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

201 Private
William Herbert Stoops

34th Battalion



2640806Q

A.I.F. 34th Btn

ST0025
W.H. 201

"WOUNDED"

Adm. 49th C.C.S 26-5-18 - Gassed - shell - 26-5-18

Disch: to duty 21-6-18.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 21-9-18.

London
25-9-18

Havre. 18th. March 1919.

34th. Australians. Stoops, W. H. 201.

K. September 29/1918. Det. D/B.

He was H.Q. Signaller, from the North of Ireland. His body was found a few hours after he had been killed by a shell in the Bray Section in the Hindenburg Line. His body was buried on the spot on the 30th. September. He was killed on the 29th. not the 9th. and a mark was left for his grave.

Inf:- Pte. H. F. Tew, 7328,
34th. Australians. H.Q. Signallers.
Austr. Demob. Base.

RBS.

RRB.

A.I.F.
34th Bttn.

STOOPS.
W.H. 201.

Killed 29.9.18.

I buried Stoops (Btn. H/Q Snglr) after he had been killed instantly by shell (hit in leg and temple) in a trench alongside of a sunken road near Bray about midday. We were moving forward and he volunteered to go back with a message. After the stunt Vinton (now in England) and I b uried him on the top of the trench in which he fell.

Stoops :- Herb. Tall, blue eyes, inclined to be fair, abt. 24 yrs. Came from Ireland.

Informant:-Cpl.B.H. Macdonald. 1866.
34th Bttn. H/Qs Sgnlrs.
A.I.F. Le Havre 19.4.19.

H.E.H.
London.
1.5.19.
J.E.A.

S.

34th Battalion, A.I.F. STOOPS, W.H. Pte. No.201.

"Killed, 29/9/18."

Stoops was in "A" Company, and then joined the Signallers, of which I was one. He was tall, and of medium build. He went out with a message on 29th September, 1918, in the attack on the Hindenberg line, and was killed outright. My mates in the Signallers saw it happen, and told me about it the next day. We held the ground, and advanced from this position so he would be buried by the Pioneers later. My mates said he was killed outright.

Informant - Signaller E.C.Miller, No.1440,
34th Battalion, "D" Company.

Home Address - Teralba Road,
Broadmeadows NEWCASTLE, N.S.W.

H.S.O.
Anzac Buffet,
Sydney.
28/6/19.

J.F.a.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

S

V

34th Battalion, A.I.F. STOOPS, W.H. Pte. No.201.

"Killed, 29/9/18."

I knew Stoops well, he was a Signaller; I met him in France. He went up to the line with us near Mont St.Quentin. I think he was a Scotchman. He was about 5'11" in height, fair, clean shaved.

He was killed at the last stunt of the 34th Battalion, about the end of September, 1918, at Bonnay, by a shell burst, and a piece of the shell struck him. I saw him after he had been killed. I helped to bury him at Bonnay.

Stoops was a very good fellow, and a good living man.

Informant - Private G.A.Woods, No.920,
34th Battalion.

Home Address - Cumberland St., CESSNOCK.

F.B.W.
Anzac Buffet,
Sydney.
7/7/19.

J.F.a.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

S

L