yours respectfully

Cpl G. G. Moran.

P.S. You can return photo to his people.

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T. J. SLADE

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35, Grosvenor <sup>R</sup>Place,  
~~Place~~

December 2nd, 1917.

T. J. SLADE

Cpl. J. J. Morgan,  
21st Australian Infantry Battalion,  
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Cpl. Morgan,

Very many thanks for your letter in answer to our enquiry  
concerning your friend

4519 E. J. SLADE.  
~~21st Battalion,~~  
A.I.F.

and for the photograph which you enclosed.

We shall forward this to our Melbourne Bureau to be sent  
to the relatives from yourself and feel sure they will be very  
glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of thanking you for  
this.

Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your friend.

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY.

V. D.  
J. H.