

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3201 Sergeant
William Nolan**

58th Battalion



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58th A. I. F.

Nolan, Sergt W. 3201 A,
B. Company

(D/W July 23rd/16 Det: D & B)

"I was told by a stranger (whose name I do not know) that he had been in Hospital with Sergt Nolan (58 B.) at Boulogne. He told me that Sergt Nolan had been hit in the shoulder and in the thigh, and that he had passed away quietly one morning, quite unexpectedly. They did not realise that he was so ill. He was very cheerful up to the last. I know that he was the coolest man under fire, and was very cheerful after he was wounded, when he was going away."

Eye-witness: No, told by a stranger from Boulogne, see above.

Description: Very big, tall, fine, a splendidly made, 6' 14 stone a footballer, we called him Bill.

Informant: L/Cpl John Salt, 3144a, 58th A. Grenadiers, C.Co
3rd Southern General Hospital, Oxford.

Home address:
c/o Vesty Bros.
Port Darwin, Northern Territory.

12th February 1917.
Hilda M. Pickard-Cambridge.

A. I. F. 58. B. Coy.

HOLAN, Sgt. W. 3201, A.

D/W. July 23rd, 1916.

I saw the S/Ba. carrying him to the
D/S. very badly wounded. It has appeared
since in orders that he died.

Reference:

Randall, J.H. 2758, B.VI,
No. 22 General.

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19th March, 1917.

58th AUSTRALIANS

HOLAN, Sgt. W. 3201A B Co.

D/W. 23.7.16. Det. D/B.

R.S.M. H. Stubbs of the 58th battalion, can give
information as to his burial.

Informant: Pte. J. Gray, 3113
58th Australians, B Co., 8th Pltn.,
H. G. Panama

RUP

Written SM. Stubbs 27.3.17

A.I.F. 58th. Battn.

NOLAN
Serg. Wm. 3201^A

DIED OF WOUNDS. July 25th.16.

He was hit in the groin at Fleurs- Baix on July 23rd, He was very badly wounded. I did not see him hit, but got details from C.S.M. H.Stubbs.B.Coy. 58th. Battn. and further information can be had from him.

Ref, Newland F.A.G. 776.
58th. Batt.
12.3.17.

Note. Written ^H S.M. Stubbs. 27.3.17.

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58th. Battn.
A.I.F.

NOLAN.
Sgt. Wm. 3201a.

DIED OF WOUNDS 23.7.16.

Re your enquiry of 3201a Sgt. William Nolan reported died of wounded wounds 23.7.16. I may state that I know him personally. We enlisted together and remained together until 19th. July when he received his wounds. I was C.S.M. of the Coy. at the time we attacked the enemy trenches. He went over in the first wave with myself, unfortunately he did not get far when he received two bullet wounds, one in the shoulder, the other high up in the thigh. He was conveyed to Hospital finally reaching Boulogne where he succumbed to his wounds. He was buried in Boulogne Military Cemetery, his grave No. is 3591 As for description, height 6ft. wellbuilt, hair dark, eyes blue I might add that there is no doubt of his identity, as we went to school together and have been together ever since.

Cert by letter from R.S.M. Harry Stubbs,
58th. Battalion.
9.4.17.

London.
23.4.17.

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A. I. F. 58. B.

NOLAN, Sgt. W. 3201 A.

D/W July 23rd, 1916.

He was badly wounded in the thigh at Fleurbaix on July 19th and died of wounds subsequently. My informant as to his casualty was RSM. H. Stubbs, 58th battn. He could supply details. He described Nolan's wound to me in such a way that he must have been an eye witness. Nolan came over in the same reinf with me. He lived in South or Fort Melbourne. He belonged to VIII pl. B. Coy.

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Reference:- Cpl. R. Humphries
escort resting at 61 Gen. Hosp.

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15.5.17.

(8th Battn.
A. I. F.

Nolan.
Sgt. W. 3201A.

"Died of Wounds 23.7.16".

re 3201A Sgt. W. Nolan. He died in the 13th General Hospital
Boulogne. Very sorry I did not give you these particulars in my
last letter. Trusting this information will enable you to supply
necessary particulars.

Letter from:-
H. Stubbs.
R.S.M.

58th Battn.
A.I.F. 27.4.17.

Note Written Matron 13th General 4.5.17.

(London.
21.5.17.

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R. Sgt. Maj. H. Stubbs

58. Batt.

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for

3201^A Sgt. W. Nolan

58. Batt.

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FM. 4.5.17

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27.12.17

To Secretary
Engineering Bureau

Your letter to hand of
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H. Stubbs
DW. 23.7.16
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Note Written Matron 13 Feb 4.5.17

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F.M. 19.4.17

3201A Sgt W^m ROLAN
58 Batt AIF

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C/o Secretary
Enquiry Bureau

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As for description Height 6 feet well built.
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there is no doubt of his identity, as we
went to school together & have been together
ever since. I trust this will meet with
your enquiries

Yours sincerely
Henry Stubbs R. 58 Batt

20th April 1917.

R. Sgt. Major Harry Stubbs,
58th Australian Inf. Bttn.
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

Very many thanks for your letter of April 9th. in
answer to our enquiry for:-

3201.a. Sgt. William Nolan, 58th Bttn. A.I.F.

The information you have sent is exactly what we desired, but
for the sake of the relatives to whom those details mean so much
we should like to write to the O.C. of the Hospital in which Sgt.
Nolan died to ask for particulars of his last hours from the
Sister in charge of the Ward in which he was a patient. We
should therefore, be very grateful if you could tell us the name
of the Hospital in Boulogne.

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

Yours faithfully,

V. D.
Secretary. Jlu.

8th. May, 1917.

R.S. Major H. Stubbs,
58th. Battalion, A.I.F.,
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

Very many thanks for your letter of April 27th. giving
the address of the Hospital in which :-

3201a Sgt. W. Nolan, 58th. Btn., A.I.F.

~~was a patient.~~
was a patient.

We shall now be able to write to the O.C. and obtain the
desired particulars for his relatives.

We regret having troubled you a second time in this case,
but the smallest details are of so much value to the relatives
that where it is possible we do our utmost to procure these.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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8th. May, 1917.

The Matron,
13th. General Hospital,
B. E. F.

Dear Madam,

We have been requested by our Melbourne Bureau to make enquiries about :-

3201a Sgt. Wm. Nolan, 58th Bn., A.I.F. D/W 23.7.16.
and have been informed by a friend in the battalion that the
soldier died on that date in the 13th. General Hospital. For
the sake of the relatives, we should be most grateful for any
details you could send us concerning the wounds, death and burial
of :-

3201a Sgt. W. Nolan, 58th. Battalion, A.I.F.,
though we regret having to trouble you at this late date.

With apologies and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

V.D.
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