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400B Private
William Britton Stone

5th Battalion



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A.I.F.
5th Btn.

STONE
William Briton 400

Killed in Action 2.11.16.

No trace Germany.
Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

London.
15.10.19.

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5th A. I. F.

Stone, Pte W.B. 400,

(K. Nov. 2/16. Det: D & B)

"On Nov/16 at Flers, Stone was killed OUTRIGHT by a piece of shrapnel, he was hit on the back of the head. This happened in the "Gerd"? trench. I was about 6 yards away, had just left him. I saw him dead. He was buried about 30 yards behind the trench. I had known him 14 months. He was in A. Coy, 1 Plat."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Tall, thin, 5'11", "Brit" long face, very pointed chin, he used to do a lot of walking in Victoria, Aust

Informant: Pte G.H. Bossen, 5829,
5th A. I. F., A. Coy, 1 Plat.,
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth.

Home address:
Horsferrry Rd,
S.W.

3rd April 1917.
Jessie Perrin.

5th Batt.
A.I.F.,

STONE
W.B. 400

"Killed Nov.2/16"

Stone was killed instantly by a shell at 9 a.m. on 2. 11.16 at Pioneer trench near Flers 2 other men were killed and some wounded by the same shell. I saw him lying dead after the fatality. I was not present at his burial, but I saw his grave in the "support" trench on the right of Flers. A cross with the name and No of deceased was placed over the grave. He was about 5.8 or 5.9 in height, thin, hair turning grey, dark about 37 years.

Reference:- H.G. Honeychurch, 595b
A.Co. 5th Batt. A.I.F.,
Perham Downs Camp,
5.4.17.

London
20.4.17.
A.R.McPhee

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5th Batt. A. I. F. STONE W. B. 400.
" A " Coy.,

K. Nov 2nd'16. Det D & B ".

Witness says soldier was killed in our support trenches, a mile behind the firing line at Fleurs. A shell exploded, killing him instantly. Witness helped to bury him just behind the trench. It was impossible to hold a service, but a wooden cross was erected, bearing soldier's name, number, and battalion. Witness knew soldier well, altho in a different company. The grave was easily located when witness was there, but he cannot say what has happened since.

Description. Hgt. 5ft7. Dark complexion. Dark Brown Hair. About 22 years of age.

Witness. Sheen J. 4291. 8th Batt. " B " Coy.

April 20th., '17.
S. W.

Worgret Camp,
WAREHAM.

5th Bin.
late 37th Btn.

STONE, W.B.
Pte. No. 400

Killed in action 2/11/16.

"Casualty was in A. Company. He was killed by shell fire on the 23rd November, 1916. He was buried in a shell hole just outside the trench. I saw the body before burial."

Informant:- M.O'Brien,
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H.A.B.
22/6/17.

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