

# Louis Stanley Kendall

Stan Kendall was born on 6 October 1878 in Milton, to parents Thomas Kendall and Margaret Allen. In 1903 he married Ruby Kendall and lived at “Wingello Cottage” in Kiama. They had three children, Cedric Milton, Allen Surfleet and Margaret Joyce.



**PRIVATE STAN KENDALL**

Another son, Thomas, settled in Milton and when he retired, came to Kiama and built where Mrs. Stan Kendall now resides. Stan and Wes were two sons. The former married Miss Kendall, daughter of Robert Kendall. He served in the Great War and made the supreme sacrifice. Wes married Miss Atkinson, a daughter of the Alderman who owned Fernleigh boarding house.

KIAMA INDEPENDENT. 26 MARCH 1938

A Kiama dairy farmer, Stan enlisted on 8 March 1916 with the 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement, at the age of 37.

Stan was a keen member of the Kiama Rifle Club, which was formed in 1894 and was affiliated with "E" Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment located at Kiama. One of his last matches was on 11 March 1916, against Shellharbour.

A rifle match will be fired on the Kiama range on Saturday, 11th, between Kiama and Shellharbour Clubs. The local team will be selected from the following:—E. W. Stewart, E. C. Faux, Capt. Griffiths, G. Knight, R. Jervis, J. Byrnes, J. M. Weston, H. Walker, C. Price, O. Tory, J. T. Love, Stan, Donovan, S. Kendall, Rev. McNamara. The Captain would like the team that is selected to strain a point to attend as it will be the last match with E. W. Stewart and Stan Kendall, who have decided to fight for their King and country. Six members of the Kiama Club have enlisted.

KIAMA INDEPENDENT. 8 MARCH 1916

Riflemen S. Kendall and E. Stewart, popular members of the local Rifle Club were amongst the Kiama recruits passed on Saturday. Mr. Kendall leaves a wife and children to answer the call and takes with him sincere appreciation and earnest hopes for a safe return. He has been known in the district from childhood, and is most thoroughly respected and esteemed by all classes of the community who honor him for his bravery and the one who has the courage to face the anxiety of the time he is away. Mr. Eddie Stewart is another who has spent youthful and manhood days in Kiama, and has earned the honest liking in his happy disposition that endeared him especially to friends and companions. As members of the Rifle Club they have acquitted themselves honourably and well, their marksmanship will make them valued recruits whom it is assured will be a credit to their country's forces as they have been a credit to their town as citizens.

### KIAMA RIFLE CLUB.

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The annual meeting of the Kiama Rifle Club took place in the Fire Station on Thursday last, Captain Griffiths presiding.

On account of the great war it was decided to abolish all trophies and only hold the monthly shootings. The secretary, in presenting his annual report, stated that he had had a very tight book for the past year, as there were no trophy sheets to prepare. Reference was made to the number who had enlisted from the club, namely: Messrs. E. W. Stewart, Stan Kendall, H. Love, R. McDonald, W. G. Dawes, W. McInnes Nish, H. Crisp, and P. Pattenden (the latter having died of disease while serving his King and Country). It was decided that a card be sent to his parents in their bereavement.

Sergt. McLeay who has been transferred from the Peak Hill Club, was present, and stated that he would do all he could to further the interests of the Kiama club while he remained here.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: Captain: Mr. P. Griffiths; secretary: Mr. W. J. Cocks; treasurer: Mr. G. Knight; committee: Messrs. J. Byrnes, E. H. Robb, A. Nesbitt, and Sergt. McLeay.

Before Stan embarked, he represented the Kiama Rifle Club in a match with a team from No. 1 Camp.

The following team will represent Kiama Rifle Club in a match with a team selected by Lieut. White of No. 1 Camp, on the local range to-day, 10 shots each at 500 yards:—Capt. Griffiths, E. C. Faux, J. Byrnes, Sergt. McLeay, G. Knight Stan Kendall, W. Kendall, S. Donovan T. Love, R. Jervis, B. Nesbitt, H. Walker, and E. Robb.

