

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**1633 Private
Stanley James Webb
Churchill**

56th Battalion



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56th Battalion, A.I.F.

M. 24th July 1916.

Churchill. S.J. 1633.

On the 19th July at Leventie 5 or 6 of us together were digging a sap. A shell landed right in the midst. Three got out and the others with Churchill were certainly killed. Churchill was a medium sized man about 36 with a curiously shaped mouth. He left Australia on the 14th April with the 2nd reinforcements of the 53rd Battalion. He joined the 56th Battalion on the 2nd July and went into action of the 10th July.

June

Informant:- Pte W. G. Fisher No. 1655. B. Coy.

No. 35 General Hospital.

Calais. 6th October 1916.

B.M.R.

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56th. Australian I.F.

Churchill, Pte. S.J., 1633,

(M. July 24th. 1916).

I was told by Sergt. McDonald that Pte. Churchill was instantly killed, July 20th., at Fromelles, shot through the head and that he had Pte. Churchill's wristlet watch with him to return to his relatives.

Informant: Pte. R.H. Silk, 1734,
56th. Australian I.F.,
Queen's Hospital,
Birmingham.

Home address:
Paget Street,
Richmond, N.S.W.

19th. Dec. 1916.
F. Jervis.

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56th Battn. (HQ)
(Late 2 - 53rd Bn.)
A. I. F.

CHURCHILL,
Stanley Jas. 1633.

"Missing"

Missing 24-7-16.

Cert. by - Headquarters' List 17-18-19/8/16.

M. 24-7-16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' cable of 21-8-16.

"In official report he is stated to be in 46th Battn. late 53rd."

Killed in Action on 24-7-16. Previously reported Missing.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters' List on 29-12-16.

London,
3-1-17.

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A.I.P. 56.

CHURCHILL S.J. 1633.

K. 24.7.16.

Sgt. Macdonald of B.Co. VI Pl. now up the line, told me
he took his watch off his wrist when he found him dead.

Reference: Pte. E.J. Evans, 3790. B.VII.
L.G. School.

P.H.R.

Steples.
15.1.17.

Written by MacDonald 23.1.17.

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56th A. I. F.

S. J. CHURCHILL, 1633

Missing 24.1.16 K.A. 24-7-16

They were digging a sap at Fromelles on the 19th July across to No Man's Land. They had to retire just after dawn. He was a personal friend of mine and I have not been able to find out more than above.

Reference: Pte.C.Higgins, 1679

No.6 General, Rouen, 24.1.17

RAK.

France.

A. I. F. 35.

CHURCHILL, S.J. 1633.

X/July 24th. 1916.

He was killed at Fleurbaix on July 20th.
after the charge, as we were coming back.
Pte. W. Smith, VII pl. B. Coy. saw the casualty
and gave me the facts. Smith is still with the
Bn. Churchill belonged to VII pl. B. Coy.

Reference: Pte. G. Murray, 1704, A. Coy.,
No. 4 A.D.B.D.

Staples.
31.1.17.
SA.

burial ?

Written Pte Smith 7.2.17