

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3227A Private
William Henry Rust**

59th Battalion



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A.I.F. 33th Btn.

RUST.
William Henry. 3227.

Killed in Action. 25.9.17.

No trace Germany.

Cert by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
24.10.19.

59th Battn.
A.I.F.

W. July, 1916:

Rust,
W. 3227

No report.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters, 130 Horseferry Rd. 3/8/16.

Shrapnel wound to right leg and right hand, admitted 2nd Western
General Hospital, Manchester 2/8/16.

Slight wounds to arm and leg, making satisfactory progress.

Cert. by - Letter from O.C. 15/8/16.

London,
16/8/16.

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59 A.I.F.

Rust, W.H. 3227

K. Sept. 26/17

"Rust was killed on the date above, by a shell. Instantaneous death. He was buried at Ypres, near the trench."

Eye-witness:- In the trench with me about 2 yards off.

Description:- A good lad.

Informant:- Lieutenant Stanley MacDonald,
59 A.I.F.
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth.

Home address:- Palmer Street,
Oakleigh,
Victoria,
Australia.

26 July 1918.
A.A. Needham.

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59th Battn.
A.I.F.

RUST
W.H. 3227

"Killed 26-9-17"

Rust was a Sig., and just back from England, (after being wounded at Fleurbaix), when he was killed at Polygon Wood.

Informant. Schuldt. Cpl.H. 31
59th Battn. Hqts.,
WESTHAM.

W.A.Rand
London
3-8-18
M.I.S.

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59th Btn.

RUST, W. H.
Pte. 32274

Killed in action 26/9/17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. medium build, medium complexion, about 20 years of age. Casualty had advanced at Polygon Wood. I was stretcher-bearing. I did not see Casualty killed but I saw his body lying out in the open. I made sure that he was dead and took his disc. I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:- Pte. A. Renfrew, M.M.
No. 3140, 59th Btn.

Private address:-
97 Gore Street,
Fitzroy.

T.C.F.
18/10/18.

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59th Btn.

RUST, W.H.
Pto. No. 3227a

Kld. in act. 26.9.17.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5' 7", slightly built, medium complexion about 22 years of age. Casualty was advancing at Polygon Wood. I was in the same advance. An H.E. shell exploded near ~~at~~ Casualty killing him instantly. I was next to him at the time the shell exploded. I saw his body immediately afterwards. Cause of death was concussion. I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:- J.A. McKay,
No. 2825

Private address
35 Mansfield Street,
Thornbury.

T.C.F.
4.4.19.

M.
Time C)

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

To Secretary, Australian Branch B.R.C.S.
Enquiry Bureau,
54 Victoria Street, London S.W.

3227 Pte. W. Rust, 59th A.I.F. is suffering from slight wounds arm and leg, and is making satisfactory progress, please.

Manchester.
15.8.1916.

Major, R.A.M.C., I.F.F.
Secretary and Registrar,
2nd WESTERN GENERAL HOSPITAL



54 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.,
14th August, 1916.

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY
ENQUIRY BUREAU

~~CAESAR BUILDINGS~~
~~SHAW BUILDINGS, CASBA~~
~~CAIRO~~

Telephone No. 3903 Victoria 8858.

The Officer Commanding,
No. 2 Western General Hospital,
MANCHESTER.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly send us as soon as possible a bulletin concerning Private W. Rust, No. 3227, 59th Battalion, A.I.F. who was admitted to your hospital on 2nd instant, as we wish to reply to a cable enquiry for him from Australia.

We regret to trouble you, but shall be grateful for an early report.

Yours truly,

G. C. for

Secretary.