

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**1136 Private
Simson Booth**

2nd Pioneer Battalion



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2nd Para.

BOOTH. S.
Pte. 1136.

Kid. in act. 10/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was about 5 ft. 6 ins., thick-set fair complexion, 30 years of age, known as "Tom Tit". He was a Colonel's batman and they were in a gully on the right of Corbie. Casualty was sitting on his pack making some tea for the Padre, when a shell landed killing him instantly. He was buried, but I do not know where."

Informant:- Pte. B. Wellington,
No. 2279, 2nd Para. Btn.

Private address:-
Thoon P.O.

S.V.P.
15/8/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

A.I.F. 2nd Pioneer

BOOTH
S. 1138

Killed in action 10/8/19

No further report

Cert. by A.I.F. Hdqrs List 15/11/19

Re-buried Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery 62 D.O. 17 C.4.3.
Plot 19 Row C. Grave 3.

Cert. by Capt. Spedding's List 15/8/19 Sheet No. 173.

London
3/10/19

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A.I.F.
2nd Pion. Bttn.

BOOTH. Pte
S. 1136

"Killed 10.8.18."

I saw Booth killed by a shell. He was buried near Villers
Bretonneux at a place called Warfusse (?) on Aug. 10th. He was
the Colonel's batman. I know that his initial was S.

Eye-witness:- Yes.

Informant:- Pte. J.D. Egan. 3120

Home address:-

C/o 2nd Pion. Bttn.
A.I.F.

2nd Pion. Bttn. A.I.F.
Fulham Epl. 28.1.19.
(Int. and Acc.)

F.H. Ward
London.
15.2.19.
EG.

H.

2nd Pioneer Bn.
A.I.F.

BOOTH.
S. 1136.

"Killed in Action 10-8-18"

I was within a few yards of Simson Booth when he was killed instantly by Fritz shell in a gully near Warfusee, and about 11.a.m. A little piece went right through the pay book probably striking the heart. Major Donnelly and myself were just near him and he had just made us a cup of cocoa. I helped to lift the body into a dug out and later on in the day, had it brought back and buried him in Lamotte -in-Santerre extension of cemetery. A cross was erected. I wrote to his people in Yorkshire, sent copy of will and have written to other relations etc and have sent full particulars.

Booth was a batman to Colonel Ammand. and I knew him well.

Informant:- Major(Padre) D. Sherris.
C.of E. Chaplain.
2nd Pioneer Battalion.
BELGIUM.

H.E.H.
London.
4-3-19.
J.R.A.

M.

2nd Pioneers

S., 1136^{BOOTH,}

K. 10/8/18

I knew casualty, he was a slightly built man, about 5'8" in height, medium complexion, about 25 years of age. Casualty was at Warfusie-Avancourt after the advance. We were moving up to take a more forward position, and we had just got into temporary billets for the night and a high explosive shell landed alongside casualty, who was sitting on a bank outside the billet, killing him instantly. They put him on a stretcher and I saw him being carried away he was buried in that vicinity.

It. Jenkins,
F.A.,
Private Address:-
310 Riversdale Road,
AUBURN.

N.A.T.
11/7/19.

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2nd Pnrs. Btn.

BOOTH, S.
Pte. 1336.

Kld. in act. 10/8/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a medium built man, about 5 ft. 5 ins. fair, 38 years of age. We were moving up to the line and Casualty was a batman to a Colonel. He was making some tea for a Padre when a shell landed a piece entering his abdomen killing him instantly. Padre Sherris from Tasmania buried him just outside War-fusie."

Informant:- Pte. L. S. Durant,
No. 2608, 2nd Pnrs. Btn.

Private address:-
291 Coventry Street,
South Melbourne.

S.V.P.
25/7/19.

M.
J. E. A.

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