

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

**5406 Private  
William Sherriff**

**20th Battalion**



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20th Battn,  
A.I.F.

SHERIFF,  
Wm. 5406

"Prisoner of War."

Died 9.10.17. in the Kr. Gef. Laz at Langensatz of  
Peritonitis.

Cert. by W.O. List 353 of 6.3.18.

London.  
18.3.18.

Off.M.

20th Battn  
AIF

SHERRIFF  
Wm. 5406

"Prisoner of War"

In reply to yours of 4.12.17 we enclose copy of Notification of Death.

Sherriff William 20th Australians AIF

<sup>and</sup>  
Date of place of birth.....Selkirk 31 years of age

Address of Family..... Mrs Sherriff 6 Allers Crescent  
Hanrick, Scotland.

Date of death..... 9.10.17

Cause of death..... Purulent peritonitis resulting  
from old shot wound.

Place of burial..... Cemetery II Langensalza No 988

Is the Grave marked..... A cross with name and No 988 can  
be traced later on.

Letter from:- Geneva Red Cross R 210074 dated 12.1.18  
London. 24.1.18

Gf M.

20th Batt,  
A.I.F.

W. Sherriff,  
5406.

"Missing 3.6.17" Wounded"

prisoner of War - Interned Langensalza

Cert, by information from Post- Card from Man

London  
20.7.17

Off M

20th Batt,  
A.I.F.

Sherriff  
Wm. 5406

"Prisoner of War"

Died 9.10.17 - Lazarett Langensalza

Cert, by German Death List dated 5.11.17

London 1.12.17

Off M

20th A. I. F.

W. SHERRIFF, 5406.

M. 3.5.17.

He was wounded at Bullecourt on the 3rd May and passed through the dressing station on the 7th. Cpl. Mitchell was wounded and they went down to the dressing station to see about him and were then told that Sherriff had passed through.

Reference: J. J. ~~St~~ O'Neil, 4325.

No.12 General, Rouen. 20.7.17.

Recd P.C. from man  
as P/W

Col. M. Col. <sup>PS</sup> Prisoner War.

Let sent on

A.I.F. 20th Battn.

SHERIFF  
W. 5408

Prisoner of War - Died 9/10/17

Name William Sherriff, 20th Battalion A.I.F.

Calling Coachman

Age 31 years

Protestant

Born at Selkirk (Scotland) (Great Britain)

Died at Camp hospital Langensalza October 9th 1917 at 5.45 a.m. from  
septic peritonitis result of old gun shot wound. 7.1.19 15.7.19.

Extract from Death Certificate received from Capt. Mills  
and passed on to A.I.F. Hdqrs 1/9/19.

London  
5/9/19

OFF.H.

20th Battn.  
A.I.F.

SHERRIFF,  
Wm. 5406

"Prisoner of War."

Paybook originally belonging to deceased man was received  
from Central Office for Effects, without further details  
22.12.17. Transmitted from Geflager Langensalza.

Cert. by War Office of 12.3.18.

London.  
28-3-18

Off.M.



Extract from letter from the British Section, Comite International  
de la Croix Rouge, Geneva, re Pte. William Sherriff.

For Miss Deakin.

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Geneve.

Dec. 4th, 1917.

The Secretary,  
The Australian Red Cross,  
London.

Dear Sir,

.....We beg to inform you that we are by the same post making  
an enquiry at Langensalza regarding Pte. William Sherriff, who, accord-  
ing to the official German lists of 5.11.17. died there on 9.10.17.  
We request them to tell us where he is buried and the cause of his  
death.

As soon as we hear from the Chief Medical Authorities, there,  
we shall let you know.

Yours very truly,

Comite International de la Croix Rouge.

Geneve

Agence des Prisonniers de Guerre.

British Section.

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