KIAMA INDEPENDENT. 1 JULY 1916

Also, his dairy herd was auctioned by Alex Campbell on the 18 March 1916.

Mr. S. Kendall's dairy herd is to be offered by Mr. Alex Campbell at auction on the 18th instant. Tenders are also being invited for his farm for a term of two years. Mr. Kendall has volunteered for the war.

KIAMA INDEPENDENT. 8 MARCH 1916





**30<sup>th</sup> BATTALION AT KIAMA SHOWGROUND PRIOR TO EMBARKATION**

Stan was on board a train (pictured below) as it left Kiama Station on 4 August 1916. As it departed a chorus of “Advance Australia Fair” would have been ringing in his ears. This would be the last time Stan saw his home town. No doubt his wife and children were there to see him off.



**30<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION AT KIAMA STATION. 4 AUGUST 1916**

The Band played the fine boys of the 30th Battalion to the station yesterday morning, as they left by special train. "Advance Australia Fair" rang out as they departed, with hearty cheers from the many gathered to say good-bye to those who had found a warm corner in the heart of Kiama during their sojourn in camp here.

KIAMA INDEPENDENT. 5 AUGUST 1916

Stan embarked from Sydney on board HMAT Anchises on 24 August 1916, as part of the 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

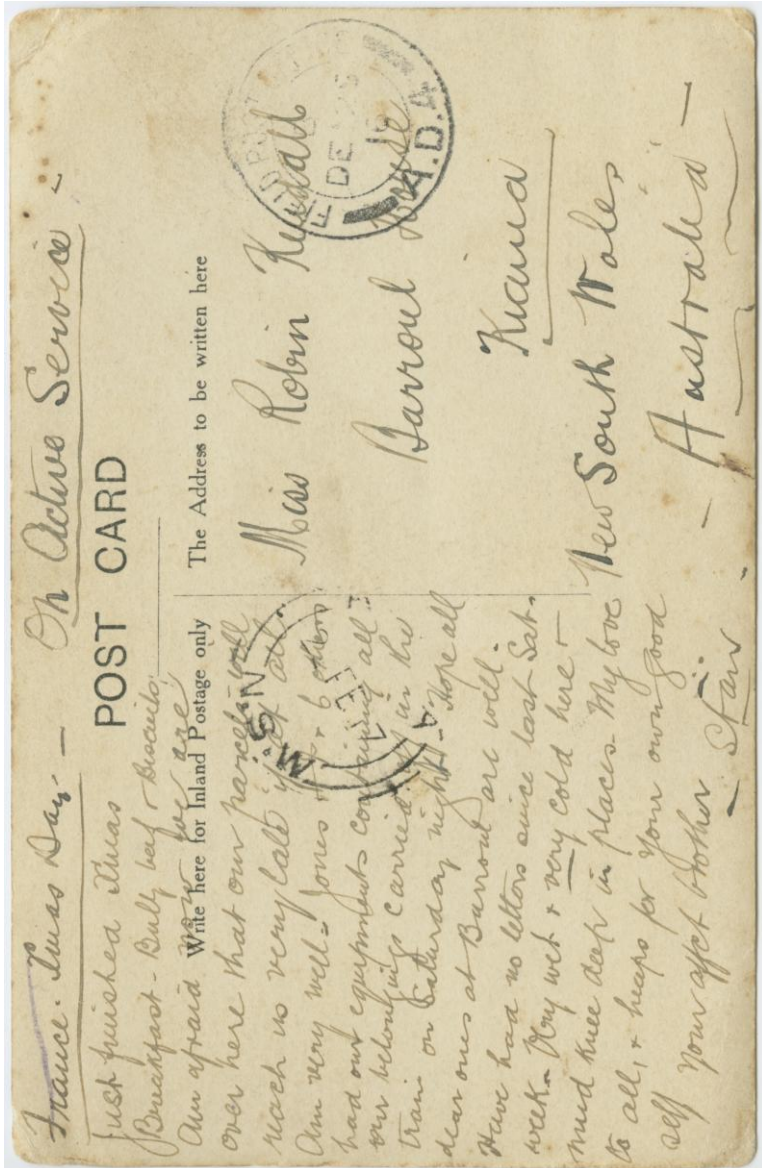
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HMAT ANCHISES. MELBOURNE. 1916





**POSTCARD SHOWING STAN'S CHILDREN AT WINGELLO COTTAGE**



POSTCARD FROM STAN TO HIS SISTER, ROBIN. DECEMBER 1916.

Stan was appointed as Acting Corporal on 20 December 1916. He then reverted back to Private a few days later.

On 23 October 1917, Stan was killed in action. It is said that he was exiting a German pill box, when a shell burst nearby, killing him instantly. He was buried in an isolated grave in the vicinity of Garter Point,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile south west of Zonnebeke and  $3 \frac{3}{4}$  miles east north east of Ypres. In April 1920, his remains were exhumed and re-interred in Hooge Crater Cemetery, 2 miles east of Ypres.

**PTE. STANLEY KENDALL.**

Yesterday the sad news came through from the Defence Department that gave a feeling of shock and deep regret throughout Kiama and its district, to the Rev. A. Reeve, whose sad duty it was convey the tidings to Mrs. L. S. Kendall, that her husband Pte. L. S. Kendall had been killed in action.

From boyhood, the soldier who sacrificed the joys and comforts of home and has been called to make the supreme sacrifice for his country has been known and respected in this community for the qualities that went to make a clean wholesome manhood. His integrity, upright character and industry made him one the district could ill afford to lose and the country that gave him birth is the poorer for losing such a son—who gave all that he had to give for his motherland from a sense of duty. A soldier's letter is before us that tells of a comrade meeting Pte. Stan Kendall. It says: "He speaks so splendidly of Stan

Kendall, and says there is not a better man in the Battalion—he was always well liked in Kiama too." It is one of several of the homely sincere tributes that have come back to the old town, to tell of his worth in trying times of war, that in peaceful days all that knew him also recognised.

Words cannot be found to express the sympathy that is in every heart for the brave wife and the little children that mourn a devoted husband and father, but the old time spirit and affection that holds among those whose people have been identified with this and a past generation in Kiama's joys and sorrow, especially grieve with them and for them in a spirit of kinship that is engendered by old associations.

The name of Kendall has ever been identified in the old district, with things of good and noble repute, and in the passing of Pte. Stanley Kendall, one of the younger generation has fulfilled in courage and honor, the finest traditions of the men and women that were before him, and leaves a heritage to be proud of for those that follow.



THE LATE PTE. L. S. KENDALL,

Mrs. Stanley Kendall has received two letters from France, that tell of her husband's death, and the esteem in which he was held by his comrades—a touching tribute to his worth, which all that knew him in civilian life also recognised.

The Rev. A. Gallop writes "I have just been very grieved to learn from little Tom Oyston that Mr. Kendall was recently killed in action, and wish to assure you—as well as words can express—of my very deep and sincere sympathy. You cannot tell how I had hoped that he would come safely through. I believe that, with some other men, he was in a 'pill-box'—the old thick-walled concrete boxes which are built by the Huns—and as he was going out a shell burst right at the entrance killing him instantly. I happen to know the very spot, having had a rather warm experience at the pill-box next door to it one night. Although such sacrifice is one of the probable consequences of the war, yet one ever lives in the hope that it may not be called for. It may comfort you to know that he did not have any pain and suffering, and it is merciful compared with the experiences of some poor fellows. We must admire him for the brave patriotism which led him to leave those who were so intensely dear to him, and to whose

loving companionship in peaceful days to come he so longingly looked forward. Still, he is not far from us, and the day will soon come when war with all its awfulness will no longer be able to separate loved ones in a land of perfect peace. May God comfort you and the dear little children."

Pte. J. H. Hotchkiss in sympathy and tribute says: "I needn't state how very sorry I am to have to write this note, but on behalf of the boys of this section, Stan's mates, I am writing to offer our very dearest sympathy. Only those, like us, who lived and worked with dear old Stan, and know him and his many sterling qualities, can appreciate your loss, and I can assure you that his death was a very real and personal loss to every one of us. I am forwarding in parcel with this, his pocket book and case of pipes, exactly as taken from him. Unfortunately I was not able to get the rest of his personal property which was taken to headquarters, and will probably reach you through the Military Authorities and in conclusion let me personally offer you my sincerest sympathy."





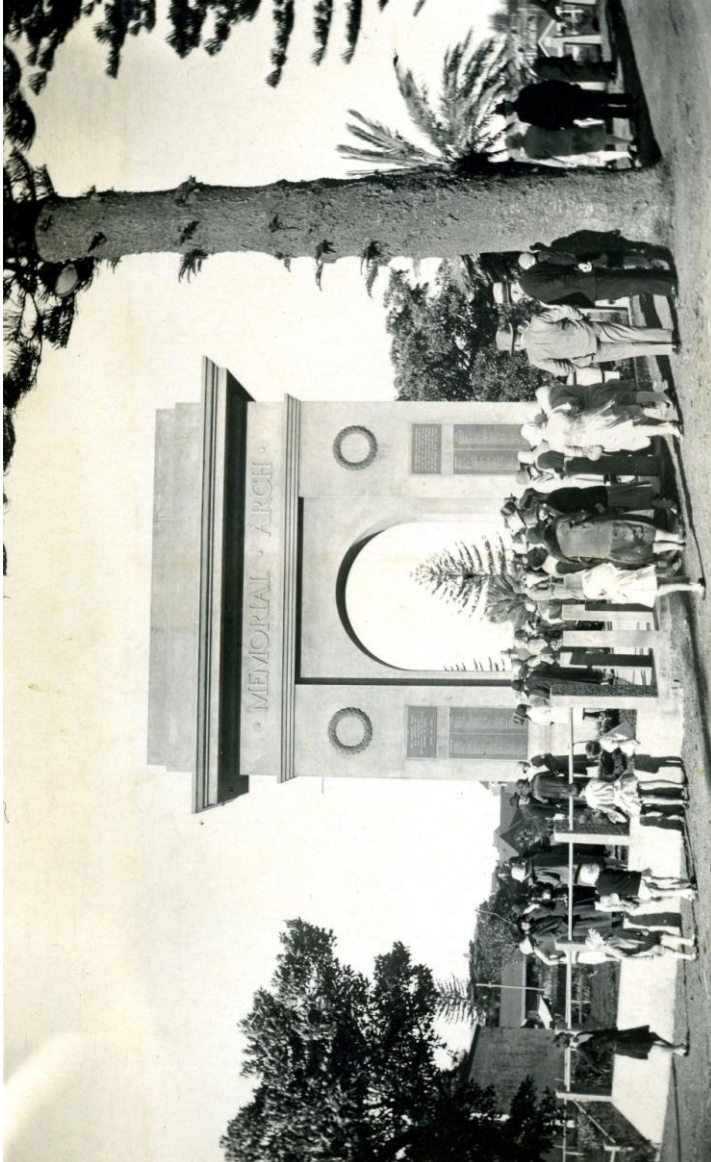
**DEAD MAN'S PENNY SENT TO RUBY KENDALL AFTER THE DEATH OF STAN**



**STAN'S HEADSTONE AT HOOGE CRATER CEMETERY**



HEADSTONE AT KENDALL CEMETERY KIAMA, COMMMEMORATING STAN AND HIS PARENTS



STAN IS ON THE HONOUR ROLL AT THE KIAMA MEMORIAL ARCH. C1925.